



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



Wednesday 5 OCTOBER 2016 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

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PRESENTED BY ACTION BY

C2122 WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM CHAIR INFO

Promptly at 1pm the Chairman welcomed 93 delegates and three visitors and thanked them for attending this GCCF Council meeting.
By a show of hands a majority of delegates indicated that the preference was for the sign-in sheets to be in alphabetical order according to the club name rather than the names of delegates.
Four new delegates introduced themselves. They represented the Norsk Skogatt Society, SW Birman CC, Midshires Siamese CA and Bucks, Oxon & Berks CS.
Council agreed by a majority that the Croydon CC (84 members) and the Kernow CC (98 members) should have dispensation for continued delegate representation.
The Chairman requested that delegates should respect each other, particularly avoiding personal comments, interruptions and intrusive private conversations. He observed that the agenda for this meeting was fairly light and hoped that meant there would be time for a good final discussion with plenty of contributions from the floor.

Betty Conway, Grace Denny (GCCF President), Melva Eccles, Dorothy Hughes, Betty Nicholas, Eileen Peachey Robine Pocock and Bill Watkins were remembered in a moment of silence.

C2123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE CHAIR INFO

The Chairman gave apologies on behalf Vice-Presidents, Brenda Wolstenholme (who had sent a card to the meeting) and Eric Wickham-Ruffle. He also reported a message from Carole Butler giving a short update on Gordon's health.
Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.

C2124 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **The Minutes of the Council meeting of 15 June** **CHAIR JL**
 - 1.1 The draft minutes had been circulated. They were approved with no amendments to the meeting record.
 - 1.2 Corrections were made to the attendance record. Apologies had been sent by Mrs J M Strunin (Lincs CC) and by Mrs D Stone, not Mrs J Huyton, (Midland Counties CC).
Majority approval 2 against 5 abstentions
2. **Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item**
 - 2.1 C2104.1.12 It was queried whether anything further was known on whether GCCF would be affected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU (Brexit). The Chairman observed this had been discussed in the Feline & Canine Sector Group, but with no definite knowledge. It was most unlikely that the UK government would make legislation concerning pet animals a priority. There had been no mention of a need to remove the passport system and reintroduce quarantine laws. Any European restrictions on the breeding of pets would definitely not be introduced.

C2125 MINUTES OF MEETINGS (for information only) CHAIR INFO

1. Board of Directors: 3 May 2016, 13 July 2016
It was queried whether the register of interests mentioned in the minutes of Board meetings was available for inspection by delegates. The Chairman replied that the records were held on file at the Office, but it was not information that was suitable for a public website. He saw no reason why it should not be available to clubs/delegates privately on request
2. Finance Committee 23 March 2016 No questions

C2126 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS CHAIR INFO

- 1.1 The Chairman, Steve Crow, announced that for once he had very little to say. There was information on business developments that would be given to Council, but these would be covered by other reports and agenda items. Nothing had occurred that was unexpected.
- 1.2 The one news item was that he was hopeful that he would be included in a meeting at Westminster with the parliamentary minister (DEFRA). Both Cats Protection and International Cat Care had suggested he should attend to participate in a discussion session on the advertising of kittens on the internet. The invitation was awaited, but would depend on whether a contribution from GCCF was considered relevant.
- 1.3 Discussions on revisions to the Animal Welfare Act were ongoing, but there was nothing further to report on the licensing of cat breeders or breeding premises.

1. Presentation of the management accounts for the current period

- 1.1 Mark Goadby, Office Manager, gave an apology to Council for the lack of detailed information for this item. The usual figures and volume graphs had not been circulated as he could not yet extract them in the standard presentational format from the new computer system. The priorities in the changeover had been ensuring the registration and transfer system were operating smoothly.
- 1.2 It was the OM's opinion that core business over the summer months of 2016 was at least as good as during the same period in 2015. There was possibly a small increase. This estimation was based on the amount of work staff were dealing with in the Office, and the cash paid into the bank.
- 1.3 There had been a substantial amount of additional expenditure recently. Large items of equipment had been purchased for the Office to support the business activities made possible by the new computer system, and there had been additional funding required for the system development. All these had been paid for without drawing on the reserves held. There had been no cashflow issues.
- 1.4 £175,000 remained on deposit in two interest bearing accounts. One of these matured early in 2017 and it was from this that the club loans would be repaid in the spring of next year.
- 1.5 The OM reported it had been a busy period in the Office as staff had taken late holidays to avoid absence during the launch of Phoenix. Some Board members had provided cover as volunteers and were thanked for this.
- 1.6 He concluded by giving assurance that, although there was no paperwork, financial monitoring had been ongoing and gave a commitment to being able to provide all the usual amount of detail for the end of year accounts.
- 1.7 There were no questions.

C2128

APPOINTMENTS

1. The Appeals Committee

- 1.1 Two of the six members of the Appeals Committee had stood down as was required. None had retired and Mrs Maria Chapman-Beer and Mrs Betty Shingleton had applied for re-appointment.
- 1.2 As there were no other applicants there was no election and their appointment for a three year period was confirmed.
- 1.3 They were thanked by the Chairman who gave a reminder of the importance of the Appeals Committee. **INFO**

2. Reserves for the Disciplinary Committee

- 2.1 A member of DC had retired for personal reasons and the only reserve had taken her place. It was expedient to have reserves for this committee to ensure meetings did not have to be cancelled for lack of a quorum as this could cause considerable inconvenience.
- 2.2 Five members of Council volunteered to act as reserves: Frances Benedito, Penny Bennison, Julia Craig-McFeely, Ed Merchant and Isla Worsley-Waring.
- 2.3 Four reserves were needed, but it was agreed by Council that rather than have an election these five should be used on a rotational basis if they were required.

Action: the information to be passed to the IC/DC Secretary who would send the relevant paperwork. JL

3. The election of a GCCF President and Vice-President

- 3.1 The Chairman reminded Council that these were important honorary positions that were held for life by those who were elected.
- 3.2 He observed that the Byelaws gave the Electoral Meeting as the occasion for these posts to be filled, and as there were no exceptional circumstances there seems no reason why this procedure should not be followed. It would give clubs time to consider if they wished to make nominations and possible nominees.
- 3.3 The procedure for the submission of nominees would be published on the GCCF website in 2017.
- 3.4 It was confirmed that if necessary one of the three Vice-Presidents could become an Acting President until the elections were held.

C2129

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Report on the partnership with Agria

CHAIR INFO

- 1.1 The Chairman reported that there had been some problems around the time of the transition to the new computer system as the company did not have its usual access to GCCF data and probably noticed a fall in its business volume.
- 1.2 It had taken a little longer than expected, but links had been restored and all issues resolved.
- 1.3 It had been established that about 50% of breeders did not use any form of kitten cover notes. It was difficult to know why this was as they were free and nothing further was expected from the breeder.
- 1.4 Therefore there would be an online survey of breeders to try and discover the reasons. It would be sent out shortly by GCCF and would take only a little time to complete to encourage a rapid response.
- 1.5 Agria were sponsoring the 2016 Supreme Show and participating in discussions on the 2017 event.
- 1.6 Council was notified of a new appointment to the Agria marketing team as new advertising initiatives could be launched.

2. Report on the Royal Canin transfer initiative

MG INFO

- 2.1 The OM said he did not have exact statistics, but it was his belief that the growth in transfers brought about by the initiative had now plateaued. However, there was no sign of a fall off from the level achieved.
- 2.2 Problems with the redemption of vouchers persisted as not all the outlets listed would accept them. This was a matter for RC to resolve and the company was reminded by GCCF at each quarterly meeting. The desirability of online acceptance was also stressed.

- 2.3 RC remained the largest sponsor of the Supreme and this would continue in the following year. There had also been a tremendous amount of support for the Supreme advertising. Its initiative in getting adverts onto trains over the next two weeks would bring the event to the attention of about 2 million people.
- 2.4 The Junior Exhibitor classes were now taking place at some all breed shows. These had been encouraged by RC who were providing certificates and prize money.
- 2.5 There was a reminder from the Show Manager that RC also sponsored the GCCF shows for pet cats held within the National Pet Shows. They promoted GCCF to all the general public attending these events and could not be afforded without this support.

3. Report on the new computer system (Project Phoenix)

SRO INFO

- 3.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell apologised first for the length of the report. The new system was now live, and the transition to it almost completed, but this hadn't been achieved without problems. She needed to inform delegates of these, the positive aspects and the plans for the short and longer term future.
- 3.2 The worst was that as with many computer projects it had run over time and over budget. One reason was that, in common with many, the full extent of the work was not known until development began. GCCF's previous system was 30 years old and had virtually no documentation, which compounded this problem.
- 3.3 However, the development company contracted to carry out the work had withdrawn at the end of March when the project was unfinished. and completion had entailed paying for additional expertise and using Ian Macro who had so generously given GCCF most of his free time throughout the project.
- 3.4 DTC should also have given free support for the first three months the system was operational. Their contribution was only partial, meaning that support also had to be bought in. She understood their reasons, they had run out of the time costed and allocated to GCCF in the fixed term contract and could not afford to honour their agreement, but this had meant GCCF financing the project's completion.
- 3.5 Consideration had been given to suing for breach of contract, but legal action was expensive, and only worthwhile if the sued company, had the money to pay for any award and costs. If DTC became bankrupt by the process GCCF could not possibly benefit, the legal action would be a further expense.
- 3.6 There was a positive aspect to this. The programmer found by DTC (Leon) had proved extremely able. He understood the requirements, was interested in the project and prepared to commit to it. He was now employed by GCCF on a fixed term contract until the end of November and would ensure that the IC/DC system and prefix applications went onto Phoenix completing the transition.
- 3.7 Ian Macro had been engaged in transferring the data from the iSeries onto the new system. There previously had been no single link between people and their cats, resulting in many extraneous records. 45,000 users were now on the new system with their details matched to a degree of at least 90%. These would benefit from the enhanced services that Phoenix would provide. It was confirmed Ian would receive special thanks.
- 3.8 Prioritising new services to be offered was one strand of the ongoing project. All suggestions for enhancement were being recorded, and batched, and would be costed and presented to the Board by the end of the year. Decisions would then have to be taken on which were most worthwhile for business development and could be budgeted for with some immediacy.
- 3.9 Sally pointed out that as well as development work the system could need on going support and finding a company or individuals to contract to do this was also now under discussion so that recommendations could be made to the Board. One option was using Ian and Leon who would be paid a retainer.
- 3.10 In response to delegate questioning the amount of project overspend was made clear. An additional £60,000 had been spent. £30,000 of this was within the 2016 budget, as an allocation to computer development, and the other £30,000 was in addition and drawn from general funds.
- 3.11 The Chairman observed that he had pushed for completion and the launch. There had been teething troubles and bugs were still being fixed, but many of these did not come to light until the system was operational. It was also increasingly clear that the old system was failing rapidly. It could no longer complete properly functions it had coped with for many years. It would have proved expensive to repair, and very probable that many repairs were no longer possible.
- 3.12 Other delegate questions and remarks centred on whether the system was operating satisfactorily now. There was disappointment that some breeders had been kept waiting for up to six weeks for registrations and transfers, and a number had found it difficult to get through for Office support even on the dedicated email.
- 3.13 Apologies were given by SRO and the OM to those who had experienced severe difficulties. It was expected that the acute problem stage was now past, and if registrations were held up those concerned should be informed. Sally offered personal contact to anyone who failed to get an Office response.
- 3.14 A commitment was also given to the presentation of a full and final report on the project to February Council.

Action: publication of the dedicated Office email and contact for SRO on the GCCF website.

OM/RF

4. GCCF website report

RF INFO

- 4.1 Mrs Fisher reported that once the computer system change was completed there had been no issues with the website. There had been some down time during the process, but no complaints since then.
- 4.2 Information about the Toyger was now published in the Breeds' pages.
- 4.3 Future plans were for the addition of general information as required, and for a section dedicated to pages produced by the Genetics Committee.

C2130

VETERINARY PROPOSALS

1. Rule change to clarify vaccination requirements for cats entering GCCF shows

VAC

- 1.1 The rule remained unchanged regarding the need to vaccinate according to the manufacturer's recommendations. It was necessary to clarify that where the manufacturer recommended variable intervals the minimum applied to cats exhibited at GCCF shows. That required all cats to receive a booster for the two flu viruses annually, though boosters for panleukopenia could be given triennially if so recommended.
- 1.2 There was a relaxation on the timing for booster vaccinations, it was advised rather than compulsory to leave a week clear between the booster and the show.

- 1.3 There were three amendments to the wording approved:
the insertion of 'first set of vaccinations' after 'primary course',
a paragraph break,
the insertion of wording to ensure it was clear the note applied to boosters only.

Majority approval. 2 against 0 abstentions

- 1.4 A vote was taken on the implementation date for this rule. It was agreed it should be with immediate effect.
Majority approval. 10 against 6 abstentions
- 1.5 It was agreed that the GCCF Veterinary Officer should provide guidance to Duty Vets on the changes and that information sent to them should also go to Show Managers.

Action: Dr Moreland to be contacted to provide a guidance sheet

JL

2. GCCF HCM Policy (for information only)

VAC INFO

- 2.1 The VAC had produced a paper giving information on HCM and the courses of action available to BACs who had agreed that there was a problem within their breed.
- 2.2 It covered DNA testing (for breeds where this was available) and the use of echocardiography, giving the pros and cons of each.
- 2.3 It was recognised that it was a difficult disease to deal with in the absence of a DNA test as early diagnosis was not always possible, some cats could have had offspring in the years before a problem was found.
- 2.4 The VAC would provide assistance, if requested, and a link to an expert in feline cardiology had been made. Prof Virginia Luis Fuentes (RVC) would welcome breed data.

C2131

SHOW MATTERS

1. Update of news of the forthcoming Supreme Show

CW INFO

- 1.1 As Mrs Leighton was unable to be present Mr Woods (Hall Manager) reported to Council.
- 1.2 A total of 773 cats would be present. 9 were on exhibition and 60 in Club Row.
- 1.3 All the stall positions were booked and there were some waiting to know if slots became available. This year there was a dedicated market place area.
- 1.4 Advance ticket sales were markedly higher than at the same point in 2016.
- 1.5 Arrangements for the sci-fi aspect of the event were completed. Five celebrities, a dalek and K9 would be present, and publicity given on relevant websites. The celebrities would participate in the show, some judging HHPs and all with a special prize to award.
- 1.6 It was anticipated that the gate would be increased by sci-fi fans, who had been invited to dress up. It was an experiment in promoting GCCF and cats to an audience who would not have attended otherwise.

2. Information on the Supreme Show of 2017

Chair INFO

- 2.1 This would be at the NEC on Saturday, 28 October 2017. The Board had taken the decision to reserve the hall available on this date as it was the preferred venue of the sponsors, accessible to exhibitors and visitors and attracted a good gate.
- 2.2 The possibilities of two other venues had been investigated, at Telford and Manchester. Telford offered a particularly good deal and hall cost would be reduced by 60%. However, it was probable that with a considerably reduced gate stall owners would be deterred, and there was a lack of prestige that disappointed the sponsors.
- 2.3 It was confirmed that other halls and alternative dates would be considered for 2018. May was suggested (which would be May 2019) as an option, but it was acknowledged that no date would suit all.
- 2.4 It was agreed that any decision on date change would be passed on to clubs immediately.

3. Proposed additions to the rules for exhibition with critique classes

LaPerm CC

- 3.1 The rationale for the amendments was to allow greater flexibility in the choice of judge, permitting a request from the exhibitor at the time of entry for any full judge of the breed listed in the schedule. It was hoped that judge and exhibitor would engage in discussion of the exhibit, reducing the need for a lengthy written critique.
- 3.2 There was some discussion on the timing of the announcement of the selected judge, and that it was thought not sufficiently clear that the purpose of these classes was for those with breeding lines in development, possibly after an outcross or the introduction of a foundation cat. However it was noted that any club could bring a proposal to amend the wording of the rule if it became obvious there were problems.
- 3.3 The rule changes were agreed.

Majority approval. 20 against 0 abstentions

4. Clarification of Judge Eligibility for Grand and Imperial Classes

JH INFO

- 4.1 Mr Hansson pointed out that the website information had become outdated. The Board had reviewed the criteria for judging the higher title classes at its last meeting and would finalise it at the next. It would then be put onto the website.
- 4.2 It should be noted that some lists were merged, or were in the process of merging, and in each case these (Somali LH & SH, Turkish Van and Vankedisi, and Ocicat & Aztec) would be counted as a single list when an assessment was made of the number of lists any judge was on.

5. Rule change: Section 2 Rule 15b)

- 5.1 The purpose was to ensure there was no conflict with the change to 2:14a) made in Council in June to allow placings in the Olympian class to be given to 5th.
- 5.2 There shall be no further placings with the exception of the Olympian Class (see rule 2:14a))

Unanimous approval

INFO

C2132 JUDGES

1. JUDGES APPOINTMENTS

JL

Asian BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Sue Lorton-Hobbs Mr Mark Pearman
Burmese BAC	Pupil Judge Extension to October 2017	Mr Wayne Vessey Ms Janet Tonkinson
Korat & Thai BAC	Full Judge	Mr George Godfrey
Ocicat & Aztec BAC	Full Judge Full Judge (Aztec) Extension to October 2017 (Ocicat) Pupil Judge	Mrs Perri Mansarray Ms Janet Tonkinson Ms Janet Tonkinson Mrs Sally Tokens Mrs Linda Vousden
Oriental BAC	Full Judge (Self, Non-Self & LH) Full Judge (LH) Pupil Judge	Ms Jane Allen Mrs Linda Walpole Mrs Maria Chapman-Beer
Toyger Breed Club	Full Judge	Mrs Naomi Johnson

These were approved unanimously with the exception of the promotion to the Aztec list and extension on the Ocicat list, as these lists were not separately operated for all who were PJs only before or following the agreed list merge in Council in October 2014. The Chairman withdrew the proposal and informed Council that discussions with the BAC were ongoing. The candidate had extensions granted in June 2016 to 2017.

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

Birman BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Lynn Fryer
British Shorthair Group Committee	Pupil Judge	Mrs Caroline Roberts
Maine Coon BAC	Full Judge	Mr Ed Merchant Mrs Sandra Moore
Siberian BAC	Pupil Judge	Mr Gerald Martin Mrs Linda Martin Mr Ed Merchant
Sokoke Breed Club	Full Judge	Mrs Pamela Wilding
Somali BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell
Snowshoe BAC	Full Judge	Mr Jon Trotter
Suffolk Breed Group	Full Judge	Mrs Joyce Green Ms Elisabeth Stark
Tonkinese	Full Judge	Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Sarah Bower Dr Julia Craig-McFeely Mrs Linda Vousden
Toyger Breed Group	Full Judge	Mrs Veronica Brooks Mr Phil Cornish Mr Mark Pearman Mrs Sally Tokens

INFO

C2133 REGISTRATION & SOP REVISIONS

Chair

1. To allow minor revisions to registration policies and SOPs to be approved by website publication

1.1 This matter had been discussed by Council (C2120.2) on previous occasions and approved in principle. The note to follow rules Section 1:19 & 20 was to formalise the procedure.

1.2 Note: **Minor changes to registration policies and SOPs may be published on the GCCF website and accepted as approved if nothing is received from any delegate within a 28 days period. If there is an objection, or a request for clarification because the change is thought complex then the amendment must be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.**

Majority approval. 0 against 2 abstentions

- 2. Registration Policy revisions for the Cornish, Devon & Selkirk & LaPerm** **Joint Rex BAC**
- 2.1 Notice of these registration policy amendments had been given at the June Council meeting. It had been the intention that once approved by the Board they should be published on the GCCF website. This had not happened due to focus on Phoenix at the time and an apology was given to the JRBAAC.
- 2.2 They had been posted on the website in advance of the meeting and no queries had been received.
- 2.3 There were new outcrosses in two cases, all had some minor register revisions, and new instructions for DNA and/or BAER testing. The Devon Rex policy contained a testing schedule for Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (CMS) (Previously referred to as Muscular Dystrophy, Myopathy or Spasticity)
- 2.4 The policy revisions were approved. **Majority approval. 0 against 3 abstentions**
- 3. Rule change to allow the Board to propose to Council amendments to registration policies for the purpose of welfare only.** **Chair**
- 3.1 It was stressed that the purpose of the rule change was to enable the Board to present independent expert evidence concerning health and/or welfare to Council when a BAC was unable or unwilling to act in response to it.
- 3.2 The BAC would have the right to receive the information and time to discuss and act upon it. They would also be able to make representation of their point of view in Council.
- 3.3 It was the intention to avoid any situation where there was pressure from the media and/or scientific or animal welfare organisations to take action on a problem and GCCF was unable to do so, prevented by its own rules. (One delegate's opinion was a responsibility to act in the company's interests was defined in the Articles of Association).
- 3.4 An amendment to the wording was proposed and agreed. '.... and any response from the BAC to be included in the information supplied to Council.' was added as the final wording.
- 3.5 The rule was agreed. **Majority approval. 9 against 5 abstentions**
- 4. Amended SOP for Maine Coons** **MCBAC**
- 4.1 A small change was required as some novice owners and exhibitors had been misled into thinking that it was unnecessary to groom a Maine Coon.
- 4.2 A deletion in Maine Coon coat description: 'Waterproof, and ~~virtually self-maintaining~~, consisting of ...'
- 4.3 This was agreed. **Majority approval. 0 against 1 abstention**
- Action: confirmation to BACs with requests that an updated clean copy of the policies and amended SOP are sent to the GCCF Office and for website publication.** **JL**

C2134 CLUB AND BAC MATTERS

- 1. Judge Appointment Scheme wording amendments** **Chair**
- 1.1 These were: to include a reference to the rule change at C2133.3, draw attention to the role of the Appeals Committee when a candidate was excluded or expelled from the sole breed club, and give greater flexibility in the choice of BAC representatives by allowing the experienced, but not currently active in breeding, exhibiting and/or judging to be appointed.
- 1.2 There was some discussion on the final point, but concluded that who was experienced and suitable was a matter for a club AGM or committee's discretion.
- 1.3 The amendments were agreed. **Majority approval. 6 against 5 abstentions**
- Action: BACs to be informed of the revisions** **JL**
- 2. Breeder Scheme wording amendments (for information)** **Chair**
- 2.1 These drew attention to the need to remain a member of a relevant breed club while participating in the Scheme, and to the role of the Appeals Committee when a candidate is excluded or expelled from the sole breed club.
- Action: Breeders Scheme Code of Ethics to be updated** **Office**
- 3. Reduction in club numbers for delegate representation - an update** **Chair INFO**
- 3.1 The Chairman informed Council that a revision to club numbers had been discussed by the Board, with a draft change to the Byelaws considered. It had been concluded that there was little point to any change that did not have conditions attached as otherwise the actual numbers were irrelevant.
- 3.2 There was no indication from delegates that conditions that restricted clubs in any way were wanted.

C2135 FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Input from delegates on show structure change for the purpose of judge training** **CK**
- 1.1 Mrs Kaye, Chairman of the Show Structure Review Group, invited delegate comment on judge training. She made the point that it was widely acknowledged that the current scheme was long, could be expensive and failed to attract new people, particularly younger ones. Other organisations did not seem to have the same difficulty so the GCCF system needed urgent consideration
- 1.2 However, if training scheme revision meant judges should be trained for groups of breeds in the multi-breed sections, as delegates suggested, then before that could be done show structural change was required to ensure there was greater equality in numbers for training purposes and for parity in competition. An ad hoc survey indicated far fewer cats in the single breed sections.
- 1.3 Delegate comment received indicated this was the nub of the difficulty. Those in sections where there were high numbers currently appreciated the need for change, those who perceived disadvantage for their breed because of loss of an award and/or greater competition wished to maintain the status quo.
- 1.4 Discussion was concluded with the Chairman requesting that the needs of GCCF should be considered above those of individual breeds, and Mrs Kaye inviting further input via social media channels.

The meeting closed at 5:00pm with the agenda completed.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1pm.

ADDENDUM

Wording of Rule Changes Agreed at C2130, C2131.3, & C2133.3 and the revisions to the Judge Appointment Scheme

C2030.1 To clarify vaccination requirements for vaccines where variable intervals are recommended by manufacturers, and flexibility in the timing of boosters in advance of a show

Amendment to Section 5 Rule 3

All cats exhibited at shows held under GCCF rules must have a current certificate of vaccination against **Feline Calicivirus (FCV), Feline Herpes Virus (FHV) and Feline Panleukopenia * (FPV)**. The full **primary** course, (**first set of vaccinations**) or booster, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, must have been completed more than seven days before the show.

Booster vaccinations against FCV, FHV and FPV must be given at the manufacturer's recommended intervals. **Where a variable interval of 1-3 years for FCV and FHV is recommended the minimum interval applies. ie all cats attending shows MUST receive annual booster vaccination against FCV and FHV.**

Note for boosters: Exhibitors are advised to leave at least a week between a booster vaccination and show attendance to allow the vaccine to take effect and in case of any adverse reaction.

(* Previously termed Feline Infectious Enteritis)

C2131.3 To introduce flexibility in judge choice and reduce the need for detailed written critiques in the exhibition with critique classes

Amendment to Section 2 Rule 5g

Additionally, clubs may provide 'Exhibition with critique' classes for cats of breeds with preliminary or full recognition only. Cats **and kittens** entered in these classes will be assessed by the person judging the corresponding **adult or neuter** breed class, **or by any other full judge of the breed listed in the schedule if requested at the time of entry.**

These classes should be conducted with the exhibitor/s present and participating in the assessment, unless the exhibitor is unavailable or informs the show manager that the class may proceed in their absence. In the exhibitor's absence a written critique will be provided on the day and submitted for publication with the show report after the show. The report is for feedback purposes only. Cats on any register can be entered in this class, including cats on the reference register such as variants and cats registered as 'breed type'.

C2133.3 To ensure Council can act upon any expert recommendations concerning health and welfare

An addition to rule 20

20a. In exceptional circumstances, supported by independent expert evidence, the Board of Directors can at its discretion make a proposal to Council to amend the registration policy of any GCCF recognised breed. The rationale and supporting evidence must have been supplied in advance to the relevant BAC to provide an opportunity for the BAC to discuss and take action on the information submitted to it, and any response from the BAC to be included in the information supplied to Council

Amendments to the Philosophy & Principles - Judge Appointment Scheme

8. MEMBERSHIP

- i) In the case of BACs with more than one constituent Club, all representatives must have had a minimum of **one** year's membership of a Club catering for the BAC breed(s). At least 50% of the representatives of each constituent Club must have had a minimum of **two** years current active involvement (i.e. breeding, showing, stewarding, judging) with the BAC breed(s) or a closely related breed **or have had at least five consecutive years of active involvement with the breed even if not currently breeding, exhibiting or judging.**

9. OBJECTIVES

- g) In relation to breeds for which the BAC caters, to discuss and make proposals to the GCCF Board on matters relating to Standards of Points, Registration Policies, advancement of status and applications for new breeds. Such proposals are the sole prerogative of the BAC, **with the exception that the Board may make proposals supported by independent expert advice for reason of breed welfare (see rule 20a)**

18. APPLICATION TO JOIN THE STEWARDING SECTION OF THE GCCF JUDGE APPOINTMENT SCHEME

l) The applicant must be a member of one or more constituent Clubs of the BAC, such membership to be maintained throughout their involvement with the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme.

If the applicant is refused membership of the sole constituent club for the breed, or has been excluded from it, it should be noted that use may be made of the arbitration process as described by Byelaw 11.6.

21. APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION AS A PUPIL JUDGE FROM A FULL JUDGE OF ANOTHER BREED LIST

f) iii) Evidence of membership of one or more BAC constituent Clubs, such membership to be maintained throughout his/her involvement with the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme, together with evidence of interest in the Breed List such as attendance at BAC seminars etc.

If the applicant is refused membership of the sole constituent club for the breed, or has been excluded from it, it should be noted that use may be made of the arbitration process as described by Byelaw 11.6.

Amendment to the Breeders Scheme Code of Ethics

1. Regarding my breed

1.1 I am a member of at least one **relevant** GCCF affiliated breed club, **and understand that this membership must not lapse while I am a member of the Breeder Scheme.***

*** If you have been refused membership of the sole constituent club for the breed, or been excluded from it, you may refer to the arbitration process as described by Byelaw 11.6, but should you decide not to do so, or should the Appeals Committee uphold the exclusion, you cannot have/continue your Breeder Scheme membership.**