



## MINUTES



For the Meeting of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY**  
Wednesday 12 July 2017 at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London

Present: Mr John Hansson - Chairman  
Mr Sean Farrell - Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Valerie Anderson Mrs Lynda Ashmore  
Dr Peter Collin Mr Steve Crow  
Mrs Hilary Dean Mrs Rosemary Fisher  
Mrs Doreen Goadby Mr Thomas Goss  
Mrs Shelagh Heavens Mrs Jen Lacey  
Mrs Helen Marriott-Power Mrs Elaine Robinson  
Mrs Lisa Robinson-Talboys

In attendance: Mr Mark Goadby - Office Manager  
Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell - GCCF Office IT  
Ms Heather McIntyre - GCCF Office

### BD3682 MEETING INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

1.1 Apologies were given on behalf of: Drs Gillian Bennett and Bruce Bennett

#### 2. Chairman's Opening remarks

2.1 The Chairman, John Hansson, opened the meeting at 11.30am, and welcomed those present.

(Several members were late arriving due to train delays)

2.2 Mrs Elaine Robinson and Dr Peter Collin were welcomed to their first Board meeting, and the Chairman observed Mrs Hilary Dean was returning having served previously.

#### 3. Presentation from Pet Square

3.1 The presentation was given via Skype and telephone as the presenters were unable to travel.

3.2 Its purpose was to provide a preliminary, exploratory session to provide information on the content of an APP which could be of use to link GCCF with a wide pet owning audience. The builders were looking for content and in return would provide access.

3.3 It was described as a digital hub with the pet at the centre, populated by fellow pet owners. It was intended that they should be linked to goods and services both by direct provision and by recommendation.

3.4 The stated aim was to be educational rather than purely as a vehicle for advertising. It was the intention that advertising would be enabled to target the most receptive.

3.5 The possible advantages for GCCF were:

- to carry the brand to a new marketplace, particularly reaching young people who were new cat owners,
- as a partner to have special functionality and content in a dedicated area,
- the promotion of GCCF ethics and values via guidance and best practice advice.

3.6 It was noted that the team seemed to have already enrolled a number of prestigious partners, and known that they were also approaching the Kennel Club. They had not contacted other cat registries.

3.7 Several concerns were expressed via questions to the presenters:

- personal privacy,
- an indiscriminate advertising overload which would be disliked by GCCF's customers,
- how much access to GCCF's data would be provided and controlled,
- a lack of information on funding the launch.

3.8 After the presentation had concluded (12.25pm) the consensus was that the promotion of the product had been poor, it had bored rather than enthused and inspired confidence. It was agreed that additional detail should be obtained on the financing and funding of the project, and its future maintenance and development.

**Actions: further contact with Pet Square to discuss its business practices and projection  
liaison with the KC for its impressions, and any plan for future interaction**

**MG  
SC**

### BD3685 IT PROJECTS

#### 1. Continuity of Project Management

1.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported that her paid term with GCCF had now concluded. She was willing to continue to manage the team without charging for her services to conclude the ongoing work and agreed projects. However, as she was no longer a director she asked that a Board lead be appointed for IT, in the same way as the other business plan projects.

1.2 After SRO had left the meeting it was unanimously agreed that she should be asked to continue in her existing role, project managing the current ongoing IT work

1.3 Mrs Fisher volunteered to be the director responsible for Board liaison on IT for an interim period. It was acknowledged that GCCF was heavily dependent on its IT capability and it would be unwise to conclude the current projects and then fail to continue development and maintenance. There was a need for a Board lead who had sufficient expertise, and agreed that HR should discuss the best approach to this, as soon as possible.

**Action: an HR meeting to be arranged - new IT personnel, contract updates for the existing team**

2. **Extension of the contract for the programmer**  
 2.1 SRO had assessed that there was a further 65 days of work for the programmer if the current projects were to be completed satisfactorily.  
 2.2 The £30,000 budgeted for Leon's contract had now been spent. If he were to continue this would be at a cost of an additional £15,000 in total. Using a contractor was not cost effective for the long term, but Leon was familiar with the system and very capable.  
 2.3 It was agreed unanimously that Leon should be appointed for the 65 working days (to the end of October) required for him to complete the urgent enhancements and fixes drawn from a total of 200 known items.  
 2.4 After the termination of Leon's contract it would be desirable to employ a member of staff with an IT remit. This could possibly be a part time post. The OM's opinion was that current staff members did not have the technical skills required. It could possibly be a part time position.  
**Action: to be discussed at the HR meeting** SF
3. **Project development priorities**  
 3.1 It had been agreed that all of the work would be carried out (see 2.3 above). INFO
4. **Website development - update**  
 4.1 Mrs Fisher reported that the website had recently been updated to incorporate the Supreme site. It was noted that the logo needed to have the '40 years' element removed.  
 4.2 The other recent addition was GEMS code information with an updated code list.  
 4.3 It was known that the search facility was poor. It could be operated reasonably well for name details on show reports, but not for site content.  
**Action: IM would be asked if this could be improved after his work for the Supreme** SRO  
 4.4 It was suggested a site map could be a useful addition.  
**Action: discussion with IM as a possible future project** SRO
- (SRO and HM left the meeting)

**BD3683 MINUTES OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING**

1. **The Minutes of the Board meeting of 9 May 2017**  
 1.1 These had been circulated in advance of the meeting with some corrections and amendments made.  
 1.2 There were no queries and the minutes were approved with two abstentions.
2. **Matters arising from the May minutes**  
 None.
3. **Draft Council minutes of 14 June 2017**  
 3.1 These had been circulated in advance of the meeting.  
 3.2 Corrections were made to the list of elected directors.  
 3.3 Voting numbers were added to the IC election result.  
 3.4 These minutes were approved with 4 abstentions.  
**Action: The Board and draft Council minutes to be published on the GCCF website.** JL/RF

**BD3684 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **Completion of the Register of interests**  
 1.1 This had not been circulated with the meeting paperwork as intended.  
**Action: circulation to all Board members** MG  
 1.2 All Board members to complete so that relevant interests were updated. This included connections with clubs and BACs etc as well as any business or charity trustee posts that could result in a possible conflict of interest with GCCF business at times. INFO
2. **Unregistered interests declared for the business of this meeting.**  
 2.1 The Chairman asked Mrs Robinson if she still had a direct interest in 'Kopikatts', with the response that she was unclear as to when to declare. (Completed after the meeting).  
 2.2 There were no other declarations. INFO

**BD3686 BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. **The GCCF partnerships - to receive any updates from Agria and/or Royal Canin**  
 1.1 The OM reported that Royal Canin remained satisfied with the partnership. It was working well for them and GCCF.  
 1.2 They had requested attendance at a Board meeting, but as their business plans were undergoing revision this was likely in the spring, provisionally March.  
 1.3 The contract concluded in June. Renewal was probable, but it was expected that they would want to reduce the level of the incentive from the current £25, or change its forms. Details were being discussed.  
 1.4 It was observed that when they gave the cost for the project they set a retail rate, rather than a wholesale one, which would be substantially lower, so favouring RC, and this should be put to them in future negotiations.  
 1.5 Sponsorship promised to the Supreme so far was the attendance of a trailer to act as a shop and seminar stand. This would be rebranded following its use at dog shows.  
 1.6 SC reported that the RC event in France had been enjoyable and informative. There had been excellent speakers at the breeders' conference, and a successful launch of the RC 'Encyclopaedia of Cats' that contained contributions from GCCF. This would not be on general sale, but copies would be sent to the Office and it was thought possible that some could be available as prizes at the Supreme.

1.7 The Agria rolling contract was continuing and there had been a recent positive meeting. They had recently resolved technical issues and processed the 'Agria' button link

1.8 There was dissatisfaction expressed that the quality of the '5 week free' policy available via a transfer fell substantially below that of the same policy if provided by the breeder. This had created a lack of confidence

**Action: This information to be passed to Agria at the next liaison meeting** JH/MG  
**Breeders to be made aware that new owners are disadvantaged in this way**

**2. New partnership for an APP**

2.1 There was no additional response to the conclusion given at BD3682.3.8. INFO

**3. Planning for the introduction of licensing**

3.1 There had been a meeting two days after the June Council meeting, but no new information had been provided. After the general election there was a new secretary of state and it was not known whether the bill was to be progressed to the planned timetable or put into abeyance.

3.2 There had been no definition of commercial activity and no response to the request for a separate schedule for cats or acknowledgement that domestic and commercial premises could not be assessed in the same way.

3.3 SC had repeated his demand for information on these points, but the C&FSG secretary had not responded after the meeting which indicated that she had received nothing new from DEFRA.

3.4 The C&FSG had a new Chairman. Chris Laurence was a retired vet supported by the charities on the group.

**Action: a report to be circulated after attendance at the next meeting on 15 September** SC

**4. The microchipping of all cats used for breeding (discussion)**

4.1 Following discussions at the Cat Group meeting SC had promised to promote microchipping. He thought it more acceptable to breeders now that all males used for breeding were microchipped, and it was standard practice for BACs to want a chip number to support health screening required by the registration policy.

4.2 It was thought that there could be majority acceptance now for all breeding females to be chipped by the time their first litter was registered, or possibly to be introduced for Breeder Scheme members initially.

4.3 It was agreed this should be a discussion for October Council

**Action: to be on the October Council agenda** JL

**BD3687 DIRECTORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. Declaration of Office**

1.1 There was query on the need for signature on this as confirmation of having read and agreeing to the Code of Conduct.

1.2 SC confirmed that legal advice was that whether there was a signature or not all Board Members by taking their place on the Board and confirming membership to Companies House were bound by the Code of Conduct as the principles it stated were enshrined in company law. INFO

**2. The appointment of team leaders for Business Plan Projects**

2.1 The Vice-Chairman was appointed to produce the 2018 Business Plan. It was agreed that this should go to the October Council meeting, with some budget attachments.

**Action: drafting of the plan** SF  
**budget projections to be on the agenda of the September FC meeting** JL/MG

2.2 Mr Crow offered to lead on 'health and welfare', He would continue to liaise with C&FSF, ICC the Cat Group and similar bodies. This was accepted and it was also agreed that licensing and the Breeder Scheme should be included within this remit.

2.3 There was discussion on the purpose of GCCF International with comment that future opportunities could be to sell GCCF's registration services to operate the partners' policies and show systems. It was queried whether GCCFI had been successful and confirmed that it was ready for when those in GCCFI wished it to be fully operational.

2.4 GDPR would be discussed with a permanent appointment for IT responsibility INFO

**3. Team membership**

3.1 Mrs Anderson, Mrs Dean, Mrs Marriott Power, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Robinson-Talboys expressed an interest in the Show/BAC Review Group. Dr Collin observed that as well as BAC reform and the implementation of the Show Review Group changes the third big area not listed was Judge training. He offered to head this up. It was acknowledged were large and could need to be restructured.

3.2 It was confirmed that the next meeting was planned for 1 August at the Somers Town Coffee House, with a midday start.

**Action: confirmation of numbers attending with KK to ensure a room of adequate size is booked** MG

3.3 Mrs Robinson and Mrs Robinson-Talboys would join the Marketing Strategy & Communication Group. Mrs Dean also wanted to be involved with communication particularly.

3.4 It was agreed that the existing groups with their existing members and new members would be circulated to the Board. Once confirmed and agreed this would be published on the website.

**Action: preparation and circulation of group membership** JL/JH

**4. Confirmation of any individual responsibilities and any other interests**

4.1 Mrs Fisher confirmed the website role was an individual responsibility rather than a group one, though she liaised with Mrs Owen and the office staff. Mrs Robinson-Talboys had expressed an interest.

**BD3688 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL**

**1. Prefix applications**

1.1 52 prefixes were before the Board with 3 given some consideration.

1.2 50 first choices were accepted. One that was too close to existing prefixes and another thought to have inappropriate connotations were rejected and the applicants' second choice accepted.

**Action: the applicants to be informed**

**OFFICE**

**BD3689 FINANCE**

**1. Management accounts on 2017 business to date**

1.1 The OM presented the accounts detail for May reporting that they were very positive.

1.2 Income for the month was 26% better than in 2016, and the total income for the year to date at that point was 107%. There were monthly fluctuations.

1.3 The total expenditure for the year was £156,691.25, 97% of the forecast.

1.4 There was a nett surplus for May and for the year to date on the operational accounts, but a deficit when total depreciation was included. **INF**

**2. Volume figures and transaction graphs for core business to date**

2.1 Prefix registrations were still down on 2016, but had shown slightly improved growth.

2.2 Growth continued in all other areas. Record highs continued to be shown for import registrations and prefix applications.

2.3 Cumulative transfer totals were also just ahead of the previous year, and years in which there had been a greater number of registrations. **INF**

**3. A discussion on membership (capitation) fees**

3.1 It was confirmed that the current capitation was set at 40p per member.

**Action: a correction to be made to the FC draft minutes**

**JL**

3.2 The FC proposal that all clubs should pay a membership of £30 regardless of membership, with an additional 40p for each member above 75, was discussed. At present, some full member clubs with low membership were paying less than the £10 paid by clubs with provisional membership.

3.3 It was agreed by a vote that a membership fee £20 was the preferred option. This would equate with the 50 member minimum required by the Byelaws for new club membership (BL4.1)

**Action: to return to FC for preparation for October Council**

**JL**

**4. Pet show expenses**

4.1 Mrs Heavens reported that as had been anticipated the new management of the Pet Shows wished to make changes and these included increased costs for GCCF if it was wished to retain a presence at the shows.

4.2 The space would remain free, but penning and table charges would be applied.

4.3 The team had calculated this could mean an additional £1000 was required to add to the existing allowance of £5000, but it was hoped there could be direct payment to MF Penning rather than a management bill that could include some mark up.

4.4 The management had done a deal with TICA who would be holding a 125 exhibit show on each day. Therefore GCCF's involvement was no longer essential to them, and GCCF would have the smaller area.

(It was observed that this breached TICA's previous WCC commitment not to hold a show at the same venue within a week of a GCCF show there.)

4.5 However, Mrs Heavens explained how the GCCF's pitch attracted considerable attention and was popular for the interaction it provided. The quality of those giving demonstrations was much appreciated.

4.6 It was concluded unanimously that the team gave excellent value for money and that the GCCF presence at the Pet Shows should be maintained for the popular interaction with the public.

**Action: this decision to be passed to Mrs Taylor with thanks.**

**SH**

**5. Investment accounts report**

5.1 It had been agreed by FC that the Cambridge & Counties should be the investment account used for savings (up to £85,000) as it gave 3 months' notice access with a rate of 1.49% interest.

5.2 The OM reported that he hadn't yet made a payment due to cash flow, but would do so shortly.

5.3 £250 per month had been agreed by FC as a ring-fenced amount towards the WCC even in 2021. **INFO**

**BD3690 THE SUPREME SHOW**

**1. The accounts of the 2016 show**

1.1 The OM reported that the 2016 Supreme accounts had been published on the website with the greater detail, requested and there had been no further questions raised by delegates.

1.2 It was queried why the hotel expenses did not match the invoice amount stated by Mrs Pike in Council, and explained this was because the figures produced did not include the VAT element.

1.3 It was noted that in future a separate line should be given in the Supreme accounts for each invoice. It was not acceptable to delegates to group these.

**Action: the 2017 Supreme accounts to be produced accordingly**

**SC**

**2. Report on preparation for the Supreme Show Event in 2017**

1.1 The action notes from the meeting on 27.6.17 had been circulated to the Board. There were no queries.

1.2 The Citrus Hotel (Compass Hospitality) at Ryton-on-Dunsmore had been booked for judges and workers.

It was considerably cheaper than a hotel at the NEC. There had been some confusion over the name initially as it had moved from one management chain to another. It was possible there would a few rooms available for others attending the show.

1.3 Judge invitations had been issued and alternatives found for those who were not available for that date.

1.4 The rosette samples brought to the meeting by Mrs Ashmore were liked, particularly the coloured points that indicated an exhibit's placing in its class.

1.5 Judges had been informed of the lunch arrangements and £10 voucher, and this seemed to have been accepted.

- 1.6 The kitten and toy classes would continue with judges and timing arranged.  
 1.7 The special class for tabbies in memory of Celia Leighton was thought an excellent idea.

1.8 It was confirmed that show processes on the day had been reviewed. Arrangements had been made to keep those working on show administration (particularly Ian Macro) free from queries.

1.9 The intention had been to keep the judging paperwork and processes as close as possible to that for a club show to prevent confusion. Certificates would be signed at the end of judging.

**Action: action notes to be posted on the website  
 next meeting SC arranged provisionally for 23 August.**

**JL/RF  
 SC**

**3. Shave for cancer**

3.1 The Chairman was arranging for a head shave at the event with sponsorship funds going to charity.

3.2 The charity would provide some additional publicity for the show.

3.3 Those who wished to contribute on the day could pay for a single razor stroke.

**INFO**

**BD3691 OTHER SHOW MATTERS**

**1. 2017/2018 Show changes - for report**

1.1 United Chinchilla Association - 27 January 2018. Change of venue to Milton Malsor Village Hall, Northants NN7 3AS.

1.2 Southern British SH CC & Exotic CC - 3 March 2018. S Heavens and K Game are no longer the Show Managers.

1.3 Exotic CC - 3 March 2018. Show cancelled as no venue or show managers. The club hoped to find an all breed club to go back to back with in March 2019.

1.4 Surrey & Sussex CA - 17 March 2018. No longer sharing with the London CC, but the venue and show managers remain the same.

**2. 2017/2018 Show Changes - for approval**

2.1 Bucks, Oxon & Berks - 23 September 2017. Show cancelled. Reason given was this was not a viable show with only a few breed clubs. The club is aiming to go back to back with the Cambridge CC.

2.2 Colourpoint Society of GB - 23 September 2017. Show cancelled. A breed club show associated with the above.

2.3 Rex CA - 23 September 2017. Show cancelled. A breed club show associated with the above.

2.4 Sphinx CC - - 23 September 2017. Show cancelled. A breed club show associated with the above.

2.5 Cambridge CC - 28 April 2018. No longer sharing with Beds & District - request put again for 31 March 2018 at the Wood Green Centre, Godmanchester as the Burmese CA venue had changed and it was no longer BDBD in geographical proximity. Offer of first choice of judges to the Burmese CA (already arranged). It was expected that the clubs at 2.1-4 would join the Cambridge CC at this venue on this date. The request was approved.

2.6 Rex CC - 14 October 2017. Date change requested to 20 January 2018 for a show share with the SHCS and other small breed clubs at the Sky Blue Sports Connexion Club & Venue, Coventry.

2.7 Household Pet CC of GB - 7 April 2018. Date change requested to 24 February 2018 for a show share with Coventry & Leicester CC at the Warwickshire Exhibition & Conference Centre, Leamington Spa. Show managers: Lesley Szwed and Kay Short.

2.8 Jersey CC - 21 April 2018. Date change requested 5 May 2018 as usual venue unavailable on the April date.

2.9 The British Ragdoll CC - 28 April 2018. Date change requested to 21 April 2018 to avoid a clash with the Progressive Ragdoll Breed CC show date one week later. No change of venue.

2.10 Black & White CC - 12 May 2018. Date change requested to 21 April 2018 to avoid all breed shows affecting their entry numbers, which were down by 50% in 2017.

2.11 Midshires CA - 5 May 2018. Change of Show Manager requested with Ross Davies to replace Joan Pounds.

2.12 Chocolate Pointed Siamese - 5 May 2018. Change of Show Manager requested with Ross Davies to replace Joan Pounds. Kate Barnwell (was Burrows) still ASM.

**Action: to inform the clubs concerned**

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2.13 Colourpoint, Rex and AOV - 25 November 2017. Venue now Bloxwich Leisure Centre, Walsall WS3 2DA. Also requested that additional colours of Persians, Exotics and British be allowed at the show: Self (all colours and eye colours), & all Bi-colours.

There was an objection to this because of a possible impact on a small breed club show. It was approved for one year only by a majority vote of 7-6 as the small club was not deemed in the same geographical area.

**Action: to inform the club of this approval**

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However, there was a subsequent enquiry on the letter attached to this application about the club having bi-colours as a named responsibility. The Chairman suggested this should be discussed with other club matters, but there was no time at this meeting.

**Action: to return to the next Board agenda**

**JL**

**3. 2017-18 Late Show Licence Applications - for approval**

3.1 Scottish CC - 2 December 2017. Application now received with apologies for lateness. Show shared with West of Scotland CC, with Show Managers Richard & Heather McRae and ASMs William Graham and Lesley Coyne.

**4. 2017/2018 Show Licence Details Still Awaited**      None

**5. 2017/2018 Show Licence Applications not yet received**

5.1 Russian & Abyssinian CC of Scotland - no information.

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**6. Maine Coon BAC class name and coat description terms**

6.1 Mrs Marriott-Power, as show management, gave further details of the incident that had caused the Maine Coon BAC concern. It was agreed that using the term 'solid' instead of 'self' would not necessarily have avoided the confusion over the class for the tortie exhibit.

6.2 It was thought that simplification of the class title to 'AOC, excepting tabby' would be clearer.

6.3 The words 'including bicour' had already been accepted for class titles. It was agreed that the information on both of these changes should be circulated to show managers.

**Action: Changes to be made available to SMs  
The BAC to be informed**

**OFFICE  
JL**

**7. Requirement to judge the Olympian to 5th place**

7.1 It was brought to the attention of the Board that some judges were not placing the Olympian to 5th place despite a rule that required it. It was thought a change in the wording of the rule to replace 'should' with 'must' should be taken to October Council.

7.2 A note would be included within it to say that the two certificate winners only needed to have critiques.

**Action: wording to be drafted for the August agenda**

**JL**

**8. Proposal to reduce the fixed penalty for entering two shows/events, but being present at one**

8.1 It was agreed that the FP should not result in disqualification from the show attended in this circumstance on the first occasion. A warning would be given.

Post meeting note: the IC/DC Secretary observed that a rule change to Section 4:9 would also be required.

**Action: wording to be drafted for the August agenda**

**JL**

**9. Show bedding**

9.1 It was agreed that some exhibitors used too much bedding, and hanging and draping blankets from the top to the bottom of the pen was probably beyond what the rules permitted.

9.2 The problem was it could make cats difficult to remove from the pen and this could cause distress.

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9.3 It was agreed that in this circumstance a judge would be correct to mark the exhibit as unable to be handled.

**BD3692 VETERINARY & GENETIC MATTERS**

**1. Board representation to the Veterinary Advisory Committee**

1.1 Steve Crow and Jen Lacey were the current representatives to the VAC. JL was the Board liaison to/from the Veterinary Officer.

1.2 No change was proposed to this.

**INFO**

**2. Vaccinations before homing rule - to avoid routine exclusion contracts**

2.1 Dr Bennett had sent a note proposing additional wording.

2.2 A memo on behalf of IC had been received that removed contracts from the rule.

2.3 It was agreed that discussion would take place at the next meeting when GB could clarify the proposal.

**Action: to be included on the August agenda**

**JL**

**3. Membership & remit of the Genetics Committee**

3.1 The Chairman of the Genetics Committee, Steve Crow gave the names of the current members of GC and confirmed all wished to continue. There was no proposal for a change of remit.

3.2 The members and remit were available on the GCCF website.

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**4. Report from the GC meeting of 28 June 2017**

4.1 A summary of the meeting held on 28 June had been circulated to the Board. There were no queries.

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**BD3693 REGISTRATION, TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS**

**1. Application for preliminary recognition of the British Longhair**

1.1 There was a query on the purpose of wording in the definition. It was agreed that this should be removed.

1.2 It was agreed that the application should be put to onto the October Council agenda. 1 abstention.

**Action: the club to be informed**

**JL**

**2. Application for preliminary recognition of the Chartreux**

2.1 The judge list accompanying the application had not been printed, but was thought to have too few eligible judges for the section (BSH, BLH, MAN, SRL, SRS).

**Action: the list to be circulated**

**JL**

2.2 It was thought the suggestion from the S/BACRG that when a new breed entered a section all Full Judges in the section went onto the breed list, unless opting not to do so, should be proposed as a rule amendment at October Council. (See BD 3675.1.3). This would prevent problems of this type.

**Actions: the rule change to be on the agenda of the August Board meeting**

**JL**

**the Chartreux breeder group to be informed of conditional approval for Council**

**JL**

**3. Confirmation of dispensation requested for the Suffolk**

3.1 It had been agreed by circulation that cats registered as SUF with OSH a and or OSH n in their 4th or 5th generation background could have SUF supplementary registration for their offspring. This to reviewed at the time of an application for championship status.

3.2 There were no queries.

**Action: the breeder group to be informed**

JL

**4. Rules relating to studs (discussion)**

This item was deferred.

**Action: to return to the next Board agenda**

JL

**5. GCCF titles as parts of name (for comment)**

5.1 An example of a pedigree cat that used Supreme and Master in its hyphenated name had been referred to the Board from the Office. Because of the hyphen this had not been picked up by the computer at the time of registration, so the cat was already a young adult, and it had now attended its first show.

5.2 It was agreed not to take action on this name, but consider a revision to the rule to prevent a re-occurrence of GCCF titles used in names combined by permitted punctuation symbols.

**Action: the rule change to be on the agenda of the August Board meeting**

JL

**BD3694 CLUB & BAC MATTERS**

**1. 2017 club and BAC returns report**

1.1 Mrs Goadby reported that just one BAC had not made a return, despite frequent contact with the treasurer.

1.2 Mrs Ashmore knew the treasurer well and would ascertain if there was a problem.

**Action: contact with the BirBAC treasurer**

LA.

1.3 Mrs Goadby was still awaiting completion of returns from 17 clubs in total. Some had supplied understandable reasons, but show licences would not be issued to those who had failed to complete.

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**2. Request for a name change from the Aztec CC**

**3. Request for a name change from the Colourpointed British SH CC**

**4. Request for a name change from the Midshires CA**

The same decision was made for each of these clubs. It was considered that other clubs would be encouraged to take similar action and it was preferable that breed clubs should remain within their existing remit in fairness to other small breed clubs, as all were seeking to retain existing membership from a limited pool.

**Action: the clubs to be informed**

JL

**5. Application of the Longhaired and Semi-longhaired CC to become an all-breed club**

5.1 This was agreed with the addition of "and All-Breed CC" to the club's name.

**Action: the club to be informed**

MG

**BD3695 EVENTS**

**1. Cat Of The Year Competition**

1.1 The Chairman reported that the 2017-18 competition had just started. There were some frontrunners emerging, but many contenders on level scores. The first league table would be published shortly.

1.2 The 2016-17 winners had had results cleared and were confirmed.

**Action: website publication updates when appropriate**

JH/RF

**2. The London & National Pet Shows**

2.1 No addition to information given at BD3689.4

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**BD3696 STAFF & OFFICE**

**1. Staff report**

1.1 The OM reported that the team were working well, with no outstanding problems.

1.2 There would be staff reviews in September.

**2. Office**

2.1 No new information.

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**BD3697 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Dean would circulate a new contact email address to Board members.

The meeting finished at 5.15 with business carried forward as noted.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY**, 29 August 2017, at 11.00 for 11.15am, at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London