GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

To be held on Saturday 13 March 2021,

by webinar

COMMENCING AT 1PM

AGENDA FOR MEETING

Protocols will be in place for participation in the meeting (to be circulated by email).

Please read how to vote and the agenda will tell you when a poll will be taken.

PRESENTED BY REF

CHAIR  NEW

C2301 WELCOME TO DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM

Vote to enable the meeting
Meetings of Council shall take place by online video-link on dates fixed by the GCCF Chairman until such time as directives by HM Government make physical meetings possible and a two thirds majority of this Council resolves they should be resumed. Voting may be conducted electronically to show a an outcome by percentage.

Vote for Byelaw suspension - two thirds majority required to validate this & any future online meetings

NB: Substantive changes to Byelaws in Council require a two thirds majority. For any other decision a simple majority of 50%+ is all that is needed.

C2302 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (to be sent to the Office in advance, please)

C2303 CLUB DISPENSATION
Clubs with late returns for 2019, who have now completed, request delegate participation:
    a) Northern Birman CC, b) Seal Point CS, c) Tabby CC

Vote: a single poll to cover the 3 clubs will be taken - majority decision

C2304 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The draft minutes of 26th 2020 February are enclosed and proposed for acceptance

Vote: a poll to approve the minutes will be taken - majority decision

2. Matters arising - the Chair will give answers to any delegate questions sent to the Office in advance

C2305 MEETINGS minutes for information only

1. Booklets with the minutes of Board and FC meetings are in the delegates’ pack.
   This is the opportunity to ‘catch-up’ on GCCF activities over the past year.
   The Chair will give answers to any delegate questions sent to the Office in advance.
   A limited number of follow-on queries or comments may be taken on the day

C2306 BYELAW CHANGES


In 2020 the GCCF’s solicitor prepared resolutions to amend BYELAW 9 MEETINGS that were sent to the clubs as it was impossible to hold an Electoral Council Meeting in London in June as is stipulated by Byelaw 9. This was entitled 9A TEMPORARY PROVISIONS FOR 2020 (COVID-19).

9B is a schedule of amendments to make similar (though not identical) arrangements for 2021.

For delegate information: A and B are the most complicated sections in this because of the legal language. In A you are being asked if you want to keep things as they are and wait for elections until a physical Council meeting can be held once again. Everyone on the standing committees would stay in place and all periods of office would be extended until elections can be held. Vote ‘yes’ if you want to keep things as they are. Section B will then become irrelevant and the next vote taken will be for the change at C.

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However, if Council wish to hold elections then in B there is a choice of having them in the summer, (held remotely by Civica as in 2020), or waiting to see if a physical meeting is possible in the autumn when remote elections are reserved as a back up option.

Vote in favour of option i) if you want summer elections, or vote in favour at ii) if you want to wait and see what the situation is later in the year.

A) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Byelaw the existing Board of Directors, and members of all other standing committees and their reserves in office, as declared elected by remote ballot on 16 November 2020 and on 16 October 2019 (Appeals Committee) shall remain in office until elections have taken place pursuant to this Byelaw 9B

Vote for Byelaw suspension in respect of the electoral process - two thirds majority required

B) In the year 2021 the elections which would have been held at the Electoral Meeting in London in June 2021, in accordance with Byelaw 9, shall take place either:

i) by a remote vote in June/July 2021, with the result declared no later than 31 July 2021, on a date to be fixed by the Board of Directors and notified to delegates of Member Clubs and the Honorary Officers by not less than 28 days’ notice in writing.

Or

ii) at a physical meeting of this Council held no later than 31 October. If such a meeting is not possible then by a remote vote in or after September 2021, but before the 31st October 2021, on a date to be fixed by the Board of Directors and notified to delegates of Member Clubs and their Honorary Officers by not less than 28 days’ notice in writing.

First vote at B: Delegates to choose option i or ii – by a simple majority

Second vote at B: to approve Byelaw 9B (2) with i or ii) - two thirds majority required.

C) Byelaw 3 Membership is amended in that:

Clubs may base their entitlement to delegate representation on the membership numbers stated on the 2019 ‘Club Returns’ form, unless the number of members is greater in 2020 than in 2019, which must be provable by the 2020 examined club accounts, submitted by 1 May 2021

Vote: Two thirds majority required for C.

D) GCCF Accounts & the appointment of a practitioner to examine the 2021 accounts

The presentation of the accounts and the appointment of a practitioner will take place at a physical meeting held in 2021. If no actual meeting is held then these actions will be completed online at the earliest opportunity after completion of the examination of the 2020 accounts.

Vote: Two thirds majority required for D.

NB Method of Voting if not in a physical Council meeting held between June - October 2021

If the election of 5 directors, members of the Finance Committee and two members of each of three Disciplinary Committee (plus two reserves for each committee) is to be dealt with by voting not in person, this should conducted in the manner determined by Council, and in accordance with such rules as the Board of Directors shall in its discretion decide provided that the following rules must be included:

a. Nominations must be invited when the election date is announced.

b. Nominations made must be made by an eligible delegate, and those standing as Board members or FC members must be delegates of clubs eligible to vote in good standing as at 1 May 2021, having supplied examined returns and paid all fees due as at 1 May 2021.

c. Ballot notifications must be despatched at least 14 days before the deadline for the vote.

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2. Byelaw 9 (2)  

These changes are not related to 9B and the temporary provisions. They are for permanent change at the request of the GCCF’s accountants.

**Rationale:** the terms ‘audit’ and ‘auditor’ have a particular legal meaning. GCCF accounts are examined in most years not audited. This was a change that was made in these Byelaws with respect to club accounts several years ago. The text of Byelaw 9 (2) should have been amended at the same time but was overlooked.

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

a) Receipt of the reports of Committees and a statement of audited examined accounts relative to the preceding year.

b) Election of the Honorary Officers.

c) Election of the Standing Committees ….

d) Appointment of the Auditor Examiner or Auditors Examiners for the ensuing year.

**Vote:** Two thirds majority required

3. Byelaw 7 (15)  

**a) Sentence 2:** to include an addition for the avoidance of doubt

The list of appointments to Pupil Judge, and promotions to Full Judge, inclusive of extension, time out, reinstatement and Emeritus List transfer proposals will be published on the GCCF website on a weekly basis….

**Vote:** Two thirds majority required

**b) Ratification of all actions listed in the above additional wording taken since February 2016 to ensure no candidates gaining approval via website publication with no objections are disadvantaged**

**Vote:** Two thirds majority required  

C2307   AN ELECTION FOR A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE RESERVE

There are applicants whose details are on the website and with the delegate pack. The person who is elected will serve until the next Council elections are held, but as the reserves may take an active part on the Committee (if a DC member cannot attend a meeting or has an interest in a case) it is important to have someone in place.

**Vote:** An electronic poll that will express the percentage of votes each candidate receives.

C2308   SHOW MATTERS

1. A report from the Judge Training Review Group  
2. A report and Terms of Reference from the newly formed Show Review Group

The reports and TOR should be in the delegates’ pack and or available from the GCCF website, please send questions in advance for the group lead to answer on the day.

3. Discounted time for Pupil Judges and Judges on the Accelerated Scheme (FJPs)

The Board acknowledges the prerogative of BACs to request discounted time for candidates as at 22e) of the Judge Appointment Scheme. However, it is proposed that discounted time be allowed for all working through their probationary period or AS requirements from March 2020 until a normal schedule of GCCF shows can be resumed (as defined by the Board) due to the pandemic affecting all. BACs will be informed of the end date.

**Vote:** 50% majority required

4. Judge Appointment Scheme - BAC Constitution

11. MEETINGS

**a) A meeting of the BAC for electoral and other purposes shall be held not later than … each year. Meetings can be either in person or electronic and must be held at least twice a year. Further meetings may take place as required. However, at least one of these meetings should be in person. This is not possible now and may not be in future. The change allows BACs a choice.**

**Vote:** 50% majority required
C2309 BUSINESS REPORTS

1. The Business Plan as revised for 2021 PW
2. The IT report SC
3. The welfare report SC
4. A report and Terms of Reference for the newly formed Breeder Scheme Review Group PW

The reports and TOR should be in the delegates' pack and/or available from the GCCF website, please send questions in advance for the group lead to answer on the day.

C2309 FOR INFORMATION

Council approval has been granted to the following via website publication. Queries were answered, and no objections were received for any item listed.

FINANCE

1. The GCCF’s accounts for 2019
2. The appointment of Albert Goodman (accountants) as examiners for the GCCF accounts in 2020

CLUBS

1. Dispensation was granted for participation in the electoral process as requested by clubs with fewer than 100 members (all-breed clubs) or 50 members (breed and specialist clubs)
2. Full Membership of GCCF for the Chartreux Cat Club UK
3. Provisional membership of GCCF for the Ragdoll Cat Association UK
4. Provisional membership of GCCF for the Suffolk Cat Association

RULES

An addition to the rule of what is not acceptable to prefixes (Section 1:11m) as proposed by the GCCF Board
11.2 Words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix (words within one letter or sounding the same are considered to bear a 'close resemblance') and existing prefixes should not be followed by ‘CAT/S’ or any alternative spelling of ‘CAT/S’.

REGISTRATION POLICY AND SOP CHANGES AS REQUESTED BY BACS

1. Siberian BAC Minor registration policy amendment
2. Oriental Joint BAC Bicolour SOP - GEMS & pattern description changes
3. Ragdoll BAC DNA testing requirements amended & removal of some outdated information
4. Korat & Thai BAC SOP amendments concerning tabby markings in the coat
5. Sokoke BAC SOP amendment on ground colour description & GEMS corrections
6. Chartreux Breeder Group Amendments to the Registration Policy on the background of imports
7. Suffolk BAC SOP amendments re profile

JUDGES

1. NOTIFICATION OF JUDGES APPROVED VIA THE WEBSITE SINCE FEBRUARY COUNCIL 2020

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Pupil Judge    Mrs Jan Bradley

Joint Rex BAC
Pupil Judge (Cornish & Devon Rex)    Mrs Pina Bruno-Grieve
Pupil Judge (Selkirk Rex)    Mrs Sally Tokens
Extension (Selkirk Rex) to March 2022    Ms Maggie Birchall
Extension (Selkirk Rex) to March 2022    Mr Ian Macro

Maine Coon BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Fiona Hermon
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

Norwegian Forest Cat BAC
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

Oriental Joint BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Clare Whitby

Persian Longhair BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Caroline Turner-Russell
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt
Pupil Judge    Mr Peter Williams
Mrs Jan Bradley

Russian BAC
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

Siamese Cat JAC
Full Judge    Mrs Peri Mansaray

Siberian BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Helen Hardwick

Singapura BAC
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

Somali BAC
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

Tonkinese BAC
Full Judge    Dr Peter Collin
Miss Elisabeth Stark

Turkish BAC
Full Judge (reinstatement)    Mr David Redtfeldt

2. NOTIFICATION OF JUDGES APPROVED VIA THE ACCELERATED SCHEME SINCE FEBRUARY COUNCIL
INFO

Asian BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Sally Tokens

Balinese BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Linda Martin

Ragdoll BAC
Full Judge    Mrs Linda Martin

Siamese Cat JAC
Full Judge    Mr John Harrison
Mr Peter Williams

3. The proposal by the Board to allow the initial probationary term for Pupil Judges to be for five years
and any extension granted, or requested, to be for two years, thus giving all candidates one year of
discounted time because of the pandemic. (This to be further extended as at C2307.3)

C231O   ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING: 17 July by video conference (provisionally)

IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT CLUB RETURNS ARE MADE BY 1st MAY FOR DELEGATE REPRESENTATION.

End of agenda

Paperwork included and/or available via the GCCF website

1. Draft minutes of the Council meeting of 26 February 2020
3. Applications for the post of DC reserve
4. Judge Training and Show Group reports (should be on the website after the 26 February Board meeting)
5. The Business Plan - updated for 2021 (should be on the website after the 26 February Board meeting)
6. IT report
7. Welfare report
8. Breeder Scheme Review Report and Terms of Reference