



ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY



Meeting of Full Council

SATURDAY, 17 July 2021 by videoconference

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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C2311	WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM	Chair																						
	<p>1. At 1.02 pm the Chairman welcomed the Vice Chair, 92 delegates and the Office Manager and thanked so many for attending a Council meeting in the videoconference format. Delegates could now see all speakers, and it was a matter of trust that each remained mute unless invited to contribute. He hoped to be able to give any who wished to speak an opportunity to do so, but asked all to remain focussed on the agenda topics.</p> <p>2. Mick Coomer, Alan Eagland, Glenda Halliday, Mollie Hawke, Bryan Holmes, Robin Kempe, and Audrey Pitt were remembered in a moment of silence.</p>																							
C2312	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Chair																						
	<p>The Vice Chair gave apologies as he had to leave early (4pm approx) Delegate apologies for absence are as recorded on the attached attendance sheet.</p>																							
C2313	CLUB DISPENSATIONS	Chair																						
	<p>a) Dispensation for continued eligibility without the specified membership was granted to 19 clubs.</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Area Clubs</td><td>Breed Clubs</td></tr><tr><td>Bedford & District CC</td><td>Asian Group CS</td></tr><tr><td>Bucks, Berks & Oxon CC</td><td>Bombay & Asian BC</td></tr><tr><td>Cambria CC</td><td>Burmese CA</td></tr><tr><td>Cambridgeshire CC</td><td>Colourpointed British SH CC</td></tr><tr><td>Durham CC</td><td>Egyptian Mau Club</td></tr><tr><td>Herts & Midds CC</td><td>Havana & Oriental Lilac CC</td></tr><tr><td>Kernow CC</td><td>Oriental Bicolour Group</td></tr><tr><td>London CC</td><td>Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group</td></tr><tr><td>South Western Counties CC</td><td>South Western British SHCC</td></tr><tr><td>Wessex CC</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>A poll was taken to cover all of the clubs concerned. Majority approval: 92% for, 5% against, 3% abstained.</p> <p>b) Dispensation was granted to three clubs who gave notice of late returns in accordance with Byelaw 5(3)* Kensington CC, the Sphynx CA and the West of Scotland CC</p> <p>A poll was taken to cover the three clubs concerned. Majority approval: 87% for, 10% against, 3% abstained</p> <p>c) Dispensation was granted to two clubs with late returns who did not give notice in accordance with Byelaws The Cameo & Pewter CS and the Tabby Pointed Siamese and Progressive Breeders CC.</p> <p>A poll was taken to cover the two clubs concerned. Majority approval: 73% for, 24% against, 4% abstained</p> <p>The Chair had asked those clubs needing dispensation not to participate in these votes, but it was clear from the number voting that some had done so. However, he noted that with the size of the majority each time it put the outcome of each ballot beyond disputes. He announced that all delegates could now vote in all polls.</p>	Area Clubs	Breed Clubs	Bedford & District CC	Asian Group CS	Bucks, Berks & Oxon CC	Bombay & Asian BC	Cambria CC	Burmese CA	Cambridgeshire CC	Colourpointed British SH CC	Durham CC	Egyptian Mau Club	Herts & Midds CC	Havana & Oriental Lilac CC	Kernow CC	Oriental Bicolour Group	London CC	Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group	South Western Counties CC	South Western British SHCC	Wessex CC		
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C2314	THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY																							
	<p>1. Presentation of the Company Accounts</p> <p>1.1 The Chairman introduced Michelle Ferris of Albert Goodman to present the GCCF's 2020 accounts to delegates at the end of the eleventh year of the company's trading. Michelle was a partner in her firm and head of the company's charity and not for profit division where she had fifteen years experience.</p> <p>1.2 Delegates were taken through the accounts on a page by page basis (via a shared screen). Financial detail was discussed and legal requirements and the responsibilities of the directors of the company were also pointed out. Michelle also explained which pages of the accounts (those with summary detail) would be included in the statutory return made to Companies House.</p> <p>1.3 Overall the income in 2020 was up slightly by a little over £6000. However, There had been no income from the Supreme in 2020 (£75,000 in 2019) which emphasised the increase in core business income (registrations and transfers).</p>																							

- 1.4 The operating surplus pre-tax had risen considerably (to £196,571 from £61,860) because of a reduction in the cost of sales and administrative expenses. These included, the cost of the Supreme, a reduction in the computer consultancy and software payments and meeting expenses.
- 1.5 Michelle gave a guide to the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, noting the fixed asset (primarily the office building), the fact that with few shows the value of stock held had varied little, and that the main difference was the amount of cash reserves held, because of the increase in operating profit.
- 1.6 Debtors had reduced and creditors increased, with the credit largely consisting of money taken for shows that hadn't yet taken place.
- 1.7 The total equity held by the company had risen in 2020 by just under £200,000. The only variance for the year that was non-standard and noted was a change to showing the 2019 income and expenditure separately rather than a single figure net loss. It made no difference to the bottom line outcome.
- 1.8 Michelle concluded by a quick explanation of detail in the income and expenditure break down and by thanking the Office Manager and Bookkeeper for their clear and accurate record keeping which had made preparation of the 2020 accounts straightforward. **INFO**

2. Questions on the accounts

- 2.1 It was queried whether the business application should be included alongside the company's website development cost as a tangible fixed asset under plant and machinery. It was agreed this should be noted within the narrative with the directors' agreement.
- 2.2 It was confirmed that defined pension contributions were shown within the wages and salaries payments.
- 2.3 Michelle was asked her advice on revaluation of the property, given that values had fluctuated since its purchase. She responded that she wouldn't recommend it as it had no influence on the profit and loss for period, and accounting standards required that once a formal revaluation had been taken it introduced a legal requirement to do this on a five yearly basis with its accompanying cost.
- 2.4 It was clarified that the clubs (not shareholders) were members of the company and they appointed the directors who acted on their behalf.
- 2.5 The Chair was asked why the amount for wages and salaries was higher than in 2019 when it was presumed that there would be less work carried out because for most of the year there had been no shows. The minutes had not referred to discussion on furloughs during the first months of the pandemic. The Chair gave assurance of consideration during HR sessions, but he preferred to respond when he had figures for reference. Later in the meeting the point was made again that the Chair and Board should have been assessing the costs of employing staff in the pandemic and used the furlough scheme more extensively. The Chair replied that he would respond, but was not prepared to go into the level of detail requested.
- 2.6. It was asked if there would be investment in the business as well as money cash being kept within low-interest deposit accounts. The Chair responded that there were ongoing discussions about investment in the business to benefit members and customers. Some projects had been started, such as the promotional video and new website. It was hoped that a strategic planning meeting would develop other ideas and projects could then be announced.
- 2.7 The Chair concluded by thanking Michelle for her informative and professional approach. In addition some delegates added individual thanks verbally and by written comment on the chat facility. **INFO**

3. Approval of the 2020 accounts

- 3.1 It was proposed that the company's 2020 accounts be accepted. **There was unanimous approval.**
Action: Returns to be made Companies House. **Office**

4. Ratification of the Board's appointment of Albert Goodman for the examination of the GCCF 2022 accounts.

- 4.1 Council ratified the appointment. **There was unanimous approval.** **INFO**

C2315 THE ELECTION OF GCCF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a) Board of Directors and Finance Committee

1. These elections could not be conducted on the video-conference platform as there was the possibility of more candidates than the program allowed for.
2. It had been arranged that they would carried out by Civica over the coming weeks with the results expected to be announced in September.

b) The Disciplinary and Investigations Committees

3. Disciplinary Committee

- 3.1 There were four applicants with two members and two reserves required.
- 3.2 After a failed first attempt a ballot was held that allowed a choice of two of the applicants.
DC Members elected were: Patricia Perkins (67%) and Ed Merchant (67%)
DC reserves elected were: Helen Crea (45%) and Owen Maudlin (13%)

4. Investigations Committee.

- 4.1 There were two applicants with two members and two reserves required
- 4.2 Dr Gillian Bennet and Mrs Esther Rabone-Gunn were declared as appointed.
- 4.3 Delegates were asked if any of them wished to be considered as reserves for IC, but none expressed an interest.
Action: confirmation of post and committee information to be sent to the applicants **IC/DC Sec**
website amendments as necessary **RF**

This concluded the business of the company AGM

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

C2316

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair

1. The Minutes of the Council meeting of 13 March 2021

1.1 The draft minutes had been circulated, and had been published on the website for several months.

1.2 There were no queries, and on the proposal of the Chair a vote was taken to approve them
majority 98% in favour, 0% against with 2% abstentions.

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2. Matters arising from the previous meeting not covered by an agenda item

2.1 C2305.1.1 The delegate who had received written answers acknowledged that these had been provided, but she had been disappointed by the quality of the replies, and did not like the implication that such questions were not welcome. She felt due consideration should be given to outside input. The Chair responded consideration was given, but the Board was elected to make decisions, and sometimes in difficult circumstances. Also, some of the wording expressed personal opinion and commentary, and he did not feel obliged to assess this to agree or not as all were entitled to an opinion. Where factual information was requested he believed he had provided it.

2.2 C2306.1.7 It was asked if clubs would again be allowed to base membership numbers on those provided in 2019 as few would have held shows in 2021. The Chairman agreed that this should be considered.

Action: to be on the agenda for the 20 August Board meeting

JL

C2317

MEETINGS

- minutes for information only

1. Board of Directors: 15 January, 26 February, 26 March, 23 April 2021

1.1 The Chair reported that there had been questions from one delegate. In response to the comment that actions should have dates and timescales he remarked that although this was desirable there had to be flexibility because Board members were volunteers with other commitments, not salaried staff working for GCCF.

1.2 The same also applied to the second question about Board members not always attending meetings. Most had done so, but some had had very different commitments to those they had expected when elected. Meeting times were kept under review.

1.3 There was general discussion on the timing of Board meetings, so that Board positions were open to a wider number. The Chair agreed shorter meetings were desirable and that if it was possible some weekends could be considered as could evenings. However, although weekends were now free if there was a return to shows then they would not be. The Chair acknowledged it was desirable to use email for discussion and decisions, although this was currently restricted to unanimous agreement.

Action: a review of days and times for Board meetings to be on the agenda of the next meeting

JL

1.4 There was some discussion on mentoring for new clubs. It was suggested that each club was assigned a particular mentor, but one response to that was that Board members had varied expertise and one person would not necessarily have all the answers. A good level of support was currently provided by a mix of Board members and the Genetics Committee.

1.5 Assurance was given that consultation on projects was planned. The Breeder Scheme Survey was currently live and gaining a good response.

1.6 At this point it was agreed that the final questions would be given written answers.

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2. Finance Committee: 5 February, 19 March 2021

2.1 There were no delegate queries arising from these minutes on the day.

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SHOW MATTERS

1. A report from the Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group

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1.1 Kate Kaye gave a verbal report to delegates, after first noting that the Terms of Reference for the Group and the meeting minutes were on the GCCF website.

1.2 Initially, the JAS RG had reviewed the work carried out prior to the March 2020 lockdown. There had been the conclusion that new judges, and those that wished to take on additional breeds, should be trained by Grand Group rather than onto individual breed lists. It was believed this would speed up the training process.

1.3 It was planned that this would be trialled by some BACs, who had already expressed a willingness to participate. At present she couldn't be certain which these were, but agreed with delegate comment that if there were others willing they could take part, though it had to be proven to work efficiently before it was rolled out to all.

1.4 It was also planned that BACs would be consulted to ascertain their thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses of the current scheme. They would also have to be involved in planning any online teaching and testing in conjunction with the IT Group.

1.5 It was queried whether there would be an incentive to train as show managers would prefer to have the judges who could cover many classes. Kate responded that the JASRG had no remit to advise on the SMSs' role when inviting judges to officiate, but she would pass this concern to the Show Review Group. With regards to training: when it was considered that judges who had opted to train via the AJS had progressed through the scheme, it would eventually establish that all judges, whether new or experienced, were on a level playing field thereby giving a common base to move forward. Ultimately all judges, and especially new ones, would benefit from a quicker period of both initial and ongoing training.

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2. A proposal for an amendment to the Accelerated Judge Scheme in respect of tutorials

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2.1 The JASRG proposed that in clause 14 the three certificate classes containing the breed could be taken from the book of the candidate or the full judge.

- 2.2 Opinion was given that the scheme worked sufficiently well as it was. It did not need to be made any easier.
- 2.3 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result that this was not approved:
majority 46% against, 36% in favour with 18% abstaining.
- 3. A report from the Show Review Group** **Chair**
- 3.1 A written report for delegates had been circulated in advance. It summarised the sixteen proposals the SRG were examining, and listed the shows from which data had been drawn.
- 3.2 In answer to a question put to the JAS RG it was acknowledged that the group would look at whether show management would in future have to engage a certain number of judges in the early stages of their training.
- 3.3 There were no other queries. **INFO**
- 4. A proposal from the Show Review Group re vetting-in**
- 4.1 This item was withdrawn before the meeting. **INFO**
- 5. A proposal to amalgamate the Siamese and Foreign White judging lists** **SCJAC**
- 5.1 The list amalgamation was proposed by the Siamese Cat JAC
- 5.5 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result:
majority 90% in favour, 5% against with 6% abstaining.
- 5.6 Judges then eligible to judge the Foreign White breed class:
Elizabeth Corps, Sandra Devereux, Craig Dryden, Norma Farnsworth, & Helen Marriott-Power.
- 5.7 It was noted that Mrs Farnsworth would probably not judge again because of ill health. Efforts were being made to ascertain her wishes going forward.
- Actions: The SCJAC to be informed and the judge list updated.** **JL**
- 6. To give a choice of certificate for titled cats** **SCC**
- 6.1 The Siamese Cat Club was proposing again a rule change that had been agreed in principle in 2014, but did not have the change of wording for the rules and was not subsequently put forward by the first Show Review Group with the remit to propose show changes.
- 6.2 An amendment to Section 2 Rule 7f was debated.
Those with a title must may enter the class for which the title qualifies them, **OR the class for the title they have already achieved.**
- 6.3 There was considerable discussion on whether this proposal would increase show entry or not. Those supporting it thought it would encourage exhibitors without high fliers to keep showing as they could enter classes where they knew they could achieve something, rather than being pushed to a level where they couldn't. Others though it would discourage newcomers if they found a number of titled cats aiming to collect one level of certificates.
- 6.4 It was thought a number of cats in one class would bring back some much need competition. Others thought it was the responsibility of judges not to award certificates to cats that did not merit them.
- 6.5 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result:
majority 51% in favour, 46% against with 3% abstaining.
- Action: the Board to discuss the timing of implementation of this rule change at its next meeting** **JL**
(It was noted that shows currently in preparation would not be expected to make changes.)
- 7. All cats entered for Best of Breed should receive a judge critique** **MCCC**
- 7.1 The Maine Coon CC had brought forward this proposal from its 2020 AGM
- 7.2 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result:
majority 72% in favour, 24% against with and 4% abstaining.
- Action: judges to be informed** **Office**
- 8. A proposal to align the GCCF show year to the calendar year** **SBG**
- 8.1 The delegate for the Sokoke Breed Group explained that there no longer seemed to any justification for the show year to be different from the calendar year. It would be logical for clubs to know they had one show per year without having to calculate over a calendar division. With many clubs not currently holding shows it seemed a sensible opportunity to make the change.
- 8.2 It was clarified that this was solely to realign the show year with the calendar year. The GCCF year which commenced with an electoral meeting in the summer, after clubs had made their returns from accounts based on the previous calendar year, would not be affected.
- 8.3 Some thought it would help as all were familiar with the calendar year, others were of the opinion that there was little benefit to the change.
- 8.4 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result:
majority 53% in favour, 42% against and 5% abstaining.
- Action: the Board to discuss the timing of implementation of this rule change at its next meeting** **JL**
- 9. A proposal that a points system is introduced into the Olympian Classes** **SBG**
- 9.1 The delegate for the Sokoke Breed Group gave the purpose of the proposal as giving breed show Olympian Certificates more value as the present system mitigated against these shows, and they lost out on the opportunity to attract top quality cats.
- 9.2 It rewarded exhibitors who were loyal to their breed club.
- 9.3 Those who had won Olympian titles were concerned that competition would be reduced which would devalue their title. It was thought this high title should not be cheapened and exhibitors who had worked towards these should be commended.
- 9.4 There was concern that some breeds had considerably more breed shows in the calendar than others.
- 9.5 It was clarified that there was no intention to change the number of certificates awarded by one judge.
- 9.6 A vote was taken and the proposal was not approved
majority 73% against, 22% in favour with 4% abstaining. **INFO**

10. Judge information

10.1 Michele Clare had become a Full Judge of Bengals.

10.2 Gareth Stone had withdrawn as a Birman Pupil Judge at his own request.

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C2319

REGISTRATION RULES, POLICIES AND SOP INFORMATION

1. Amendments to rule Section 1:1a concerning certificates of entirety

IC & VAC

- 1.1 The Chairman of IC explained that the additional wording included at the request of IC was on the recommendation of the GCCF's solicitor to enable action to be taken if the rule was breached.
- 1.2 The Veterinary Advisory Committee had introduced a requirement that males should be six months old, the examination should be made at a veterinary practice within the UK, and that females belonging to other breeders (not the stud owner) should not be accepted for mating before the certificate was obtained.
- 1.3 It was noted that government welfare legislation was drafted that included a requirement for puppies and kittens to be six months old before they were imported or exported, and that cases had been reported when there was possible forgery of certification produced abroad.
- 1.4 Concern was expressed that when breeder purchased male kittens from others they would not be able to obtain a certificate if a veterinary check was made and the vet was happy to sign the certification. It was thought it was not in a cat's interest to go to home and possibly have to move at six months.
- 1.5 An amendment was proposed and agreed that the wording: **at least six months old and** should be removed.
- 1.6 A vote was taken on the proposal:
All male cats used at stud must have a Certificate of Entirety **from a UK based veterinary practice** deposited with the GCCF prior **to the date of application** for registration of **any** of their first litter of kittens, **and prior to their owners' acceptance for mating purposes of a queen registered to another breeder.** They must be uniquely identifiable at the time of the examination by microchip or alphanumeric tattoo;
- 1.7 The result was: **majority 87% in favour, 4% against with 10% abstaining.**
- 1.8 An implementation date of 1 November was agreed.

2. An amendment to the rule concerning stud owner responsibilities: Section 1:3g

BRCC

- 2.1 There was not a British Ragdoll Cat Club delegate to speak, but other delegates gave opinion that the object of the rule change was to exclude access to pedigree males, and discourage the production of half breed kittens.
- 2.2 Reassurance was given that cats overstamped as 'on the genetic register' could have active status, and the proposal would not preclude their acceptance for stud.
- 2.3 It was noted that discussion would take place with IC for implementation of the rule via a fixed penalty in the event that evidenced complaints were made.
- 2.4 A vote was taken on the proposal:
Prior to accepting a queen for mating, the owner of the stud shall establish that the queen is not registered on the ~~Non-Active~~ **Active** register. Note: Queens which are not registered with GCCF **but with another bona fide organisation** may be accepted for mating. A queen whose registration with another bona fide organisation is endorsed "not for breeding" should **must** not be accepted. **Any queen that is not registered with either GCCF or another bona fide organisation (unregistered) must not be accepted for breeding. The exceptions to this rule are relevant BAC sanctioned outcrosses to unregistered cats for genetic health and diversity purposes and to introduce new traits.**
- 2.5 The result was: **majority 86% in favour, 6% against with 8% abstaining.**
- 2.6 It was agreed that the implementation date should be 1st of September to give an opportunity for IC and the Board to determine the fixed penalty for a breach of the rule. It was requested that this should not be a token amount only.

Action: discussions to take place within the Board and IC.

KJ/JL

3. Applications for a prefix

MCCC

- 3.1 The Maine Coon Cat Club proposed that prefix applications should be supported only by breed clubs and not by area clubs. There was support for this from delegates who believed that the breed club was best placed to assess new breeders and mentor them. It was also commented that breed clubs often had requirements in place via their rules that stipulated conditions, such as length of time of membership, and these were desirable.
- 3.2 There was comment that in some cases an area club was better placed to know something of a local member. It was not necessarily the case that breed clubs had personal knowledge of their membership.
- 3.3 Opinion was expressed that there should be a single set of objective criteria within the GCCF rules for prefix applicants that applied equally to breed and area clubs, and not differences that could depend on personal preferences within club committees.
- 3.4 It was thought by some that there should be a high bar set for acquiring prefix, but others were of the opinion that people should be welcomed into GCCF as this ensured they were covered by GCCF rules. The people who were excluded became back street breeders so withholding prefixes would not prevent poor practice or improve welfare.
- 3.5 Additional points were that Administrative prefixes were not necessarily useful as the public did not know the difference and they were still used for marketing purposes. Loss of prefix could be used as a sanction.
- 3.6 A vote on the proposal was taken with the result that this was not approved:
majority 57% against, 32% in favour with 11% abstaining

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4. Registration Policy & SOP amendments approved via website publication

4.1

- (a) **Somali BAC** SOP amendment to allow for solid (coloured) feet
- (b) **Norwegian FC BAC** Registration Policy includes 2 new DNA schemes (GSD & PKDef)
- (c) **Sokoke BG** Complete revision - new register allocations, exhibition with critique included

- (d) **Tonkinese BAC** Revised DNA testing for outcrossing to GCCF Burmese and Tonk imports
- (e) **Persian LH BAC** DNA testing required for active registration of smoke Persians to show non-agouti status from 1 June 2021 & inclusion of Pewter & White Bicolour Persians
- (f) **Persian LH BAC** SOP addition to include Pewter & White Bicolours
- (g) **Russian BAC** Revisions to comply with the outcrossing policy & remove inconsistencies as advised.

4.2 The Board had granted name recognition to the German Longhair (GLH). This breed could now be exhibited at shows and enter Pedigree Pet classes. **INFO**

C2320 BUSINESS REPORTS

1. The Business Plan as revised for 2021

- 1.1 Peter Williams gave assurance that he was really passionate about getting a business plan into place. He remarked that discussion on prefixes, back street breeders and websites selling kittens reinforced the need for the competent marketing of GCCF. There was also the need for education, both for new breeders and owners and the general public.
- 1.2 So far the strategic planning meeting he wanted hadn't taken place because no independent facilitator had been found. He had one lead to follow up and also requested that delegates with particular business expertise, or who could recommend those that did, should make the Board aware so contact could be made.
- 1.3 He noted that income was well above expenditure this year, and with interest rates low it was necessary to invest in the business, and therefore necessary to determine the best way to do this.
- 1.4 In responses to a comment from the Chair he conceded that he had spoken more about the need for a strategic meeting than the business plan, but the plan was dependent on proper strategic planning.
- 1.5 There were no questions. **INFO**

2. The IT Report **SC**

- 2.1 Steve Crow gave a brief update as he had written the report for circulation on 10 June.
 - A website company had now been appointed to work on the new GCCF website
 - The first video cartoon was now on the website
 - A tender document had been prepared for the work to risk manage the IT specialist's role. He invited submissions from any contacts known to delegates.
 - The inbreeding co-efficient was now live.
- 2.2 Points were noted from a delegate on the need for input into the scope of the website so that the customer base had its needs met, and on promoting it widely so that it was the site of choice for kitten purchase.
- 2.3 It was confirmed that Google Analytics were in use and would inform future decisions.
- 2.4 In response to comment on the kitten buying cartoon being seen by GCCF only it was observed that it had been shared from GCC's FaceBook page to club and personal sites. **INFO**

3. The Welfare Report **SC**

- 3.1 This had been circulated in advance and Steve Crow was thanked for its preparation.
- 3.2 He had one update; the Welsh government was planning to start breeder licensing in Wales on 10 September. The schedule was available from the wales.gov website. **INFO**

4. A report on the work of the Cat Welfare Trust **RF**

- 4.1 Rosemary Fisher reported that a new project was due to start. This was to try and locate the gene responsible for deafness in white cats with the aim of producing a DNA test eventually. Unfortunately, when the Animal Health Trust had closed its records and DNA samples became unavailable, and so it was a matter of starting the project again with new researchers.
- 4.2 There was an offer of help from a delegate with white cats, who was thanked for this.
- 4.3 It was queried whether progress had been made in determining the gene responsible for HCM in British, with the response that Covid-19 had caused significant delays. A commitment had been made to inform the CWT of progress and outcomes when it restarted.
- 4.4 It was queried whether the RVC would be interested in co-ordinating with a Scottish veterinary school so that additional cats could be included in the survey. RF promised to ask the question. **INFO**

5. A report on the work of the Breeder Scheme Group **PW**

- 5.1 Peter Williams reported that work on reviewing the existing scheme was completed and the next stage was determining what it should be like going forward. Discussions with the Kennel Club and proved interesting, and recently a survey had been launched to gather information and views from GCCF breeders, owners and those thinking of breeding or buying.
- 5.2 He reported an excellent response in a short time, including observations on widening the survey by adding questions, or producing a second survey to follow on from the first. The next stage would be analyse the findings and report back, but additional participants and all comment was welcome.
- 5.3 There were no questions on the day, but PW said he would welcome any sent later. **INFO**

6. A report on the work of the Investigations Committee **KJ**

- 6.1 A report had been published on the website. There had been an increased number of complaints during 2020 to 251, with a particularly dramatic escalation in welfare cases. 194 cases was a rise from 2019 of 300%
- 6.2. There were no delegate questions.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 5pm, with the Chairman thanking delegates for their participation.

The next meeting to be: 6 November 2021 at 1pm.

End of agenda.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 17.7.21

Abyssinian Cat Club	Barbara	Darby	1		
Abyssinian Cat Club	Harriet	Patey	1		
Asian Cat Association	Elizabeth	James	1		
Asian Group Cat Soc	Heather	McRae		1	
Aztec Cat & Ocicat Society	Owen	Maudlin	1		
Bedford & District Cat Club	Chris	Wood		1	
Bengal Cat Association	Debbie	Rawlinson		1	
Bengal Cat Club	Barrie	Alger-Street		1	
Birman Cat Club	Valerie	Kilby	1		
Birman Cat Club	Jim	Warrender		1	
Birman Cat Club	Neil	Porter		1	
Black & White Cat Club	Jo	Clements		1	
Blue Persian Cat Society	Caroline	Roberts		1	
Bombay and Asian Cats Breed Club	Jacki	McCarten		1	
Bristol & District Cat Club	Lisa	Robinson-Talboys	1		
British Shorthair Cat Club	Suzanne	Griss	1		
British Shorthair Cat Club	Pam	Beard-Smith		1	
Buck, Berks & Oxon	Carolyn	Davies	1		
Burmese Cat Association	Penny	Akehurst	1		
Burmese Cat Club	Carolyn	Kempe		1	
Burmese Cat Club	Steve	Crow	1		
Burmese Cat Club	Thomas	Goss	1		
Burmese Cat Society	Vanessa	Marriott		1	
Cambria Cat Club	Claire	Lewis	1		
Cambridgeshire Cat Club	Julie	Candler	1		
Cameo, Pewter & Smoke CS	Ed	Merchant	1		
Cheshire Area Cat Club	Pat	Parrish			<i>Apologies</i>
Substitute	Cathy	Robinson	1		
Chester & North Wales Cat Club	Chris	Titterington	1		
Chester & North Wales Cat Club	Chris	Owen		1	

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Chinchilla, Silver Tabby & Smoke Cat Soc	Rosemary	Fisher	1		
Choc Point Siamese Cat Society	Sandra	Devereux	1		
Colourpoint, Rex-Coated & A O V Club	Gaynor	Thompson		1	
Coloupointed British Shorthair Cat Club	Caroline	Wren		1	<i>Apologies</i>
Coventry & Leicester Cat Club	Carol	Kemp	1		
Coventry & Leicester Cat Club	Donna	Coupland	1		
Devon Rex Owners Club	Laura	Twigger	1		
Durham CC	Betty	Watson		1	
East Sussex Cat Club	Isla	Worsley-Waring	1		
Egyptian Mau Club	Stephen	McConnell		1	
Egyptian Mau Society	Georgina	Anderson-Keeble	1		
Essex Cat Club	Sue	Kirk		1	<i>Apologies</i>
Exotic Cat Club	Shelagh	Heavens	1		
Exotic Cat Society	Evita	Naumenko	1		
Guild of GCCF Judges and Stewards	Maria	Chapman-Beer	1		
Gwynedd Cat Club	Marie	Rose			<i>Apologies</i>
Substitute	Carol	Walker	1		
Havana & Oriental Lilac Cat Club	Janet	Tonkinson	1		
Herts & Middlesex Cat Club	Stephanie	Beirne	1		
Household Pet Cat Club of GB	Lesley	Swzed		1	
Kensington Cat Club	June	Gillies	1		
Kentish Cat Society	Hannah	Hendra	1		
Kernow Cat Club	Jane	Truscott		1	
Korat & Thai Cat Association	Jen	Lacey	1		
Lakeland and District Cat Club	Candice	Higgins	1		
Lancashire Cat Club	Janet	Pointon		1	
Lancashire Cat Club	Gavin	Eyres		1	
LaPerm Cat Club	Anthony	Nichols	1		
Lilac Point Siamese Cat Society	Di	Brown	1		
London Cat Club	Sandra	Woodley	1		
Maidstone & Medway	Brian	Gregory	1		

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 17.7.21-2

Maine Coon Cat Club	Irene	Roos	1		
Maine Coon Cat Club	Linda	Swinburn	1		
Merseyside Cat Club	Jennifer	Pinches	1		
Midland Counties Cat Club	Dorothy	Stone	1		
Midshires Siamese Cat Association	Helen	Elliott	1		
National Cat Club	Carol	Pike		1	<i>Apologies</i>
National Cat Club	Debbie	Newman	1		
National Cat Club	Sue	Barratt	1		
National Cat Club	Nichola	Ryan	1		
Norsk Skogkatt Society	Beverley	Spooner		1	<i>Apologies</i>
Northern Birman CC	Mel	Faber	1		
North of Britain LongHair & SLH CC	Sophie	Butcher	1		
Northern British Long & Shorthair CC	Caroline	Coppola	1		
Northern Siamese & Oriental Cat Society	Kathryn	Miles	1		
Norwegian Forest Cat Club	Fiona	Hermon	1		
Norwegian Forest Cat Club	Ian	Hermon	1		
Ocicat Club	Stephen	Whiting	1		
Oriental Bicolour Group	Peter	Williams	1		
Oriental Cat Association	Irene	Rothwell	1		
Oriental Cinnamon and Fawn Group	Pat	Cherry	1		
Preston & Blackpool Cat Club	Pat	Perkins	1		
Progressive Ragdoll Breed Cat Club	Denise	Adams	1		
Progressive Singapura Cat Club	Ray	Wigley	1		
Red Cream & Tortoiseshell Society	Betty	Newbury	1		
Red Point & Tortie Point Siamese Cat Club	Judy	Emmens	1		
Rex Cat Association	Hilary	Dean	1		
Rex Cat Club	Ian	Macro	1		
Russian Blue Breeders Association	Catherine	Kaye	1		
Scotia Cat Fanciers	Elizabeth	Stewart	1		
Scottish Rex Cat Club	Kate	Ekanger	1		

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 17.7.21-3

Seal and Blue Point Birman Cat Club	Gareth	Stone	1		
Seal Point Siamese Cat Club	Yvonne	Marriott	1		
Short Haired Cat Society	Angela	Cooper	1		
Shropshire Cat Club	Mark	Lewis	1		
Siamese Cat Association	Marion	Evans		1	
Siamese Cat Club	Brenda J	Pearce	1		
Siamese Cat Society of Scotland	Sally	Woolrich	1		
Siberian Cat Club	Claire	Norman			<i>Apologies</i>
Substitute	Kate	Stavelly	1		
Sokoce Breed Club	Sally	Rainbow-Ockwell	1		
Somali Cat Club	Alison	Lyall	1		
Somerset Cat Club	Lyndsey	Robinson	1		
South Western Counties Cat Club	Diana	Harper		1	
Southern & South Western Birman CC	Teresa	Cole	1		
Southern British Shorthair Cat Club	Ketill	Game	1		
South-West British SH	Sue	Dalton-Hobbs	1		
Sphynx Cat Association	Georgina	Rymer		1	
Sphynx Cat Club	Maggie	Birchell	1		
Suffolk & Norfolk Cat Club	David	Denny	1		
Suffolk Breed Cat Club	Lynn	Shirley		1	
Surrey & Sussex Cat Association	Kym	Jarvis	1		
Tabby CC	Lizz	Adair		1	
Tabby Pt Siamese & Prog Breeders CC	Eileen	Ridgeway		1	<i>Apologies</i>
Tabby Pointed Siamese Cat Society	Cynthia	Cullin	1		
Teesside Cat Club	Veda	Price		1	
The British Ragdoll Cat Club	Ray	Bradley	1		
The British Ragdoll Cat Club	Anne	Bradley	1		
Three Counties Cat Society	Alison	Cottle		1	
Tonkinese Breed Club	Julia	Craig-McFeely	1		
Tonkinese Cat Club	Lisa	Knill	1		
Trans-Pennine Oriental & Siamese CC	Ross	Davies		1	<i>Apologies</i>
United Kingdom Ragamuffin Cat Society	Allen	Wells		1	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 17.7.21-4

Wessex Cat Club	Julie	Cherkas	1		
West Country Cat Club	Helen	Marriott-Power		1	
West Country Cat Club	Saffi	Rabey		1	<i>Apologies</i>
West of England & South Wales CS	Heather	Graves	1		
West of Scotland	Ian	Thomson		1	
White Persian Cat Club	Isobella	Bangs		1	
Wiltshire & District Cat Club	Elaine	Robinson	1		
Wyvern CC	Anna	McEntee	1		
Yorkshire County Cat Club	Lynda	Ashmore	1		
Yorkshire County Cat Club	Caroline	Goodman		1	
Chair	Sean	Farrell	1		
Vice-Chair	Peter	Collin	1		
John Hansson			1		
Totals			94	39	
				133	