



## MINUTES

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

Thursday, 10 March 2022 by videoconference

Present: Mr Sean Farrell (Chair)



Mrs Lynda Ashmore  
Ms Sandra Devereux  
Mr Thomas Goss  
Mrs Jen Lacey  
Mrs Anna McEntee

Mr Steve Crow  
Mrs Rosemary Fisher  
Mr John Hansson  
Mr Ian Macro  
Mrs Sandra Woodley

#### **BD4196 MEETING INTRODUCTION**

1. The purpose was to discuss the launch of a fundraising effort to support the welfare of Ukrainian cats whether they were in their homes or travelling with refugees. The aim would be to raise at least £25,000 and that this should then be match-funded by GCCF.
2. It began at 7.05pm with the Chair welcoming the eight who were present. Mrs McEntee and Mr Macro arrived a little later as the discussion began.
3. **Apologies for absence.**  
These were given from those who sent them and those who were known to be away when the meeting was called. Dr P Collin, Mrs H Dean, Mrs S Heavens, Mrs E Robinson, Mrs L Robinson-Talboys and Mr P Williams.

#### **BD4197 THE PROPOSAL TO FUNDRAISE AND MATCH-FUND**

1. **Discussion points**
  - 1.1 The Chair reminded Board members that £25,000 was a large amount of money to donate when the budget for the year was already committed to spending money accrued from profits made in recent years on GCCF projects. There was a planned deficit for 2022 of almost £200,000.
  - 1.2 It was suggested that although the Byelaws gave the Board a remit to plan and coordinate cat welfare it would be sensible to include Council in the decision on match-funding as there was a meeting in less than two weeks.
  - 1.3 In reply to these points it was stated that fundraising needed to begin while there was a strong impetus to support Ukraine and a commitment to match-funding was an essential element of a campaign. Spending on GCCF projects was important, and costing had been made, but they did not all have to happen in a single year and could easily be introduced over a two to three year period.
  - 1.4 RF reported a total of £57,400 in the CWT funds that was held for welfare purposes. There could be a contribution from the CWT charity and GCCF general funds. She understood that was in line with what the Kennel Club had planned.
  - 1.5 It was confirmed that the fundraising group were asking GCCF for a further £20,000 in total as £5000 had already been sent.
2. **Conclusion**
  - 2.1 A vote was taken to confirm that fundraising should begin and that this would be match-funded by GCCF to a maximum of £20,000. This was agreed unanimously
  - 2.2 RF mentioned that it had been decided by the fund raising group the donations would be directed to the Cat Welfare Trust rather than Supreme account as this was GCCF's charity. Separate accounts would be kept to record the donations to assist the welfare of Ukrainian cats.

**Action: fundraising publicity to begin immediately with the first collection to be made at the shows on Saturday, 12th March. Fundraising team.**

**AOB** None

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING: Friday, 15 April at 11am**

The meeting finished at 7.20 pm.