



MINUTES

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

Thursday, 3 March 2022 by videoconference

Present: Mr Sean Farrell (Chair)

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

Mr Steve Crow
Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Mr John Hansson
Mr Ian Macro
Mrs Lisa Robinson-Talboys



BD4182 MEETING INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a donation to a fund established by a Polish Cat Club that was organising the transport of supplies to cat breeders still in Ukraine. The Chair stated that an amount of £5,000 had been suggested by email and that it was a starting point and could be added to later.
2. It began at 6.05pm with the Chair welcoming those who could attend.
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 and Mr P Williams.

BD4183 A DONATION TO ASSIST CATS IN UKRAINE

1. **Background to the proposal**
 - 1.1 Mrs Woodley explained that she had become aware of the call for donations as a breeder & judge (known to Board members) was fundraising on its behalf at a TICA show at the weekend. One of the judges there, Agata Kruszona-Zawadzka, was President of the Polish Cat Club responsible for its organisation. The club were the fund-holders and had established a PayPal and bank account for this purpose.
 - 1.2 Their first aim was to spend on Ukrainian cats still in their country. WCF clubs in Poland were transporting to the WCF Ukrainian club who would arrange the distribution. The intention of the TICA club was to ensure there were supplies to be sent.
 - 1.3 If there were sufficient funds arriving, they would also assist with rescue efforts with refugees at the Polish/Ukrainian border as many fleeing to Poland had their cats in boxes or just inside their jackets. Basic supplies: a carrier, a blanket, some food were urgently needed.
2. **GCCF assistance**
 - 2.1 Mrs Woodley acknowledged there were many charities assisting in the crisis, but the crisis was so vast that large and small efforts were all needed. She proposed assistance to this club because of its links with the international club and breeder community.
 - 2.2 It was proposed that GCCF should send £5000 via International Bank Transfer as quickly as possible. A vote was taken and this was agreed unanimously.

Action: an instruction to do this to be passed to the bookkeeper **JL**

BD4184 PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING

1. **Ongoing requirements**
 - 1.1 It was acknowledged that Ukrainians would need assistance in some form for many months to come, and agreed that it would be helpful to publish details of the donation made and the actions of the organisation receiving it. These should be published on the website, and an account given in Council so that all know how GCCF money was being used.
 - 1.2 It was hoped this would encourage others (individuals and clubs) to make contributions so that GCCF could establish a special fund with a target amount. This would then be used to send further funding to Ukraine and Poland over the months to come.

Action: Report to Council **SW**
Website publication **RF**
 2. **The establishment of a fundraising committee**
 - 2.1 It was agreed there should be a small committee to organise and drive this fund-raising over the coming months. RF, SW and SD volunteered to take part and it was planned to invite the new Office Manager as she had considerable experience in this area. It would be useful to have Office participation.
 - 2.2 The bookkeeper would be asked to set up a dedicated area within the GCCF accounts so that donations could be received, accounted for and ring-fenced from company finances.

Action: Liaison with the Office **RF**
- AOB** It was thought that at present only the bookkeeper was authorised to make electronic transfer, although the Chair and two directors could sign cheques.
Action: the protocols to be checked **RF**

DATE & TIME OF NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING: Friday, 4th March at 11am

The meeting finished at 6.27 pm.