

PROPOSED BYELAW CHANGES

A second note to Byelaw 3: Membership, proposed by the Progressive Singapura Cat Club

Note: Council may grant dispensation to clubs whose membership numbers fall below those required and allow any club to continue to be represented. Applications for dispensation must be made to the Board with each Annual Return and shall be put to the Electoral Council Meeting by the Chair.

Note 2: There will be a maximum of the granting of three applications within a four-year rolling period, after which the club must be advised to consider disbanding or amalgamating with a breed club or society with similar views to the organisation affected, or face the prospect of having no representation at council for one full year/

Rationale

Club membership overall is in decline. There are currently over 130 clubs and societies. The membership level at some of these organisations falls way below the numbers required for automatic allowance of a delegate so it ends up that the club regularly asks for dispensation under this byelaw so that they can send a delegate to council. It undermines the efforts of many other clubs and societies who struggle year after year to maintain the minimum membership levels to comply with this byelaw.

Either the GCCF reduce the membership necessary for allowing an organisation to send a delegate to Council, or impose this proposed additional rule, on clubs and societies to maintain that equilibrium and strength.

Definition of club closure as requested by Council (C2343c)

An additional clause to Byelaw 5: Member Clubs

(5) Member Clubs whose members agree to close (wind up the affairs of) the club according to the terms stipulated within the club's rules must notify the GCCF Office of the date of the decision. Such notification to be date stamped on receipt. From this date the club ceases to be a Member Club of GCCF and loses all benefits of membership regardless of any pre-paid subscriptions and/or fees.