



## ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

To be held on Wednesday, 17 JUNE 2015,  
at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

COMMENCING 12 NOON

### AGENDA FOR MEETING



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

		PRESENTED	PREVIOUS
C2051	<b>WELCOME TO DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM</b>	BY Chairman	REF NEW
C2052	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>		INFO
C2053	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS</b>	Chairman	NEW
C2054	<b>CLUB MATTERS</b>		
	1. Club Returns Report	Chairman	NEW
	2. Dispensation for continued delegate representation. The following clubs have requested dispensation in accordance with the note to Byelaw 3. Details to follow on the supplementary agenda.		
	3. GCCF Provisional Membership for the Sokoke Breed Club (Breed Club)		INFO
C2055	<b>RECEIVING OF ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY</b>		
	1. The 2014 Accounts: statement & questions taken	Adrian Wood	NEW
	2. The appointment of a suitably qualified practitioner to examine the accounts of 2015.	Chairman	NEW
	3. It is proposed that a subsidiary company should be established for the Supreme Show. (rationale attached) (two thirds majority required).	Yorks. CC	NEW
C2056	<b>THE ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEES</b>		
	<b>Relevant role descriptions are enclosed and on the GCCF website. Please note that candidates for Officer, Board and Finance Committee roles may give a personal profile of relevant experience and state what they have to offer. (200 words maximum). Nominations for the above must be returned to the Office no later than 1st June 2015.</b>		
	GCCF Vice-Chairman	To be elected for a three year term (June 2018)	
	Investigations Committee	6 members plus 2 reserves	
	Board of Directors	15 members plus 2 reserves	
	<b><i>(Nominations for the Board of Directors will be notified on the website as received)</i></b>		
	Disciplinary Committee	6 members plus 4 reserves	
	Finance Committee	5 members plus 2 reserves	
	Appeals Committee	6 members plus 4 reserves	
	NB Items for discussion may be taken during the course of the elections at the Chairman's discretion.		
	<b>ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY</b>		
C2057	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
	1. The draft minutes of 18 February are enclosed and proposed for acceptance	Chairman	NEW
	2. Matters arising, and delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item	Chairman	MIN REF
C2058	<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS - for information only</b>		
	1. Board of Directors: 13 January 2015, 10 March 2015		
	2. Finance Committee: 17 December 2014		INFO

<b>C2059</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	(information attached)		
	1. Presentation of the first Financial Report for 2015		OFFICE	NEW
	2. Presentation of the volume figures for core business in 2015		MANAGER	NEW

<b>C2060</b>	<b>BUSINESS MATTERS</b>			
	1. Progress of the 2015 Business Plan for approval (GCCF website from 7/2/15)		SRO	C2041.1
	2. The new GCCF website		RF	C2041.2
	3. Partnership information		CHAIRMAN	C2041.3
	4. Progress of Project Phoenix		SRO	C2041.4
	5. Report on online services		SRO	C2041.5

<b>C2061</b>	<b>BYELAW CHANGE:</b>	<b>An addition to Byelaw 7 (15)</b>	Chairman	NEW
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To appoint judges on the recommendation of the Breed Advisory Committee for the relevant Judges list or the Council Committee of Judges. In the case of a new breed, prior to the formation of a BAC, recommendations for the Judges list will be considered from a representative group of breeders.

**The list of appointments to Pupil Judge, and promotions to Full Judge, will be published on the GCCF website on a weekly basis to include the following information: the BAC making the recommendation, the judge's name and list status (Full Judge or Pupil Judge). During the four weeks following each publication a delegate to Council may contact the GCCF Office with an objection to any appointment, and bring this objection to the next meeting of Full Council so that it can be considered. If no objection is received, at the end of four weeks it shall be deemed that the appointment is confirmed, and the judge and BAC shall be informed of this.**

- Rationale:
- helpful to show managers who could note promotions and issue invitations accordingly,
  - BACs could be more flexible as no need to fix meeting dates to tie in with Council meetings,
  - candidates would be assisted as it would remove long waiting periods.
- (a two thirds majority is required)

<b>C2062</b>	<b>RULE CHANGES</b>			
	1. <b>An addition to the rules to ensure kittens are sold vaccinated</b> (Section 1:10b ii)	IC		C2011

**All kittens sold must be fully vaccinated against infectious enteritis, FVR and FCV ("cat flu") at least one week prior to sale unless it is agreed otherwise in writing and signed by both parties.**

(Fixed penalties to a maximum of £100 will be applied before referral to DC on a third offence)

2. **Revisions to the registration rules to ensure the names of Household Pets (non pedigree and pedigree pet) when registered do not conflict with the registered prefixes of breeders.**

Various amendments to Section 1 The Registers. (see attached document) MG NEW

3. **Rule changes to ensure that imports require a certified pedigree to a maximum of five generations.** Chairman NEW

(Section 1)  
7f) i A 4 generation, or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed, **to a maximum of five generations**. Certified Pedigree for the parent/parents not registered with the GCCF issued by a bona fide registering organisation.

7g) i A certified pedigree, **to a maximum of five generations**, which must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question.

Rationale:

- This has been standard practice in most registration policies for a number of years, and BACs with an historic requirement for a greater number have modified their policies when revising them.
- Genetic input from a sixth generation ancestor is less than 2% statistically.
- Knowledge of inbreeding risks, and from homozygosity in closed gene pools, has increased substantially in the last ten years, and is considered to outweigh the chance of deleterious genetic input, particularly as DNA testing can be used to eliminate some possibilities.
- GCCF issues certified pedigrees for exports to other registries for 3, 4 & 5 generations and this is a standard practice to be reciprocated. It becomes very expensive for breeders to require more.

4. **An addition to the rules to ensure cat comfort at shows** (Section 2:3g) NFCBAC C2044.4

...Exhibitors ~~should~~ **must be permitted the use of cool pads/ice packs** under their cats blankets, and/or safe battery-operated fans on their pens, **at all shows. Show Managers are recommended that, wherever possible, air conditioning is utilised in halls.** Exhibitors and visitors may be requested to leave the hall for a period....

Chairman NEW

5. **Rule changes to allow a cat to enter a higher certificate class if a title is gained after the closing date stated on the schedule if an extension to the closing date is published on the website.**

2:4d) With reference to schedule requirements the insertion of **proposed** to be added before 'closing date'.

4:11a) ...as published ~~stated~~ in the schedule, **or any extension to this published on the GCCF website.**

6. **Rule changes to Section 4:4c to ensure breeds with physical anomalies, and therefore not recognised by GCCF, are not shown as pedigree pets; and to extend the welfare ruling to be all inclusive.**

Chairman NEW

Exhibits which have been declawed, together with polydactyls, folded ears, curly tails and any other abnormality are not acceptable exhibits and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject them. With the exception of declawing and the cutting/plucking of eyebrows and/or eyelashes, this does not apply to non-pedigree exhibits (~~pedigree and non-pedigree~~) in the household pet section.

7. **Section 4:23 (new rule - current 23 to 30 become 24 to 31)** Chairman NEW  
Exhibitors may not receive any certificate and/or Best of Breed, Best of Variety or Best in Show awards from judges they have travelled with to that show in a private vehicle.

8. **Addition to the Code of Conduct for GCCF Judges 3a** (in conjunction with 6 above) Chairman NEW  
 .... for BOB/BOV or BIS. Be aware that you may be asked to take on additional judging on the day and any exhibit you travel with would become ineligible to receive certificates and/or awards from you. (Rule 4:23).

*(The following amendments are proposed as the outcome of the first work done by the BAC Review Group)*

9. **Rules in which Probationer must be changed to Pupil to reflect the revisions made to the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme (JAS), and 'on probation' and 'probationary' replaced by 'training'.**  
 Section 3: 1b, 1c, 2, 4b. (one word changes only)

10. **To ensure that judges for new breeds are already qualified to work in the section applied for**  
 (Section 1:43e and 1:48d)

A list of full GCCF judges ~~of at least 2 years standing~~, **full on at least one list**, to be submitted for appointment as full judges of the new breed together with a rationale for their choice. **These should be full or pupil judges already qualified to work in the section into which the new breed has been placed.** Further lists may be submitted prior to the new breed applying for promotion ~~for to Provisional Championship recognition status using the same criteria.~~

Confirmation of the list of full judges of the breed, **who have been appointed in accordance with rule 1:43e.** If so wished, a list of candidates for appointment as ~~probationer~~ **pupil** judges of the breed, in accordance with the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme, may be submitted. (1:48d)

11. **Change to the Code of Conduct Change for GCCF Judges to allow for a revision to judge training that enables newly qualified pupil judges to offer their services to Show Managers.**

Section 2

Judges should not solicit judging engagements at specific shows, with the exception that Pupil Judges who are progressing from the stewarding scheme for the first time may offer their services to a Show Manager in order to gain experience. (see JAS 24d)

12. **An addition to the 'Eligibility to Judge Title Classes – Minimum Requirements 1.6.2013'**

Note to the end of this:

**NB: Once deemed eligible to judge a title class, with the record made on the GCCF list accordingly, no judge should lose this eligibility by the restructuring of sections, or breed groups, and/or the addition of new breeds to a section or group. (This will be applied retrospectively from the introduction of the Olympian Classes at 1.6.2012, so that any judge eligible to judge them at that point is not excluded subsequently.)**

13. **An amendment to the Judge Appointment Scheme to permit PJs to obtain a tutorial if stewarding for a Full Judge of the relevant breed. (supported by the GCCF Guild of Judges & Stewards).**

NB A Probationer ~~Pupil~~ Judge must be judging at the show, **or stewarding for the Full Judge of the breed** for a tutorial to take place. No more than one Tutorial form may be submitted **for any one breed/ or breed of the same pattern/colour Breed class or its equivalent at the same show.**

#### **C2063 INVESTIGATIONS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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| 1. Report on the work of the Investigations Committee                                                                                                                            | INFO    | NEW |
| 2. Notice of additional rules to be covered by fixed penalty                                                                                                                     | INFO    | NEW |
| 3. The adoption of a Code of Conduct relating to social media use & GCCF (deferred from February)<br>(Full text of the code and the rationale are in the accompanying paperwork) | MC      | NEW |
| 4. An alternative Code of Conduct has been proposed by the Southern & South Western Birman Cat Club.<br>This will be considered if C2062.3 is not approved (paperwork attached). | S&SWBCC | NEW |

#### **C2064 SHOW MATTERS**

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| 1. Update from the SSM on plans for the 2015                                                                                | SSM       | C2044.2 |
| 2. Proposal from the LaPerm Cat Club for exhibition classes with a critique (attached)                                      | LaPerm CC | NEW     |
| 3. Draft proposals from the Show Structure Review Group<br>(details to be circulated following the Board meeting on 19 May) | CK        | NEW     |

#### **C2065 JUDGES**

(Additional proposals accepted until 15 June 2015 will be notified on the website www.gccfcats.org and a written list will be available at the start of the meeting.)

##### **1. JUDGES FOR APPROVAL**

**Abyssinian BAC**

Full Judge

Mr Steve Crow

<b>Asian BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Ms Sarah Dewhurst Mrs Linda Martin Miss Emma Matthew Miss Elisabeth Stark
<b>Birman BAC</b>	Probationer Judge Extension to June 2016	Mrs Carole Gainsbury Mrs Pat Perkins
<b>Norwegian Forest Cat BAC</b>	Full Judge ( 6 months absence)	Mrs Susan Luxford-Watts Ms Linda Johnstone
<b>Ocicat/Ocicat Classic BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Mr Steve Parkin Ocicat Classic Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Dorothy Stone
<b>Persian LH BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Mrs C Roberts Mrs Chris Bamford
<b>Russian BAC</b>	Full Judge Full Judge - Nebelungs	Mrs Naomi Johnson Mrs Sandra Moore
<b>Ragamuffin UKRMCS</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Dr Bruce Bennett Mr John Harrison Mrs Carole Gainsbury Ms Claire Lewis
<b>Siberian BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer judge Extension to June 2016	Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Sandra Moore Ms Claire Lewis Mrs Audrey Saye
<b>Tonkinese BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Sandra Woodley

2. **JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/REMOVALS**

**OJBAC** Phil Auden has withdrawn from the Oriental lists

**C2066 BREED APPLICATIONS**

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| 1. Promotion to Championship Status for the Ragamuffin                                                                                                  | CHAIR NEW  |
| 2. Preliminary Recognition for the Sokoke                                                                                                               | CHAIR NEW  |
| 3. Request that Blue Chinchilla, Blue Shaded Silver, and Blue Golden Persians are shown in the breed classes for Chinchillas and Golden as appropriate. | PLHBAC NEW |

**C2067 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS**

**50% majority required for 1-3**

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| 1. Revised registration policy for the Persian LH*                                                                                                                                | PLHBAC NEW  |
| 2. Revised registration policies for the Ocicat & Ocicat Classic including the renaming of the Ocicat Classic to Aztec*<br>(* subject to Board approval at the meeting on 19 May) | O/OCBAC NEW |
| 3. Rules for Household Pet registration from West of England & South Wales Cat Society                                                                                            | WoESWCS NEW |
| 4. GCCF Outcrossing Policy                                                                                                                                                        | INF NEW     |

**C2068 CAT WELFARE TRUST**

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| 1. Report of trustee resignations and appointments | RF | INF |
| 2. Update on the progress of the current project   |    |     |

**C2069 DISCUSSION ITEMS (presented by the Show Structure Review Group)**

1. Order of penning:
2. GCCF Approved Breed Notices
3. Pen cards to carry a description of the exhibit
4. Information leaflets
5. Kittens
6. Grand classes and the redefining of the breed sections
7. Siamese proposal for class entry
8. Exhibition of cats registered with other organisations
9. Show licence distribution
10. Owner handling of exhibits for Best In Show,

(Full detail of all these topics, with comments from the Show Review Group is enclosed with the meeting paperwork and available on the GCCF website.

## **C2070 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1.00pm.

End of agenda

Paperwork included and/or available via the GCCF website

1. 2014 accounts (to be published on website on or before 23 May 2015)
2. Proposal from the Yorkshire Cat Club for a subsidiary company for the Supreme Show.
3. Applications of those who wish to serve on the Investigations, Disciplinary and Appeals Committee (statements from candidates for Vice-Chair and the Board to be published on the GCCF website)
4. Draft minutes of the Council meeting of 18 February 2015
5. Minutes of the Board and Finance Committee, as listed.
6. Financial information
7. Rule changes concerning the naming of household pets and prefixes
8. Paperwork in connection with the proposed Codes of Conduct relating to social media
9. LaPerm Cat Club proposal to establish an exhibition class with a critique
10. Draft proposals from the Show Structure Review Group (to follow)
11. Revised Persian LH registration policy (to follow)
12. Revised registration policies from the Ocicat & Ocicat Classic BAC (to follow)
13. Rules for the registration of household pets from the West of England & S Wales Cat Society
14. Outcrossing policy
15. Show Review Group - detail of the suggestions for discussion