

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4/5, 2023

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 4, 2023, for the regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting in the Ballroom I at the Crowne Plaza, 7230 Engle Road, Middleburgh Heights OH 44130.

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director) – via Zoom
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Mark Hannon (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Melanie Morgan (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel – via Zoom
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Desiree Bobby, Marketing Director
Matthew Wong, ID Representative – via Zoom

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Mastin: OK, we're going to get started. Good morning. Madame Secretary, will you please do the roll call? **Anger:** I will, thank you. Good morning everyone. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] I will turn it back over to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. The meeting is now called to order. Welcome everyone. Good morning to everyone in the room, good morning to our viewers, good afternoon and good evening.

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA			
February 4/5, 2023			
All times are in Eastern Standard Time			
9:00 a.m.	1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
9:05 a.m.	2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of January Teleconference Minutes; Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
9:10 a.m.	3.	Show Rules	Raymond
9:45 a.m.	4.	Judging Program Report	Morgan
10:45 a.m.		BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	5.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
11:10 a.m.	6.	Budget Report	Calhoun
11:20 a.m.	7.	World Cat Congress	Calhoun/Anger
11:30 a.m.	8.	International Division	Calhoun
11:50 a.m..	9.	Legislative Committee/Group	Eigenhauser
11:55 a.m.	10.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Eigenhauser
12:00 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	11.	Mentoring and New Exhibitor Report	L. Altschul
1:10 p.m.	12.	Ambassador Cat Committee	Currie
1:15 p.m.	13.	Junior Fanciers	Shaffer
1:20 p.m.	14.	Awards Committee	Dunham
1:30 p.m.	15.	CFA International Cat Show and Expo	Hannon
2:00 p.m.	16.	Experimental Formats	Roy
	(a)	Proposed Change to OCP Entry Requirements	Roy
	(b)	Show Me Cat Fanciers OCP Report – 12.10.2022	Roy
	(c)	Show Me Cat Fanciers OCP Request and Format Change	Roy
	(d)	Midwest Region Awards Show OCP Request	Roy
	(e)	Seacoast Cat Club OCP Request	Roy
	(f)	Crab & Mallet OCP Request	Currie
2:15 p.m.	17.	Club Memberships	Krzanowski
2:30 p.m.	18.	Special Investigation Committee	Shelton
2:45 p.m.		BREAK	
3:00 p.m.	19.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson
6:00 p.m.		ADJOURN	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023			
8:00 a.m.		Continue Breeds and Standards (if necessary)	Wilson
9:00 a.m.	20.	Breeder Education Committee	Wilson
9:15 a.m.	21.	Central Office Report	Tartaglia
9:30 a.m.	22.	Marketing	Bobby
9:45 a.m.	23.	IT Report	Simbro
11:00 a.m.	32.	Finance Committee	Mastin

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees				
9:55 a.m.	24.	Show Scheduling Issue – Las Vegas CC/Poppy State CC		Shelton/Moser
10:10 a.m.	25.	Region of Residence Requirement for Regional/National Win		Dunham
Unfinished Business and General Orders				
10:20 a.m.	26.	Unfinished Business		
10:25 a.m.	27.	Other Committees		
10:30 a.m.	28.	New Business		
		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION		Mastin

Mastin: We will now move right into Agenda Item #1; that is, Approve the Orders of the Day. **DelaBar:** I have two to add to Sunday's executive session; that is, consideration on Russia and a personal request to judge for an independent association. **Mastin:** Those you said are in executive session? **DelaBar:** On Sunday. **Mastin:** Just a reminder to the board, those are pre-noticed motions that met the 24 hour requirement to be presented at Sunday's executive session **Eigenhauser:** I would like to move Item #32 – Finance Report into open session. I have gone through the document and it contains nothing that we haven't done in open session before. We have been very transparent with the clubs about what we spend and where we spend it, what we're doing with our money and how we're investing it. I think we need to continue that transparency, so if we need a motion I will make a motion. **Currie:** I'll second. **Mastin:** OK thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objections, we will move Item #32 – Finance Committee Report. **Anger:** Can I get who seconded the motion? **Mastin:** Kenny. **Anger:** Kenny, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Tartaglia: I'm just going to remind everybody to please try and speak up so that the speaker – we're not sitting in front of our computers, so just try and speak up. **Mastin:** Shelly, can you hear us? **Perkins:** Yes, I can hear you. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Mastin: Other items for Orders of the Day? I do have a request for a motion. Shelly Perkins, our Legal Counsel, will be leaving sometime today, 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Shelly's time; that is, 2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. our time. We need to have legal representation during the entire board meeting. I would like to have Ed Raymond stand in Shelly's position while she is absent this afternoon. **Eigenhauser:** I'll make the motion. **Krzanowski:** I'll second it. **Mastin:** OK, George and Carol. Do we have any objections to that?

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK, No objections. That will be added to the Orders of the Day. **Tartaglia:** Matthew has joined the meeting. **Mastin:** Thank you. Hi Matthew. Can you hear us? **Wong:** Yes, I can hear, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining, Matthew. OK, do we have any other items for the Orders of the Day? Any objections to the new Orders of the Day? The Orders of the Day are passed unanimously.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Mastin: Do you have any questions on it? **Anger:** No, I'm good. **Mastin:** You're good? OK, great. Very good, thank you.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None.

(b) Ratification of Online Motions.

Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION		
1. Anger Wilson 12.09.22	Grant an exception to the 2 out-of-region CFA judge sponsorship limit per show for the 44 Gatti Cat Club's January 21/22, 2023 show in San Genesio Ed Uniti, Italy, and allow them to have 3 sponsorships in order to contract another US-based CFA judge.	Motion Failed. Calhoun and Morgan voting no.
No discussion.		
2. Executive Committee 12.14.22	For the Dragon King Feline Fanciers' Club show on December 17/18, 2022 in Zhejiang, Ningbo Province, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 6.35.c. to allow the club to extend its closing date to 9 PM China time on Thursday, December 15, 2022.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.		
3. Executive Committee 12.30.22	Allow Ramapo/Black Diamond to change their traditional show location for the third weekend in February 79 miles from Phoenixville PA to York PA.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.		
4. Executive Committee 01.03.23	Pending final board approval of her good standing status at the February 2023 board meeting, grant Amanda Cheng permission to judge in place of Bob Zenda at the Hong Kong Glamorous International Ambassador (GIA) club's first show on January 7/8, 2023 in Hong Kong.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.		
5. Executive Committee 01.11.23	Allow 44 Gatti to increase its entry limit from 130 cats to 140 cats at its 3 AB/3 SSP show on January 22, 2023 show in San Genesio ed Uniti, Italy (Region 9).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.		
6. DelaBar Anger 01.27.23	That CFA take the lead in forming a legislative alliance with FIFe, WCF, and TICA to identify areas in Europe with cat breed restrictions and develop plans of action to combat these restrictions.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.		

Mastin: Rachel, please do Agenda Item #2. **Anger:** Thank you. This is the Secretary's Report. I'm going to skip to item (b), Ratification of Online Motions. The first motion failed, so we won't be ratifying that but I would like to make a motion to ratify numbers 2 through 6.

Eigenhauser: George will second. **Mastin:** Thank you George. Is there any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you. That's all I have. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel.

3. SHOW RULES.

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent, Brad Newcomb*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has reviewed and prepared the show rule changes requested by board members and others. The Committee Chair has spent much of the past 30 days getting up to speed and wishes to acknowledge Carol Krzanowski's assistance and patience.

Current Happenings of Committee:

At this meeting, we are presenting show rule changes requested by board members and others as well as those tabled for lack of time at the December meeting. We are also presenting a list of the 2022-2023 show season show rule exceptions so that the Board can decide if they should be extended to the 2023-2024 show season.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Committee will work with Central Office to ensure that the Show Rules for 2023-2024 show season accurately incorporate all changes passed by the Board over the past year.

Mastin: We will move on to item #3, Show Rules. Ed Raymond, please join us at the table. Thank you for spending your weekend with us. **Raymond:** It has been a while. **Mastin:** OK Ed, take us on through. **Raymond:** The Committee has spent the past month or so just updating some show rules and based on requests from the board and some others, we have them presented as action items for you today. **Mastin:** Great. Carol, will you be a standing motion on all these? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I would like to make a standing motion, reserving the right to vote no. **DelaBar:** I'll be a standing second. **Mastin:** Great, OK. It is very helpful when we have a standing motion and a standing second. Thank you Carol and thank you Pam.

Board Action Items:

- 1. Require the exhibitor calendar on the CFA website to include the maximum number of entries as specified on the show license.*

Article IV Licensing the Show, add 4.08		
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
		4.08 The maximum number of entries as specified on the show license shall be displayed as part of the

	Exhibitor Information for each show included in the exhibitor calendar on the CFA website.
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RATIONALE: This was part of an action item submitted for the December meeting but was tabled for lack of time. That action item was for the creation of an addendum to the show rules with show rule changes to be presented in February. Given that there are only a few months left in the season and that it may take Central Office time to make this happen, we are submitting only a show rule change to take effect on May 1, 2023.

Recently, there was a mistake on the entry limit for a show. The show flyer had 225, but the show was licensed for 150. The regular schedule on the CFA website does not currently include the entry limit. Some exhibitors were upset when the show filled before they could enter. This change will require the entry limit to be on CFA's website. The entry limit is already included on the text schedule, but not on the exhibitor calendar.

Raymond: The first action item is a carry-over from the December board meeting. It was presented not as show rule changes, but as an intent to do this; it is to require an exhibitor calendar on the CFA website to include the maximum number of entries, as specified on the show license. You've got the proposed show rule for that. This comes about because there was a conflict between what was listed on the show flyer and what was actually on the show license. The show closed well before the entry limit listed on the show flyer was reached because Central Office goes by what is on the license. **Mastin:** Do you want the entire motion read into the record? **Anger:** No, it will be in the minutes. My only question, just housekeeping, do we have a source for this proposal? **Raymond:** There was not a source listed in December. This was moved on from December for lack of time. **Tartaglia:** I just had a clarification. By "regular schedule", is this referring to the text calendar? **Raymond:** No, the text schedule already has the entry limit on it. It is the exhibitor calendar. **Tartaglia:** So, the pretty one? **Raymond:** The pretty one. **Morgan:** My only question on this is for Central Office. It seems to me that where we can use logic, rather than putting something into the show rules and making them even more unwieldy, that we should look for that solution. Is this something that you guys could just do without us having a show rule for it, if you know that it's important, or would you rather that we actually codify it and put it into the show rules? **Tartaglia:** We can do whatever you are comfortable with. If this is what you wish to have happen, we will make it happy. If you are more comfortable putting it in the show rules, it's up to you. **Morgan:** So then my question secondarily goes back to Ed. What do you think is the better solution on this? **Raymond:** I don't necessarily think a show rule is necessary. **Morgan:** That's kind of my feeling. I'm not saying that it's a bad rule. I think it's a great idea. I just don't know that we need rules for common sense. **Hannon:** Whoever made the motion can just withdraw the motion. **DelaBar:** I was just going to say, we do have instances that come to the board and to the Executive Committee where clubs ask to raise their entry limits, and it can be within a short period of time prior to the show. We have to react to that if we have this show rule, and if we don't then it's on us that we made an error. **Calhoun:** I agree. I don't think we need a show rule. I think when we look toward show rules, consequences happen. So, can I make a motion or does the committee have to make the motion that this be removed from further consideration? **Eigenhauser:** I think my preference is to ask the Committee if they want to withdraw the motion, and then someone else make a motion to simply direct Central Office to do so. **Krzanowski:** I will withdraw the motion. **DelaBar:** I'll withdraw my second.

Withdrawn.

Mastin: OK, and George, you said we need a motion? **Eigenhauser:** I'll move that we simply direct Central Office to do this. **Calhoun:** Second. **Mastin:** George made the motion to direct Central Office, Kathy seconded. OK, good discussion, thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. Thanks George.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. *Including statement on flyer that all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website.*

Article V Announcing the Show/Show Flyer, add 5.01 p	Annette Wilson
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<u>5.01 p. For all shows in Regions 1-7, a statement that entries may only be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website.</u>

RATIONALE: To reinforce that all entries must be submitted via the online form, it was suggested during discussion at the December Board Meeting that a statement to that effect be required on the show flyer.

Raymond: #2 is to include a statement on the show flyer that all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. The board passed a requirement that this happen back in December. This came out of a discussion where Annette brought up the issue during that debate, that we should include a statement on the show flyer to that effect. **DelaBar:** When is this effective, Ed? **Raymond:** The beginning of May, next show season. May 1. **Mastin:** Any other discussion? **Calhoun:** If that does not occur, what is the consequence? **Raymond:** A protest could be filed for violation of the show rules. **Calhoun:** For violation of the show rules, OK, but if that does not happen, the show will still go on and it would be considered after the fact. OK. **Mastin:** Any further questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Specify that, when there is a conflict, information on the show license overrides that on the show flyer.*

Article V Announcing the Show/Show Flyer, add 5.07	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	5.07 When there is a conflict between information set forth on the show license and information set forth on the show flyer, the information set forth on the show license will govern.

RATIONALE: This was part of an action item submitted for the December meeting but was tabled for lack of time. That action item was for the creation of an addendum to the show rules with show rule changes to be presented in February. Given that there are only a few months left in the season, we are submitting only a show rule change to take effect on May 1, 2023

Recently, there was a mistake on the entry limit for a show. The show flyer had 225, but the show was licensed for 150. Some exhibitors were upset when the show filled before they could enter. Central Office goes by what is on the license; this change will make it clear to all exhibitors that the license overrides the flyer.

Raymond: #3 is actually tied into #1, which was withdrawn. It's simply a show rule that states, *When there is a conflict between information set forth on the show license and information set forth on the show flyer, the information set forth on the show license will govern.* **Mastin:** So, if it's tied to the first one, is this one necessary? **Eigenhauser:** I don't see any harm in saying it. **Morgan:** I think this one is relevant. **Mastin:** So we're OK. **Noble:** Because this is broader and it would apply to a lot more than just that. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Any further questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Tartaglia: I have a question regarding how this was passed. If a club does come to us and they want to change their entry limit – they want to lower it, they want to increase it – do you want me to allow that to happen or do they have to stick with what they have? Does it have to come to the Executive Committee for permission? **Mastin:** In the past it has come to the Executive Committee for permission. Are you asking to stop that step or continue? **Tartaglia:** It's up to you. Do you want to continue handling it that way if there is any change, whether it's an increase or decrease, it comes to you? **Mastin:** I think we continue to leave it the way it has been. **Tartaglia:** OK, thank you.

4. Make a cat or kitten transported to a show by an officiating judge ineligible to be shown at that show.

Article XXXV Rules Violations/Disqualifications, amend 35.04	Melanie Morgan and Carol Krzanowski	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
35.04 An exhibitor must not exhibit a cat transported by an officiating judge in that judge's ring if the cat was transported in conjunction with travel related to the judging assignment. A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge and shown under that judge is subject to disqualification.	35.04 An exhibitor must not <u>exhibit</u> <u>enter</u> a cat transported by an officiating judge <u>in a show in that judge's ring</u> if the cat was transported in conjunction with travel related to the judging assignment <u>at that show</u> . A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge and <u>shown</u> <u>entered in that show under that judge is subject to disqualification</u> <u>shall be disqualified</u> .	
RATIONALE: SR 21.01 provides that if a judge elects to transport a cat/kitten when he/she leaves for his/her contracted show, before doing so the judge must secure a written agreement signed by both the shipper (breeder/owner) and the purchaser (owner/lessee) certifying that the cat/kitten is not entered in the show the judge is officiating at that weekend. This amendment harmonizes the two rules and makes that agreement enforceable.		

Raymond: #4, Melanie brought forth to me. There was a conflict in the Show Rules. If a judge going to a show where he or she is judging transports a cat, one show rule indicated that there had to be an agreement from the seller and the buyer that that cat would not be entered in that show. However, another show rule – 35.04 – prohibited the exhibitor from exhibiting in that judge's ring in certain circumstances. This amendment would ban that cat from the show; therefore, the same conduct is required of the judge and of the exhibitor. **Mastin:** Melanie, any additional comments? **Morgan:** No. I think that's a good summary of the situation. We just want to bring the two rules into – **Mastin:** Because they differ. **Morgan:** Right. **Calhoun:** I have a question, and I agree with the rule, so I'm not calling that into question whatsoever, but the wording at the end, it says “is subject to disqualification”. *A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge and ... is subject to disqualification.* Does it simply mean that it will not be scored? **Raymond:** This was in the section of the rules dealing with disqualification, so the suggestion would be disqualification. **Mastin:** The ending hasn't changed. There is no rewording of that last *is subject to disqualification*. **Raymond:** Correct. That's in the show rule. **Mastin:** That's already existing, OK. **Morgan:** I agree with Kathy. It might be clearer if it said it simply won't be scored, but I think the intent is the same. If someone violates the agreement and does indeed enter the cat, as a judge we don't know who is entered or whatever. We judge what's put in front of us, so they can go and show in all 6 rings but it won't be scored. It will be disqualified. I think scoring would probably be a better word, but I'm fine with it, if you are trying to keep it in line with the section. **Mastin:** Ed, do you need time to review the recommendation of changing *disqualification* to *not scored*, or can we do that now? **Raymond:** We can do that now if you want to.

Mastin: Carol, do you want to amend your motion? **Krzanowski:** I will make a motion to revise the proposed wording so that the last line reads, *A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge and entered in that show will not be scored.* **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, do you second the amended motion? **DelaBar:** Yes, with the right to vote no. I think *disqualification* is the proper word to use there. It gathers their attention a little more focused on, don't do this. *Scoring* is sort of, ugg. So, I would leave the word *disqualification* in.

Eigenhauser: I agree with Pam. I think we're overthinking. People understand what "disqualify" means. We should just leave it there. **Wilson:** I think if we say it won't be scored, that sounds like it's referring to that cat when, in fact, it's affecting the score for other cats. So, I think the original proposal. **Morgan:** I'm file with leaving it as is. **Calhoun:** I'm fine. **Tartaglia:** So, in this particular rule when we're saying it is subject to being disqualified, is the cat remaining in the count? Is it being removed from the count? **Morgan:** My understanding, and I think that's why what Kathy suggested was pertinent, if you disqualify a cat it still counts in the count. If you don't score a cat, it doesn't count in the count. Therein likes your – if you didn't score it, it didn't exist. If you disqualified it – **Tartaglia:** I would not have taken it that way. We're not saying it's not scored, we're just simply not scoring the cat. It doesn't affect other cats. **Morgan:** But if you disqualify a cat competing in any ring, it counts by our rules as part of the count. **Tartaglia:** I know. That's why I'm asking the question. **Morgan:** So, as long as you guys are alright with that. **Tartaglia:** We may not know until a month after, so we could end up ungranding cats. **Morgan:** I don't think it's a bad thing to let it be scored towards the count, personally.

Tartaglia: I just want clarification. Are we still including the cat in the count, as we would with any other disqualified cat? **Krzanowski:** I like that idea better. I think that it's important to keep the cat in the count so it doesn't affect others in the show, but I like the word *disqualification* as opposed to *not scored*, because as somebody mention, it sends a stronger message. **Mastin:** So, you are withdrawing your amended motion? **Krzanowski:** I will withdraw my revised motion. **Mastin:** And Pam, you agree? **DelaBar:** Yeah, I'm withdrawing mine, as well. **Mastin:** So, those that will prefer the *scoring* not *disqualification*, you can vote no on this and then we can revisit it if it doesn't pass. Any further questions or comments? Just so everybody understands, it will remain as written.

Perkins: Rich, I had my hand up. I'm not sure how to weigh in. Can I make a comment? **Mastin:** Go ahead Shelly. **Perkins:** My concern with this is two-fold. One is, it says that it is *subject to disqualification* which means that there is a subjective part of this. It doesn't say *it shall be disqualified*, and so I'm a little – it sounds like it could go a different direction. The other thing that I am concerned about the language is just using *disqualified*. Don't judges – aren't they able to disqualify a cat from a ring because maybe it's missing an ear, I don't know, but my point is, disqualification has another language in your rules, and so if a judge brings a cat to the show hall and then it's shown and it's subject to disqualification from 6 rings, does that mean it has reached its 3 disqualification limit? So, those are my comments about this language. **Eigenhauser:** The 3 disqualification limit doesn't apply to all disqualifications, so that's not on the table. But, I do agree with Shelly that instead of say it is *subject to disqualification* we should just say *is disqualified*. **Mastin:** Shelly, did you hear George? **Perkins:** I heard him. I just stand by my earlier comment. When you are mixing terms between rules, it gets a little – it can be interpreted a different way, but I understand. **Eigenhauser:** How about, *is disqualified in all rings*. **Anger:** I agree with what Shelly is saying, but because we have already discussed another alternative wording and have decided to stick to the original proposal, I think this is closer to the message that the rule should convey. There may be more elegant language that we could come

up with, but I think for now this has been in our rule, it has served us well, we're not changing it, so that part of the rule I think we should stick with. **Mastin:** Show Rules Committee, how do you want to address *subject to*? Do you want to keep *subject to* or do you want to remove it?

Krzanowski: I'm not really sure at this point. We could say *is disqualified* or *will be disqualified*. **Raymond:** I was going to suggest, *shall be disqualified*. **Krzanowski:** *shall be disqualified*, OK. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **DelaBar:** Second. **Mastin:** George made the motion to amend, Pam DelaBar seconded. Any further discussions? Carol, I'm going to ask you if you could just read the new revised motion. **Krzanowski:** I would be happy to. *A cat or kitten transported to the show by an officiating judge and entered in that show shall be disqualified.*

Perkins: That works for me. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the revised motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

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Reconsidering the Show Rule/SCORING change (passed by 2/3 of delegation and therefore effective May 1, 2023) removing the decrement percentages for regional/national scoring.

Two mutually exclusive options are proposed—the first would add back the 5% decrements for Placements 1 through 10 and placements 11 through 15 (or further if applicable) would receive 1 point fewer for each placement lower than 10.

The second option would be to return the rule to what it was previously, with 5% decrements for every placement.

Mastin: Ed, moving on to #5. **Raymond:** #5 and #6 present alternative options for amending the Show Rules passed by the delegation at the 2022 annual meeting regarding scoring. One would have the 5% decrement for best through 10th. Then for 11th and beyond it would be 1 point less than 10th position. So, 11th would be the points for 10th minus 1, 12th would be the points for 10th minus 2, etc. #6 will revert the scoring to the way we count points now, in the show rules for this season. I will defer to Annette, as the sponsor of this. **Wilson:** I sponsored it because I was asked to. I just want to remind people, at the October meeting we ratified the proposal that passed the delegation by 2/3, which would change this to what I call the “minus 1” as a shortcut, where a cat would get one less point than the cat before it from what our current 5% decrement is. The person who wrote this show rule has reminded us that this was the third time that it was brought back to the floor and it passed the delegation at that point. When we discussed it at the October meeting, there was concern by board members that, was this the way we wanted to go, but we had to ratify it. Seven board members abstained from that vote and I was tasked with bringing it back in December. We didn't have time in December, so that's why it's here now. So, I brought it back and that's #6, to go back to the decrements. However, I think we do need to listen to what the delegates and exhibitors are telling us, and I went back and read the comments from the annual meeting where it was discussed. A lot of the concern was in the shows where we do top 15 or, for example, top 20. So, I went back and reread the discussion. While not all of the discussion, but a good bit of it, the concern is at the 11th through 15th or 11th through 20th best where the numbers really fall down. I also found out we had a delegate who at the last minute was unable to come who had prepared a proposal from the floor with three

alternate options, which we have not really been ever presented with anything, or at least we weren't in June, with anything but the minus 1. There's lots of reasons why we have the decrements. We all have different assumptions why we have that. Some people like me think it helps account for and smooth out the fact that some cats are actually defeating fewer actual cats in competition because of cats that are absent but are in one ring. Another reason might be that there truly is more than a 10 point difference between best cat and 10th best cat in a show. It doesn't mean that 10th best cat isn't worth anything, but it's more than 10 points different from best cat or 9 points different from second best cat. In larger shows where we are able to award top 15 or top 20 – I lost my train of thought. If anybody else has historical reasons for this, I think as an exhibitor it's perfectly acceptable to me, but I also understand the concerns when you get down there, the percentages of points get lower and lower. Orca Starbuck – she said I could use her name – has brought a floor proposal, and she sent it to me last month. She has several options; one being, changing the percentage so it would be 5% then 3% then 2%.

Reg'l & Nat'l Scoring Options

Proposed Hybrid Option

Current Decrements Option

-1 Point (Delegation Passed)

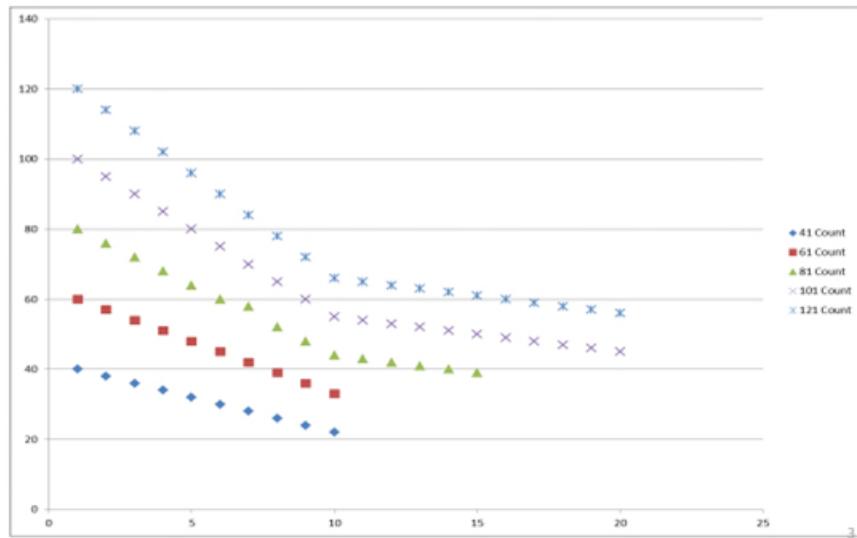
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Hybrid Proposal - Table

Final Place	Hybrid	41 Count	61 Count	81 Count	101 Count	121 Count
Best	100%	40	60	80	100	120
2	95%	38	57	76	95	114
3	90%	36	54	72	90	108
4	85%	34	51	68	85	102
5	80%	32	48	64	80	96
6	75%	30	45	60	75	90
7	70%	28	42	58	70	84
8	65%	26	39	52	65	78
9	60%	24	36	48	60	72
10	55%	22	33	44	55	66
11	10th -1			43	54	65
12	10th-2			42	53	64
13	10th-3			41	52	63
14	10th-4			40	51	62
15	10th-5			39	50	61
16	10th -6				49	60
17	10th-7				48	59
18	10th-8				47	58
19	10th-9				46	57
20	10th-10				45	56

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Hybrid Proposal - Chart

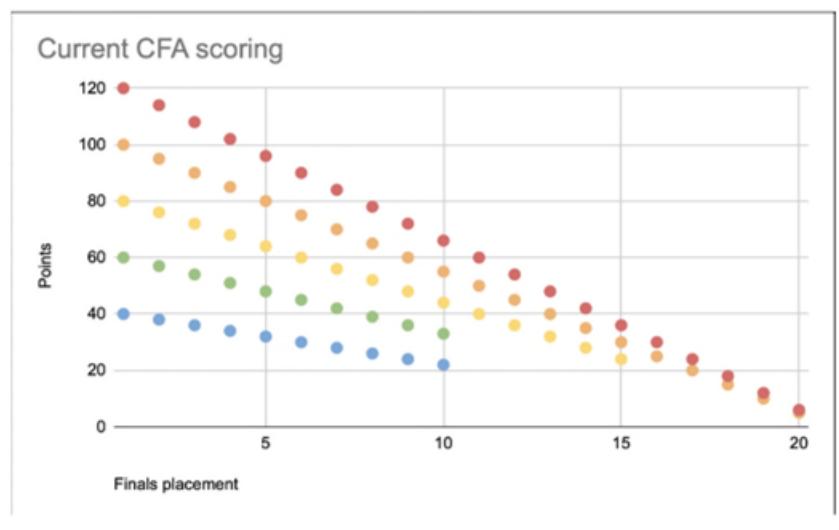


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Current Rule: 5% Decrements – Table

Placement in Final	Current system	Points earned, 41 competing	Points earned, 61 competing	Points earned, 81 competing	Points earned, 101 competing	Points earned, 121 competing
Best	100%	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00
2	95%	38.00	57.00	76.00	95.00	114.00
3	90%	36.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	108.00
4	85%	34.00	51.00	68.00	85.00	102.00
5	80%	32.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	96.00
6	75%	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00
7	70%	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00
8	65%	26.00	39.00	52.00	65.00	78.00
9	60%	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00
10	55%	22.00	33.00	44.00	55.00	66.00
11	50%			40.00	50.00	60.00
12	45%			36.00	45.00	54.00
13	40%			32.00	40.00	48.00
14	35%			28.00	35.00	42.00
15	30%			24.00	30.00	36.00
16	25%				25.00	30.00
17	20%				20.00	24.00
18	15%				15.00	18.00
19	10%				10.00	12.00
20	5%				5.00	6.00

Current Rule: 5% Decrements - Chart



Delegation Rule: 1 Pt Less – Table

Placement in Final	Amendment 12	Points earned, 41 competing	Points earned, 61 competing	Points earned, 81 competing	Points earned, 101 competing	Points earned, 121 competing
Best	Count - 1	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00
2	Count -2	39.00	59.00	79.00	99.00	119.00
3	Count -3	38.00	58.00	78.00	98.00	118.00
4	Count -4	37.00	57.00	77.00	97.00	117.00
5	Count -5	36.00	56.00	76.00	96.00	116.00
6	Count -6	35.00	55.00	75.00	95.00	115.00
7	Count -7	34.00	54.00	74.00	94.00	114.00
8	Count -8	33.00	53.00	73.00	93.00	113.00
9	Count -9	32.00	52.00	72.00	92.00	112.00
10	Count -10	31.00	51.00	71.00	91.00	111.00
11	Count -11			70.00	90.00	110.00
12	Count -12			69.00	89.00	109.00
13	Count -13			68.00	88.00	108.00
14	Count -14			67.00	87.00	107.00
15	Count -15			66.00	86.00	106.00
16	Count -16				85.00	105.00
17	Count -17				84.00	104.00
18	Count -18				83.00	103.00
19	Count -19				82.00	102.00
20	Count -20				81.00	101.00

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Comparing Results From All 3 Models

		Placement in Final				
Method	Count	Best	5th	10th	15th	20th
DEC	121	120	96	66	36	6
HYB	121	120	96	66	61	56
-1	121	120	116	111	106	101
DEC	81	80	64	44	24	4
HYB	81	80	64	44	39	34
-1	81	80	76	71	66	61
DEC	61	60	48	33	18	3
HYB	61	60	48	33	28	23
-1	61	60	56	51	46	41

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Wilson: I thought I would just offer one additional option for the board which was a little bit simpler, which is 5% decrements through 10th, and then 11th best cat would get one less point than 10th best cat, 12th best cat would get one less point than 11th best cat. So, the charts I made (I stole from Orca), I think the important one to look at is the very last page. I just did the other things because it was fun. So, what I did on this last page, comparing the results from all three models; the current one being the decrements, and then the one being the hybrid which is the one

we're looking at right now, and the third one being the minus one. If you look at the middle one that shows a count of 81, that's more reflective of a show that might actually be more realistic, so I think at 85 where we start giving top 15, but 81 makes the math work better. You will see that using the current decrements, best cat gets 80 points, 10th best cat gets 44, 15th best cat gets 24. If you gave down to 20th best cat, they only get 4 points. Using the minus one, best cat gets 80 points, 10th best cat gets 71 points, 15th best cat gets 66 points. The hybrid best cat would get 80, 10th would get 44, which would be the same as the current decrements, but 15th best cat would get 39 points instead of 24 points. I think that helps even up those 11th through 15 best places. I think it honors the concern of the delegates who voted for the minus one. It is sort of a simple solution that fits into the existing scoring, because most of our shows we award top 10 and so they would continue with the 5% decrements, but when you look at the precipitous drop – and the charts show that if you look at the decrement one and you actually look at the chart for it, it really drops off quickly to very few points.

Wilson: I didn't know what order to do these in. Obviously, if you want to just stay with the minus one you would vote against both of these, but I proposed the hybrid first. If you want to go back to the decrements – and one reason to go back to the decrements for next year would be to see if anybody wants to bring additional options to the annual meeting in June, which they could do anyway, then you would do that, but if we did that – if we stayed with the decrement system, there's one currently in place this year – then there wouldn't need to be any programming changes until – those are my options. I like the hybrid, I like the decrements, I don't like the minus one, but that's just me.

Hannon: As a long-time exhibitor, I too prefer the current decrements, the 5% decrements. They have worked fine for decades, but with 2/3 of the delegates having voted to go to the cats defeated without a percentage basis, just however many points for each cat defeated, I think we need to stick with what the delegates voted on, try it out for a year. If we don't like it at the end of the year, the delegates can tell us the following year that they want to go back to what we had or one of the other options that Orca has presented us with, but I feel strongly we need to stick with what the delegates passed. **Currlle:** I am in total agreement with Mark. We should listen to our customers.

Morgan: So clearly a hot topic. I have heard from a number of people from both sides. Orca pointed out, and I think Annette mentioned it, as far as I can tell the current decrement system was primarily designed for best through 10th and doesn't do a great job, I agree, of addressing 11th and down, so I like the elegance and simplicity of the hybrid version that Annette has put forward for us, and I appreciate that. This proposal I feel maintains the integrity of the current system for the majority of the rings in a majority of the shows that we're going to see, which is where it will be just simply top 10, but it provides for adjustments in instances where there are top 15 or top 20, if we're looking at the International Show; thus, it's effectively responding to what the concerns were of the delegates. We heard the delegates clearly. There are number of exhibitors out there who want us to address that, but while it addresses those concerns it doesn't destroy the existing system for the top 10, which is what that was developed for. I talked to Central Office about it, and the current change, as approved going down to the 1 point thing, is going to require an investment in programming – about \$5,000 I think. So would this hybrid version that Annette has brought up, so that's kind of a wash. So, I could support #6 which is coming up, which is staying where we are from a fiscal point, but then we're not

looking at what the delegates had asked us to do, so I actually support this version because I believe we are actually listening to what the delegates are saying, and coming up with a solution that both maintains integrity, yet listens to the concerns as they were stated at the annual last year. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Melanie and Annette. I think we are listening to our customers if we dig down really deep into how they voted. The two biggest concerns I hear about our scoring system, #1 it's too complicated. Most people can't do 5% in their head. They have to have a chart to be able to do it. It's not easy to understand. It's tough on newbees, but where our current scoring system really falls apart is when you get past 10th place where you can have a cat that does immensely well but you are 15th place and you just don't get enough points to be proportional to what you have actually accomplished. The other place that our scoring system kind of falls apart is in breed/division where you can get a point for defeating nobody. The delegate proposal doesn't solve the breed/division problem at all, since they didn't address that. The current scoring system has both problems. The decrement system seems to be the least bad option on the table at the moment. It reflects what I think was the reason for the delegate vote, not just taking their vote at face value but looking down into why they voted and provide relief for the 11th cat and beyond, but I don't think that's the end of the discussion. I think we need to really look into this and come up with a better proposal overall. For those who feel, let's just do the one for a while, it's going to mean a lot of changes and if we're only going to do it for one show season, that's only going to make it worse, because if we keep changing our scoring system every show season, it's going to drive exhibitors nuts. We need to come up with something that actually works. If we're going to pass something that we know is just going to be an interim measure, the hybrid is the least damaging option on the table, and that's why I'm voting for the hybrid system – not because I like it, I don't, but because of the proposals we have on the table, it is the least harmful and makes the most sense, and is going to cause the least confusion in the long run.

Calhoun: I would like to address this question to Allene and to James around programming costs, because I have heard numbers all the way from \$30,000 to \$5,000. Can you give the Treasurer an estimate of what this would cost? **Simbro:** I would say \$5,000 to \$10,000. **Wilson:** It was actually in the proposal. **Simbro:** I just want to say, going to the cats defeated – the one point – programmatically is pretty simple. The hybrid is going to get a little trickier. Essentially you are introducing kind of like two different scoring systems or scoring logic within the same process. That one will probably take a little bit more money. **Calhoun:** So, the minus one is on the \$5,000 end and the hybrid is on the \$10,000 end. **Simbro:** Yes, I would say so.

Tartaglia: It seems like a simple change, but when we go to change it, it's widespread, so I think either change is going to be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 area. It's a change, because whether we go with the hybrid option, we're changing some portion; whether we go with the cats defeated for everything, it's a change for all the cats. So, it's going to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for either option. I just wanted to point out – not that this should make a difference one way or the other – but because we were talking about cost, if we make these changes this coming year, it's between \$5,000 and \$10,000. If we make a further change to revert back, there's going to be that additional cost again. It's not as simple as undo. That's all.

Krzanowski: I believe that we should stay with what the delegates voted on. The clubs elect this board, they send delegates to the annual meeting in good faith. Our bylaws stipulate that anything passed by 2/3 is effective. I do like the hybrid idea actually, but it's not what the delegates voted on. I would like to see us stay with what the delegates enacted. It may turn out to

be something really good, we just don't know until we try it. If it doesn't work out, it can always be changed or the hybrid idea can be brought to the delegates in June. That's my opinion, thank you. **Webb:** I was going to say what Carol said. I think we have to listen to the delegates. They come to the meeting, they got their vote. They voted 2/3 to do this. We can always change it down the road. **DelaBar:** It's no secret that I feel that our current system of awards for national and regional wins is broken. Since 2006, I formed committees to try to come up with new ways and interesting ways, not only to entice people to come over to CFA, but to add a little bit more excitement and get people a little bit more for their money. I voted in October to ratify what the delegates did vote on, the 2/3. I have to say that yes, we have in our bylaws that the board may – not shall – may ratify these show rule changes and the changes from the floor and all that, but this board is also charged with doing what is best and looking at the big picture overall for CFA. That may be that we don't go with what the delegates voted for at the annual meeting. I'm still looking – this is a conundrum for me because I don't believe it's very good for Region 9, but we're still looking at a large preponderance of the delegation and when we bring this to a vote, then I will know how I'm going to vote. Right now I'm still up in the air. **Roy:** I really feel we should go with what the delegates said, but the delegates didn't have a chance to see this hybrid proposal yet. Could we wait until April to vote on it? I know that's tough for programming, but just kind of send out a straw poll to all our clubs and see whether they even like the hybrid model. **Mastin:** Any additional comments? **DelaBar:** I think April is too late. Sorry Sharon. **Roy:** I know. **DelaBar:** It's too late, and we need to notify our constituents and everyone to see where we're going to go and how we're going to do it. **Calhoun:** And we need the budget for it. **DelaBar:** Yes.

Mastin: Annette, the hybrid. Was your hybrid pre-noticed? **Wilson:** Yes. It was pre-noticed for the December meeting. **Mastin:** But the hybrid is not one of the choices that's in front of us, or it is? **Wilson:** It's #5. **Mastin:** OK, very good. So, I guess we're going to take them in order.

5. *Change the Show Rule passed by the delegation at the 2022 Annual Meeting (by 2/3rds) to return the decrements back to 5% for all final placements Best through 10th, with consideration for placements beyond 10th by decreasing by one point by placement (from the points received by 10th Best).*

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program, Determination of Show Points	Annette Wilson
Existing Wording (passed by 2/3 of Delegation and at October, 2022 CFA Board Meeting)	Proposed Wording
DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition. Eligible Wins	DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/ household pets in competition. Eligible Wins 1. Best cat/kitten/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each cat/kitten in each championship/premiership/kitten/household pet final – one point for each cat/kitten defeated. 2. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat/kitten defeated within the breed/division. 3. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division. 4. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc. <u>6th best 75%, 7th best 70%, 8th best 65%, 9th best 60%, 10th best 55%.</u> 3. <u>11th Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 1 point less than 10th Best; 12th Best 2 points less than 10th Best, 13th Best 3 points less than 10th Best, etc.</u> 4. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division. 5. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division. 6. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.
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RATIONALE: This 'hybrid' option would revert to the 5% decrements for placements Best through 10th. Finals awarding cats beyond 10th would be counted in one point decrements, or as described, one point less than 10th Best for placement 11; two points less than 10th Best for placement 12, etc.

This option recognizes the value of a final when show entries are high for those cats that place below 10th.

Mastin: We will start with #5. All those in favor of #5.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Currel, Hannon, Krzanowski, Shelton and Webb voting no.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, Sharon Roy, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Paula Noble, Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar. Lower your hand. All those opposed. Russell Webb, Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currel, Carol Krzanowski, Mark Hannon. Lower your hand. Any abstentions? Rachel? **Anger:** That's 10 yes votes, 6 no votes, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

6. *This option (should Item 5 fail) reverts the scoring rule passed by the delegation back to the original rule.*

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program, Determination of Show Points	Annette Wilson
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
Existing Wording (passed by 2/3 of Delegation and at October, 2022 CFA Board Meeting)	Current Wording in 2022-2023 Show Rules
DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS	DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

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RATIONALE: This option reverts the scoring back to what currently exists in the 2022-2023 CFA Show Rules (5% decrements for each placement in a final).

Wilson: We don't vote on the next one. **Mastin:** We don't vote on #6, so it's withdrawn, right? #6 is withdrawn. **Calhoun:** Do we have to have a motion to withdraw or not? **Mastin:** Shelly, do we have to have a motion to withdraw #6? **Perkins:** The motion doesn't need withdrawn because I thought Motion #6 was, the motion itself said only if #5 failed. **Mastin:** Correct.

No Action.

7. *The show rules committee will work on making the current show rules more user-friendly and easier to navigate.*

Rationale: When Melanie Morgan proposed re-organizing the show rules, Mary Kolencik agreed that it is needed but did not want to begin such a monumental task without knowing whether the full board is on board. The show rules are difficult to navigate; people struggle to find things in the paper copy and usually have to resort to multiple searches in acrobat to find what they need. There are things we can work on, such as improving the table of contents and the index, creating a bookmark list in the PDF, etc. We can also break up some of the complicated rules that have multiple rules in one big paragraph (i.e. the "monster" rules), and add rule numbers to the awards section for easier indexing. These things stop short of a total re-organization, but that could be considered if the simpler steps are not enough. Approving this motion will give the show rules committee an indication that the board supports this endeavor.

Mastin: #7? **Raymond:** #7 is simply a request for consensus from the board. Do you want the Show Rules Committee to spend the time and effort to try to make the current Show Rules more user friendly? This is a carry-over from December. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Wilson:** The Show Rules have gotten harder to follow. I don't think they all need to be rewritten obviously, but maybe reorganized and maybe some things instead of [inaudible] but if the Committee has the time. **Raymond:** It's a project. **Wilson:** It is a project, but it would be nice. **Eigenhauser:** Ditto on that. **Morgan:** I brought this up for the December meeting because, other than issues with the website, issues with finding things in the Show Rules are one of the things I hear the most on from people out there. I know it's a huge project. Sorry to throw that. We're not asking to rewrite anything, and I'm not trying to minimize it because I know it's gigantic, but reorganizing it so that we can try to find something in there would be so, so appreciated, not just by us here and me personally, but I think by all of our exhibitors. It's really hard to find things now. **Krzanowski:** One of the options mentioned in the rationale is to create a bookmark list in the PDF document. I think most of us use the electronic PDF documents now, and bookmarks do help quite a bit. I think without a total rewrite, bookmarks in the PDF would be very helpful to people. That would be a first step, I think, in trying to make them a little bit easier to work with. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Calhoun:** While I do agree that they are difficult to navigate, I know Monte Phillips made an attempt at this several years ago, it is a monumental task and we've got a lot of things on our plates to do. So, the bookmark option though, that sounds like that could be done rather simply and maybe we should just try that add first, as opposed to having the Committee spend such an amount of time when we really have – and I agree. I mean, I know they are difficult to navigate, but is that the best spend of our time right now when we have so much that we need to be doing. **Tartaglia:** How extensive do these bookmarks need to be? In other words, how do they need to be identified? Are we looking at taking the index, which is very detailed, and creating bookmarks for each of them, or are we just taking the table of contents and creating bookmarks? Depending on what you're looking for with bookmarks, this can become a very large job that has to be done manually by somebody. **Hannon:** When I look for a show rule, I go to the end of the Show Rules to the index. I think if we did a better job with the index, it would be very helpful. I may be searching for it using a certain word or phrase, and it may not be what's actually in the Show Rules show it isn't in the index. So, if they do a revise of the index, I think that would be more helpful, because a lot of us aren't using bookmarks. **Dunham:** I agree with Mark that the index is probably the biggest issue for most of us, because wording is different. We think about something we're looking for; it's not worded that way in the index. But, if we try to fix the index and maybe bookmark the big things that we all go look for – clubs that have to figure out how to turn somebody in for not paying for entries and some of the bigger things that we all go look for every day – that would help, too, and I don't think those would be nearly as complicated or involved as trying to bookmark the whole index. **Tartaglia:** We will need your help in telling us which are those things? How do you want the bookmarks? **Hannon:** I don't think that's your job. I think that's the Show Rules Committee's job. **Dunham:** I think that's on us as the Show Rules Committee to identify those big topics that we tend to go look for every day and be able to bookmark those, and then work on the index. I agree with Mark, they are really bad to try and figure out. I use them every day and I'm on the Show Rules Committee.

Mastin: Additional discussion? Comments? So, looking at the motion, the motion says, *rules more user-friendly and easier to navigate*. That's pretty broad and I think we have to rely on the Show Rules Committee. **Eigenhauser:** I didn't take this as a motion, I just took this as a

request for input. I think we have given it. **Raymond:** This is helpful, thank you. **Mastin:** So, Ed and Carol, will you be presenting something for the June and the October board meetings?

Raymond: I think we will have to see how long this takes. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

Krzanowski: I agree with Ed. **Raymond:** We're trying to deal with the elephant here. **DelaBar:** One question. Then, that means that we will be in the current format for the start of the new show season on 1 May? **Raymond:** Yes. **DelaBar:** OK, I wanted to make that clear to my clubs.

Raymond: That can be updated throughout the year. **Tartaglia:** For the PDF version. [inaudible conversation. **DelaBar:** Mark, we can't hear you. **Hannon:** That's easy because I can't hear up there either. We don't have any microphones. What I suggested was, we don't have to wait a whole year for the online version, that we could do an addendum with just the revised index.

DelaBar: Thank you. Did you hear that, where I thanked you? **Hannon:** I heard that. I haven't heard a word Kathy has said. **Calhoun:** That's OK. **Hannon:** I wasn't complaining.

The following action items involve exceptions to the current season show rules. They are included so that the Board can determine whether they should be extended to the 2023-2024 show season.

Mastin: Continue, Ed. **Raymond:** Items 8 through 13 all involve addenda to the current year's Show Rules that we are just bringing forward to see whether you want to extend them to the next year's Show Rules.

8. *Extend the exception to Show Rule 3.13 to allow up to 50% guest judges, excluding regions 1-7, for the 2023-2024 show season in Region 9 and the International Division.*

DelaBar: Please continue to extend #8 for Show Rule 3.13 until we get out of our state of flux within the European community. **Mastin:** Any further discussion on #8? Any objections to #8? Seeing no objections, #8 passed unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Extend the waiver of Show Rule 4.03 whereby cancelled shows during the 2023-2024 show season do not count against a club's traditional date.*

Mastin: Comments on #9? Any objections to #9? Did you want to discuss it, George and Kenny? **Eigenhauser:** The pandemic is over. It is now endemic, so we need to start thinking not in terms of, what are we going to do year to year to year, but what is going to be our long-term policy. This was a short-term measure when you couldn't hold shows because various government agencies had various lock downs and COVID restrictions, and this, that and the other. Those are gone. Even China has opened up, and they were the last hold-out, so yes it's going to take a while to get up to speed again, which is why I supported #8, but for #9 I think we should be encouraging clubs to get back on the horse and start putting on shows again. Extending this sends the wrong message. It keeps show dates tied up unnecessarily, without necessarily benefitting the rest of CFA, so I'm ready to get back to normal on this and I think it's time to start doing it. #9 is a good place to start. **Currlle:** I would do it one more year. It's just a little bit too early. A lot of these clubs have not had shows for 3 or 4 years because of COVID. They may have lost their inside track on a show hall and they can't find one at their particular time, so I think we ought to extend this at least one more year. **DelaBar:** I agree on the extension for one

more year. If we don't pass this, then I am going to be coming in and asking for a year extension for Region 9 because of other considerations besides COVID. **Calhoun:** I would like to hear from the regional directors. **DelaBar:** You just heard from me. **Calhoun:** I did hear you. That's two. I need a bit more. **Mastin:** One second. **Calhoun:** Does any regional director oppose this?

Mastin: Before we continue with this discussion, can we get clarification? I thought we addressed this back three years ago. **Currie:** We did. **Mastin:** Was it expiring at the end of this term? **Dunham:** Yes. When I proposed it during COVID, we agreed to extend it. It should be expiring April 30th of this year. **Mastin:** This year? **Dunham:** This show season. It will expire April 30th, so the new show season, 2023-2024, you should be back into either using your traditional date or you lose it. **Mastin:** My recollection of it – Kathy Calhoun, maybe you remember, and I could have it wrong if my memory is not as good – I thought the original proposal was to take it out to 2025 and the board would only agree to go to 2024. **Dunham:** No. I asked for it to go to 2024. The board would only take it to 2023. **Mastin:** Very good, thank you. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to find out if show scheduling, new shows within a region, is normally within the regional director's prerogative. If this fails, if extending it fails, a regional director could simply choose to assign the date to the club that traditionally had that date anyway. In other words, it's within the power of the regional director to slow walk any new club that wants to take over a traditional date. It could just be held by another club, so any regional director who doesn't want this to happen has it within their power as regional director not to approve new shows on a traditional date if they feel the club has a legitimate reason for not putting on a show. So, it kind of boggles me why the regional directors, who have the power to preserve the traditional dates, may not approve new shows on a date, other than maybe not wanting to hear people yelling at them for not giving new dates. **DelaBar:** We have other things to do, as well, George. The extending of this traditional date rule is, to me, just a nice thing. It doesn't cause problems within the region. If somebody wants to have a show on someone else's traditional date, like I just had one, I make them call and get permission from the other club to make sure they're not going to have it. Of course, I'm double checking on the side, but it doesn't hurt to do this, to extend this out. It does not hurt the regions at all. **Wilson:** I think that – and I'm not a regional director so I'm not trying to tell you what you can and can't do, but if you have that ability already, that's fine, but don't we want the regional directors to maybe give another club permission to use that date this time? If they don't have this, then that starts the clock ticking for that club taking over a traditional date, so I think this might be an important thing to do. **Shelton:** I'm going to what George is saying. I think you do have the ability to control the show schedule to a degree. The problem I'm seeing is, clubs that keep telling me, "we want to put on a date this year" but I don't find out until too late in the game to replace them if they will not be able to. I think to some degree we're getting handcuffed on being able to bring in new clubs and adjust the show schedule going forward from COVID to maybe a little bit more logical way because we don't get the information from a traditional date show that they're not going to be able to do it until it's too late to replace it. **Colilla:** I agree with Michael. I have that problem this year. I was too late to make a replacement. **DelaBar:** I have the opposite, where we are not having a problem with the traditional date. It's just called communication with the clubs. As I said, I do not see a negative in extending the ability for these clubs to keep their traditional dates. **Mastin:** Mike, is there a possible solution to addressing the concern that you're stating? **Shelton:** I think there's always a possible solution. I'm not sure what it might be right now. I mean, I agree with Pam. Communication with clubs is important. I'm talking to clubs all the time about when they are going to be putting on shows, but as I said, I've got these clubs that say,

“no, we want to put on a show, we want to put on a show” and then 6 weeks out say, “we lost our show hall.” In 6 weeks, that’s too late to replace. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Anger:** Would putting a new cut-off date on this waiver solve a problem or complicate it? Not being a regional director and doing what the RDs do day in and day out I think for us is a bit of an abstract process. **Shelton:** My personal opinion, having a firm cut-off date would be better than saying we’re just going to extend this indefinitely. At least we would have something to work with then, saying, “OK, we’re going to extend it for one more year but then that is it,” at least we can start planning for the following year. **Anger:** That would be my amendment to this motion, to extend it firmly for some other year. **DelaBar:** That’s what it calls for. **Morgan:** I was just going to say what we just blurted out, which is; the motion says *during the 2023-2024 show season*, so that’s just one year. Perhaps semantically we could make it more clear, but it is only for the one year. **Eigenhauser:** The problem with saying we’re going to do it one more year and then no more is, we can’t tie the hands of a future board. Six months from now, the board can decide by a majority vote to extend it by 5 years or 10 years or 20 years. Then the next board can overturn that. So, there is no end date. We just keep rolling it year to year and that’s what this says to do. **Mastin:** Did anyone else have their hand up over here? Any further discussion? So, there is no amended motion, correct? It is worded properly? OK. **Anger:** I’m just going to wrap it up and say, George’s concern was my reason for saying that. I was hoping for a harder end, but if this is our best option at this point, let’s just vote on it. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Hannon:** Are we voting on what’s presented? **Mastin:** There is no amended motion. We are voting on what’s presented. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Shelton voting no.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Kenny Currel, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb. All those opposed? Mike Shelton, George Eigenhauser. Any abstentions? No abstentions. **Anger:** That’s 14 yes votes, 2 no votes, zero abstentions.

Mastin: Motion passes.

10. *Extend the modification of the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title, and 25 points for the Grand Premier title and in Mainland China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title, and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table, for the 2023-2024 show season.*

	GC	GP
Country/Area	Pts Rqd	Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	<u>200-75</u>	25
Mainland China	175	50

Mastin: OK, #10. **Raymond:** #10 extends the modification of the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China, and for China with different numbers according to the table. **Morgan:** I would like to hear from Matthew Wong as to whether he feels this is still necessary. **Mastin:** Matthew, can you speak on this please? **Wong:** Yes. Sorry, I didn't hear the question. **Mastin:** It's on Motion #10 under Show Rules. Melanie asked for your opinion on this. **Wong:** I agree if we can extend the modification for one more year, that will help a lot. I agree we are back to normal, but just for the exhibitors to have one more year as the traveling or air tickets and getting judges out to Asia would be even more normal probably in the second half of the show season next year. **Mastin:** Thank you Matthew. **Hannon:** I was going to say the same thing as he did.

Calhoun: The Committee supports this. **DelaBar:** The one glaring one that I'm picking up on is Ukraine. When we start having shows, it's going to take a while to be able to get the points for somebody to earn 200 points to grand a cat. **Currie:** I would like to propose an amendment and bring that down to 75 points for Ukraine through the next show season. **Mastin:** I need a second. **DelaBar:** Second. **Mastin:** I've got Pam DelaBar, so under Ukraine it's 75 Kenny. Is that correct? **Currie:** Yes sir. **Eigenhauser:** To be clear, that's for championship. **Currie:** Yes sir. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that. Let's just do that one. **Calhoun:** Nothing for grand premier? **DelaBar:** 25. **Currie:** It's 25 right now. **Mastin:** Any other discussion on the amendment? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that passes unanimously, so that changes the original motion. The 200 is now 75.

The primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you Pam and Kenny. Back to the original motion. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, #10 passes unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. Extend the show license late fee exceptions for Regions 8 and 9 currently in place through the end of the 2023-2024 show season. Shows will be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee.

Mastin: OK, #11. **Raymond:** #11 extends the show license late fee exceptions for Regions 8 and 9 that are currently in place through the end of the coming show season. Shows will be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee. **Mastin:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** Please. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Tartaglia: For the ID and China, is that still in place, the 30 days? I just want to get a clarification for next show season. **Morgan:** I thought it was 7 days. I think it is 7 days for ID and China. **Tartaglia:** For ID and China? **Colilla:** I know China is. **Tartaglia:** I think it's China and I think the ID is 30. **Currie:** The ID is 30. **Calhoun:** And that's not on the table to change.

[From end of report] **Eigenhauser:** I'm a little concerned. When we discussed item 11, the late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9, we brought up China but I'm not convinced we don't

have a sunset date on China. I would like to assign it to the Committee to go back and just make sure that whatever waiver we had in place for China is not expiring. **Calhoun:** Can you state that again, what you want us to reconsider? **Eigenhauser:** Look up and see if we have a late fee extension waiver for China that's expiring this year. Make me happy and show me that it's not expiring. If it is expiring, we should vote on it. **Mastin:** You will look it up? OK, Ed will bring that back.

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Mastin: Moving on to Unfinished Business. I know we have a fair amount. Rachel, I don't know what you want to do first. **Anger:** I have Show Rule Proposal #11 [reads]. **Mastin:** Ed, join us at the table please. **Anger:** This was about a sunset date in China. **Raymond:** After doing some research last night. I could not find, either in the Show Rules or the addenda for the last couple of years, any exception for China. The only exception that shows up in the addenda for the last two years, the current season for Regions 8 and 9, and that is what the board was voting on yesterday, as well. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, you might have something in your notes. **DelaBar:** I looked through the notes for actually the past two years and could find nothing, but I still remember in my mind the discussions that we had because of places in China that were opening and closing, and it was on such a quick basis, we did it. I just cannot find it in my notes. **Calhoun:** I recall, as well, the discussion and the need for just establishing a new rule for China because of this ongoing issue, not only with COVID, with NGOs and with the clubs being able to hold some information close to the vest because of other issues. I can't find it. I've gone back in the forum and I cannot find anything there. I certainly think that at this point we can correct that. **Eigenhauser:** I remember it, which is why I brought up the issue in the first place. I know we did something. The problem is – and I'm going to criticize the board for this – at one point we were having so many meetings every month and we were bringing up every kind of issue at every meeting, there was no rhyme or reason to it, that we just lost track of some of these things. We created policies that are in the board minutes from some telephone conference somewhere, but don't appear anywhere else. That's why we can't find them in the rules and we can't find them in the addenda. We have to be cleaner about our process so we don't have things like this where we're struggling to find what we did, and that's on us. But, I agree that regardless of what we did in the past, a majority of this board can do it now, so if we haven't done it or we can't find out where we did it, let's just do it now. **Mastin:** Matthew, do you recall anything on this? **Wong:** Yes, yes. I definitely recall. Basically, it was mainly because at the time that it was Chongqing where the NGO only had one month filing, so we only had very few days to turn around. Now I think the situation is better, so we can definitely consider going back to 30 days. Of course, when there are emergencies we can still ask for special, but I think looking at John and Wain and Kathy, we all see the application of show dates from various participants. They are now planning basically a couple of months ahead. So, I think George is right. Seven days creates a lot of stress on Central Office, so I think we can reduce it and accept the fate. I think 30 days is pretty fair. **Mastin:** Thank you Matthew. John and Kathy, are you in agreement for 30 days and then work off emergencies? **Calhoun:** I would be more comfortable with 14 days. **Colilla:** Me too. That's what I'm thinking of. **Mastin:** Matthew, did you hear Kathy? **Wong:** Yes, yes. It's great, yeah. **Mastin:** OK, so you are in agreement? **Wong:** Yes, yes in agreement. **Mastin:** OK. So then the motion for the show rule we can make it 14 days for China and then the board will have to approve that. **Raymond:** So, my question to the board is, are you looking to make this an

addendum that would be in effect for next show season, or are you looking to make this a permanent part of the Show Rules? **Calhoun:** A permanent part of the Show Rules. **Raymond:** I can go back and work on that, and bring it back at the end of closed session if you want. **Mastin:** OK, that works. **Calhoun:** I will be available for any questions. **Mastin:** OK, alright.

[From Sunday] **Mastin:** It was only one show rule, right? **Raymond:** Right. To allow shows in mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao to be licensed up to 14 days prior to the opening date of the show. Add a paragraph after the second paragraph in Show Rule 4.04. That paragraph will read, *Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for a license for any show in mainland China, Hong Kong or Macao must be received in Central Office at least 14 days prior to the opening day of the show and will not incur late filing fees. An application for a license for such a show received less than 14 days prior to the opening day of the show will not be accepted without approval from the Executive Board.* **Mastin:** Carol, I know you're getting this first hand. Is that your motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Can I have a second? **Webb:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Alright, are there any questions or comments for the motion? Kathy, are you OK with that wording? **Calhoun:** We talked about it. **Mastin:** Oh, you did talk about it. OK, good. No questions, no discussion. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12. ~~Extend for the 2023-2024 Show Season, the exception that, when When no show takes place in a kitten's region/division/area of residence during the kitten's four months of eligibility, the owner can request an exception to the residency requirement for the kitten class will be granted (see Article XXXVI - National/Regional/Divisional Assignment). The request must be made to Central Office by April 26, 2024. Email Shirley Dent (sdent@efa.org) and copy James Simbro (jsimbro@efa.org).~~

Mastin: #12. **Raymond:** #12 would extend for the coming show season [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Shelton:** I would just wonder why we can't make this permanent. It's never a kitten exhibitor's fault if there's not a show in their region during kitten eligibility. This isn't COVID related. Why should we ever punish an exhibitor for this? **Currie:** I agree. **Calhoun:** I do agree with what you said and I'm withdrawing my comment. That's very good. **Tartaglia:** If we're going to make this permanent, we may want to consider getting rid of *The request must be made to Central Office*, we just do it. We either do it for all the kittens or none, not by request. That really complicates the process. **Mastin:** Ed, do you need time on changing this or can we do it on the fly here? **Raymond:** I would need to go figure out where in the Show Rules I need to make the changes, so I need to bring this back. **Eigenhauser:** Was going to say what Ed is going to say. Let's vote yes on this now, then send it to the Show Rules Committee to integrate it into the Show Rules. **Mastin:** Any further discussion on #12? Any objections to #12? Seeing no objections, unanimous.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed, will you be able to bring back a final proposal? Do you want to do that tomorrow or just at a later date? **Raymond:** We can do it in April. **Mastin:** What are you recommending, George? **Eigenhauser:** I wonder if going to April with our show rule changes is

going to delay publication of the Show Rules. **Raymond:** It should be pretty simple, I think. **Mastin:** We should do it tonight. **Eigenhauser:** If we can't do it tonight and tomorrow, maybe we can do it online. **Mastin:** The purpose of getting it done sooner is, we don't have to do the work. It becomes automatic, so you're going to be here until tomorrow. We'll just add it to Old Business. OK Rachel? We will add it to Old Business. **Anger:** I've got it. **Mastin:** Alright, very good.

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Mastin: Do we have more Show Rules, Ed? **Raymond:** We do. There was one addenda that was brought forth yesterday. Essentially when no show takes place in a kitten's region or division of residence during the 4 months of eligibility, there is currently an addendum that allows the owner to apply for a special exception. The discussion yesterday was to make this permanent and to do away with the need for a request, so it's automatically done. I drafted this up last night, adding Paragraph 4.1 to the National/Regional/Divisional Assignment portion of Article XXXVI. The wording is, *When no show takes place in a kitten's region/division/area of residence during a kitten's four months of eligibility, the owner can request an exception to the residency requirement for the kitten class will be granted* (see Article XXXVI - National/Regional/Divisional Assignment). **Mastin:** Carol, is that your motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, that will be my motion. I think that makes it very clear. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. **Mastin:** Is there any questions or discussion on that show rule? Any objections? Seeing no objection, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** A follow-up motion, which is simply to delete what you passed yesterday as an addenda saying roughly the same thing. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Mastin:** Let me understand it. We're deleting what we did yesterday? **Raymond:** You passed an addendum yesterday which would only be in effect for the 2023-2024 show season. You no longer need that addendum because we just passed a permanent change to the Show Rules. **Eigenhauser:** We're replacing our temporary fix with a permanent one. That's my motion. **Mastin:** OK. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Any discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** That's all I have. **Mastin:** That's all of them? **Raymond:** Those were the only two that were immediate. There are others we will work on for later. **Mastin:** Alright, thank you. Then we will have you come back after closed session to wrap up the China. OK, great. **Anger:** #11. **Mastin:** #11, right.

13. *Extend the point minimums and minimum number of rings scored for the 2022-2023 season to the 2023-2024 season as follows:*

	<i>Minimum Points</i>	<i>Min # of Rings Scored</i>	<i># of Rings Counted</i>
<i>Regions 1-9</i>			
<i>Championship</i>	1000	25	100
<i>Premiership</i>	500	25	100
<i>Kittens</i>	500	15	40
<i>HHP</i>	250	25	75
<i>China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau)</i>			
<i>Championship</i>	1000	25	100
<i>Premiership</i>	250	15	100
<i>Kittens</i>	500	15	40
<i>HHP</i>	250	15	75
<i>International (including Hong Kong and Macau)</i>			
<i>Championship</i>	1000	25	50
<i>Premiership</i>	500	15	50
<i>Kittens</i>	500	15	20
<i>HHP</i>	250	15	50

Mastin: Ed, #13. **Raymond:** #13 extends the point minimums and minimum number of rings scored for the current season to the next season, as well. **Mastin:** Any discussion? **Currlle:** The *International (including Hong Kong and Macau)*, I would like to know why Premiership is at 500, whereas in China it's 250. **Mastin:** Carol and Ed, do you have any comments?

Raymond: This is reflective of what the board voted on in prior meetings. **Currlle:** I'm not blaming you, I would just like to hear. **Eigenhauser:** My answer to that question would be because China has been so draconian in their COVID matters. It's going to take a long time.

Currlle: I want to lower it to 250 in Hong Kong and Macao. **Mastin:** So, you want to reduce it?

Currlle: I want to match China in the International. **Mastin:** Let's ask Kathy and maybe Matthew. Kathy? **Calhoun:** Hong Kong and Macao had opened up earlier and they have the ability to have more shows. **Currlle:** Has the premiership count been up? **Colilla:** Unless they have allbreed judges. China doesn't. **Mastin:** One at a time please. Kathy, are you finished?

Calhoun: I'm done, yeah. **Colilla:** I said Hong Kong has allbreed judges. They have 3 local, at least. China basically, one is working right now. It depends on whether she can be active or not. There's no allbreed rings so far in China this year. **Mastin:** So Kenny, let's get a clear understand what you are requesting. What are you requesting? **Currlle:** In the International Division, you are lucky to see 2 in Kuwait in the premiership class, and they will have 10 allbreed rings. They're not going to hit 500 points. **Mastin:** So, what is your recommendation? **Currlle:** Lower it to 250. **Mastin:** That's on premiership? **Currlle:** Yes sir. **Calhoun:** I would

like to take that back to the Committee for consideration and we can bring it back. **Currie:** Can we vote on it? **Mastin:** Do I have everything first – 250 for premiership only. **Currie:** That's the only think I would like to see changed. **Mastin:** That's the only thing you are asking? **Currie:** Right. **DelaBar:** I just want clarification that this is for national and divisional wins, not regional wins. **Mastin:** Ed? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** And this is for – is this for the following year? Not the year we're in. **Raymond:** What you are seeing now are the numbers for the year that we are in. The proposal is to extend them to the next show season. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Morgan:** So, Kenny brought up Kuwait and said in 10 allbreed rings, they might only have 2. Well, they have the allbreed rings, which means if they enter the cats they could get the points. So, I'm not comfortable changing what's being proposed here without having certainly the International Division Other, without having input from the International Division and without them asking for it, so I'm not in support of changing what is being presented. **Calhoun:** I think this is too important of an item to change on the fly. I think the Committee needs to go back, take it into consideration. Kenny was part of the Committee when this was put in place and things have only gotten better, so I'm struggling with the rationale if he didn't think that this was important when things were difficult; now that they're better, he thinks it's important. But, that being said, I think it's a valid thing to discuss as a Committee and come back. **Mastin:** Matthew Wong, do you want to comment? **Wong:** I echo Kathy's comment. I agree with the intention for China to have 250 for premiership to encourage them, because they haven't had a lot of premiership count. I think the overall direction here is, it has become better so we're trying to review some of the incentives we gave before in terms of score, so I want to agree that we should take it back to the Committee. I'm quite happy to stay with 500 for premiership in the ID but Kenny is correct. Hong Kong and a few like Malaysia and Indonesia where we're having shows, the newer markets will struggle but I think even if I reduce it to 250, I don't see Egypt or some other new market could enjoy that 250 points anyway, but we can further discuss it in the Committee, thank you. **Currie:** I'll withdraw then and let them take it back. **Mastin:** OK thank you. So Kathy, you will come back with recommendations on that. Kenny, thank you for withdrawing it.

Mastin: Any further discussion on #13? Any objections to #13? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We do not anticipate making a presentation to any future meeting that would be part of the show rules for the 2023-2024 show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: Ed, do you have anything else? **Raymond:** That's it for me. **Mastin:** Thank you very much. Carol, do you have anything? **Krzanowski:** I have nothing else, thank you. **Hannon:** Since we went half an hour over with the Show Rules, I suggest we take it away from the Judging Program and that we start [inaudible] so we can still stay on track for a break. **Mastin:** Is that a motion? **Hannon:** Yes. **Mastin:** Do I have a second? **Hannon:** Melanie, do you want to

second it? **Morgan:** No. [Transcript goes to #11] **Mastin:** Where are we? Are we on a break already, or is it until 10:45? **Anger:** After Judging Program. **Mastin:** OK, so we haven't even done Judging Program. **Anger:** I guess I'm lobbying for a break. **Mastin:** You're lobbying for a break, too? Alright, let's take a 10 minute break right now. Come back at 10:30.

BREAK.

4. JUDGING PROGRAM.

Executive Committee

*Chair: Melanie Morgan
Vice Chair: Vicki Nye
Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger*

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<i>Sharon Roy:</i>	<i>Experimental Formats</i>

Mastin: Melanie, Item #4, Judging Program. **Morgan:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Just a reminder, Mark took away 30 minutes. **Morgan:** Thank you Mark, I appreciate it. Is there ice cream on the line? I just want to know before I start. **Mastin:** Allene, can we make arrangements for ice cream, maybe? You'll work on it? Sometime over the weekend, we'll see. **Morgan:** I do want to start off by saying there are a lot of things on this report that don't have action items, etc. If there is anything that anyone wants any clarification on or has any questions about, please feel free to call them out and I'm happy to elaborate, but I'm not going to go to those things where we haven't asked for input. So, that being said, that's kind of the rules of the final.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The entire committee met January 25th to discuss judge applications and advancements as well as preparations for this board meeting.

Leave of Absence:

On January 6, 2023 CFA Allbreed Judge Liz Watson requested a 6 month Medical Leave of Absence through 7/6/2023.

Retirements:

Allbreed Judge Gene Darrah 1978-1/1/2023

Gene's farewell letter

GENE DARRAH, PROUD CFA ALLBREED JUDGE, "THE RIDE" 01/01/2023

The ride started back in the 70's, I was showing a black Persian male named Desi, met a man named Don Williams. He strongly suggested that I show this cat for a national win, I did just that and the ride started moving fast, Desi was 6' best cat in 1975. In 1976 we showed two black Persians to national wins. Best Cat and Best Kitten, two different litters. I was hooked and wanted to try Judging. Went through all the steps and finally achieved all breed status. For the next 44 years the ride was moving super-fast. Today the ride stops. I am retiring from the CFA Judging program effective immediately. I have ongoing health issues and even with a year's leave the board graciously granted me I have to call it quits. I will miss my friends in the fancy more than they will ever know, but even more than that I will miss handling the beautiful Cats and Kittens they brought to my ring to Judge. I hope all of you fanciers will continue to support CFA and shows the hard working clubs present for us. I would like to thank all of the clubs that asked me to Judge their shows. Thank you CA and the Board for continuing to keep the business running in a positive and professional manner. In all the years I have been in the fancy I have met and got to know some of the greatest people on earth. (Cat People) I know you fanciers will continue to work hard and continue to breed and show some of the best and most beautiful felines in the world. I will miss you guys but never forget you. It was the "BEST RIDE" in my life ever.

*Gene Darrah
Surrey Hill Persians*

Morgan: Also sad to hear of the retirement of Gene Darrah, who has given us many, many years of wonderful service.

Notice of retired judges now deceased:

The Judging Program was saddened to learn that retired CFA Judge, Sharon McKeehen-Bounds passed away on October 19, 2022. Sharon bred outstanding Colorpoint Shorthairs and Siamese under the Shabou CFA cattery prefix. Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. George Bounds and her father, Otis James McKeehen, for which Sharon was his caretaker. Sharon retired from the CFA Judging Program March 7, 2022 after 33 years of judging. Sharon was laid to rest at Larkspur Conservation Center Taylor Hollow in West Moreland, Tennessee.

Morgan: I would also like to say, before I get into our action items, that the Judging Program was very sad to hear of the passing of Sharon McKeehen-Bounds and offers condolences to her friends and family.

Morgan: On those sad notes, we will go forward with some of the business of the day.

Appointment of the Shenyang China Government to one of our Allbreed Judges Chloe Chung

Translation of Appointment Certificate:

Letter of Appointment from The Cat Professional Committee of Shenyang Pet Association.

In order to promote civilized cat raising and scientific feeding in China, the association has decided to make new appointments to the following comrades through the resolution of the management meeting of the Association, which is hereby announced:

Appoint Ms. Li Ling, Chung as the Director of the Education Department of the Cat Professional Committee of Shenyang Pet Association, responsible for handle advocacy and related efforts of Feline Education.

The Cat Professional Committee of Shenyang Pet Association

Eigenhauser: I have one question about one of the information items. **Morgan:** Sure.

Eigenhauser: What is the Appointment Certificate? I have no idea what that is. Even the translation sounds like it was Google translated. **Morgan:** I think it was. **Eigenhauser:** What is the gist of it? Give it to me in a dumbed down version. **Morgan:** My understanding is, Chloe who has done so many things in terms of seminars, etc., has been given an actual government appointment in China, which represents well, given the fact that she also represents CFA.

Eigenhauser: It's a good thing? **Morgan:** It's a good thing. **Eigenhauser:** Good, gotcha.

Morgan: Anything else? OK.

Guest Judging Report:

Permission has been granted for the following:

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA International or Domestic Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Rumyansteva, Nadejda	Groom Seminar	Elite Cat Fancier Club	Mumbai, India	01/13/23
Fung, Kit	Fun Show	Elite Cat Fancier Club	Mumbai India	01/15/23
Kharchenko, Irina	Fun Show	Elite Cat Fancier Club	Mumbai India	01/15/23
Rumyansteva, Nadejda	Fun Show	Elite Cat Fancier Club	Mumbai, India	01/15/23
Raymond, Allan	Fun Show	Candy Pets	Bogor Indonesia	02/12/23
Webb, Russell	Fun Show	Candy Pets	Bogor Indonesia	02/12/23
Raymond, Allan	Fun Show	Feline Club of India Fun Show	Delhi, India	02/19/23
Nasin, Doreann	CCA	Hamilton Cat Fanciers	Ancaster Ont Canada	03/19/23
Zinck, Iris	CCA	Hamilton Cat Fanciers	Ancaster Ont Canada	03/19/23
Fung, Kit	CCCA	Serbians and Other CC	Perth Australia	04/23/23
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	National Cat Club	Lindsay Ontario Canada	04/23/23
Fung, Kit	CCCA	FCCV Birman Ragdoll & Associated	Melbourne, Australia	05/07/23
DelaBar, Pam	WCF	Fennica Cattus	Helsinki, Finland	05/27/23
DelaBar, Pam	Fife	Kattklubben Vi Kattagare	Hallsburg Sweden	06/03/23
Newkirk, Darrell	ACF	Siamese & Oriental CC	Perth Australia	07/16/23
Calhoun, Kathy	FiFe	Cat Club Kocky	Hradec CZ	09/16/23
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Club Felin Quebec Metropolitan	Quebec City, Canada	09/17/23

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date	Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>44 Gatti Cat Club</i>	<i>San Genesio ed Uniti Italy</i>	<i>1/23/23</i>	<i>Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>44 Gatti Cat Club</i>	<i>San Genesio ed Uniti Italy</i>	<i>1/23/23</i>	<i>Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
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<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	<i>Houthalen-Helchteren, Belgium</i>	<i>2/11/23</i>	<i>Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Feline Fanciers of Benelux</i>	<i>Houthalen-Helchteren, Belgium</i>	<i>2/11/23</i>	<i>Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>

Number of shows approved for Guest Judges to date 2022-2023 Show Season

Guest Judge Name	# Shows
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Counasse, Daniel</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>DePlessis, Kai</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>LaRocca, Barbara</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>4</i>

Guest Judge Motion:

I have been invited to guest judge for an independent club, Happy Cat Club, in Hallsberg, Sweden, on 26-27 August 2023. This club was formerly a WCF club and is listed with Nordic Free Cat Associations and Global Feline Alliance. Clubs and organizations listed with the GFA state they accept WCC member judges to judge their shows. (I was not aware of these two organizations until a few hours ago.). We have not had activity in Sweden for at least three years and I am hoping to build alliances with these independent groups to grow our breeder and exhibitor base in Sweden. As an FYI, the president of FIFE lives in Sweden. There are no shows in R9 the requested dates. Vicki Nye will not approve guest judging assignments to judge for independent organizations.

The undersigned requests CFA Board approval to guest judge for Happy Cat Club, Sweden, on 26-27 August 2023.

[Secretary's Note: This motion was inadvertently passed over. An online motion was conducted as follows: *Grant approval for Pam DelaBar to guest judge for the Happy Cat Club (Sweden) on August 26/27, 2023. Motion Carried.*]

Associate Program update:

Status of T3 training: *T3 Trainees are in the process of completing their handling videos. Hong Kong Associate Judges have completed several hands-on handling sessions at shows.*

Issue: Many Associate judges would like to work towards using the experience, training and knowledge they have gained to prepare to apply to the regular program. They have asked if we would consider letting Associate judges exhibit cats for qualification on the second day of a show.

If the board is willing to consider this, we would ask Show Rule Committee to make the appropriate show rule revisions and bring back in April.

Morgan: Talking about some of our future, we're going to jump right down to the Associate Program Update. I'm bringing a question to the board, because the question has been brought to the Judging Program. That question involves our Associate Judges who are saying to us, "what next?" What we're saying to them is, you're getting this wonderful experience on the job, we would love to see you make the jump and come over into our regular program. They are saying, "that's just great, except for you – the Judging Program and CFA – is interpreting our position as, once we're in the Associate Program we are held to the rules that apply to judges," which means that it's very, very difficult for them to do the job that we assigned them to do, which is judge as Associate Judges to keep shows active in areas like China, etc., and still work towards meeting the requirements that they might need to make the transfer to the regular program. For example, if they are judging at most of the shows that are over the in China on, say, a Saturday, they would like to go and be able to exhibit cats towards their requirements for the Program, certainly in the second specialty, on the second day of that show. They can't do that per the show rules, if we are holding them to those rules. Now, we can say, "tough, that's just the way it is, you need to make a decision and if you want to get your requirements going then you need to not take those assignments," but it's in our best interest to have our Associate Judges out there actively judging because we need to keep an active presence in these areas where we have put the Associates in. We tell them over and over and over again, "you need to behave and follow the rules." I hate to start making exceptions, but I can understand where they are coming from, saying that they would like to have the ability to be able to start working on these qualifications for the regular program. So, I'm bringing it to the board and if the board is willing to consider it, we would ask the Show Rules Committee to make whatever show rule revisions might be necessary. It may be that the Associate Judges don't fall under that so there aren't any, and bring it back in April.

Hannon: My understanding was that this was to be a temporary program because the regular CFA judges that don't reside in that country couldn't get into that country to judge. To have shows, we temporarily had to have the Associate Program. Now my understanding is that it's now open in much of the world and these judges in the regular Program should be able to go and judge in China and other parts of Asia, wherever, and we wouldn't need to rely so much on

the Associate Judges, so they should be able to exhibit at shows because they should be bringing in regular judges. Isn't that our preference, that they use regular judges? **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Mark that we're going to be transitioning to bringing in regular judges, so to facilitate that we need to let the current Associate Judges have a little bit of leeway to move their path forward in becoming part of the regular Judging Program, so I would like to see this come forward as a possible show rule, just to clarify. **DelaBar:** There are more reasons to have Associate Judges, just like in Region 9 we do it because we don't have enough judges. We are looking at them to augment – not totally take over, but augment – us to be able to have more than one show on one weekend within the area. If we have more shows, then we entice more people to come show in CFA. So, I believe that we should give them – we need to work out more of how they can transition from Associate to CFA. We've got two in country right now that are doing color classes to transition from Associate to regular CFA status. **Krzanowski:** I think that we should try to utilize the Associate Judges we have and encourage them to apply to the regular Program. If we can accommodate them somehow by making an exception, allowing them to exhibit in certain cases or whatever, I would like to see that happen because they are gaining experience in areas of judging and they should be able to move forward.

Morgan: I'm going to throw something else out there that I didn't put in this report because it's another question that was brought to me, and Carol just made me remember how that works in. We have also told them that they can't clerk for anyone in their own specialty, so if they are a shorthair Associate Judge, they can't clerk in a shorthair ring, which I understand and that follows our show rules, right? However, let's use Hong Kong as an example. We bring in an allbreed judge and they are judging and providing an example that could be very useful perhaps for these Associate Judges moving forward. They are not allowed to clerk for them because of the rule that says you can't clerk on that, so they lose an opportunity to learn from an allbreed judge there, but we are following the show rules and I understand that. So, my question is, to throw this out, in addition to them being able to exhibit on, say, the second day of a show, should we perhaps consider letting them clerk, because many of these people, even though it wouldn't necessarily be required that they have a clerking license if they were going to transfer over as Associate Judges because we put in a mechanism where their clean paperwork would replace their requirement to be a clerk, many of these Associate Judges want to do this right, they want to do a great job, they want to learn as much as they can, and they would like to get their clerking licenses, but again it's difficult because they're not allowed to clerk. The solution we came up with the last time that I was in Hong Kong was, I had a shorthair Associate Judge clerk for me when I did my longhairs. I spoke to them about things, and then when we got to the shorthairs I had another Associate Judge who was a longhair one clerk for me, and then when I got to the allbreed part of my Super Specialty, a third person came, but it provided an opportunity for each of them to have access to an allbreed judge. I will tell you, to give them credit, these people in Hong Kong are such a treasure trove of talent, but at any rate, the people who couldn't clerk for me when I was doing their specialty sat out in the audience and watched. So, they are trying their best to get that information and learning.

Calhoun: I have a question. I think this is a good idea; going down the road, it's a good idea. You're giving me a frownie face. **Morgan:** Yeah, I'm confused about the whole process. **Calhoun:** So, I'm like, what's good for the goose may be good for the gander. We don't allow applicants in the regular Judging Program, as it stands today, to do that. The rationale for why they cannot do that is what? And, is that maybe something that we – because it's difficult and

expensive for a trainee in this Program in these regions that don't Associates. In the regular Program, it's expensive and it kind of takes you a step back because you can't really move forward as you would be able to on the other side of your alternate specialty. So, I'm wondering what the rationale was for the regular Program and is that really something that we should take a look at in its entirety. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Kathy. I'm not sure what the underpinnings are for the rule as it currently exists, but if the reason for the rule does not exist, then the rule should not exist. I think it's time we revisited the issue, and I would not be adverse to revisiting the issue. I can't tell you how I would vote when it comes up, but it's something I think that maybe the Judging Committee should discuss. **DelaBar:** I can give you the rationale why that was put in – perception, because they were thinking that if you have a shorthair judge and they are working with an allbreed judge, then they can give input to the presiding judge on making decisions, especially on which cats to award, which is garbage. I'm sorry, but it's perception, the same thing that we deal with day in and day out on social media and all sorts of other good stuff. **Webb:** This is just for China and Hong Kong? **Morgan:** All Associate Judges. **Webb:** Malaysia and Indonesia, American judges go to. **Morgan:** We're talking about this for Associate Judges at the moment, but Kathy has now introduced another wrinkle into this. **Eigenhauser:** Based on what Pam DelaBar said, maybe the solution is to allow judges working through the system to clerk, but not a fully approved judge to clerk, because nobody is going to expect a trainee to be telling the officiating judge what to do. I don't think that creates a bad impression, so maybe we can split the baby on this but I do think it's an issue we should revisit. **Morgan:** I would be comfortable with trainees, but no one who has been accepted from apprentice on should be, but any trainee I think is a really valid point. I would say to Pam and to Rachel who have the history behind why it's there, and if we feel strongly, that's fine, we are certainly adhering to that, but I think that any opportunity we have to continue to educate and support our people who are coming up through the Program and make them be better, stronger, faster, is a good thing, so I really kind of like where that's going. **DelaBar:** If they are going through the training program, and no, I was not one. I always thought that because we are so worried about somebody possibly perceiving this to be a benefit, we can come up with more caveats, like if they are going to clerk in this capacity, they cannot be showing, type of thing. That's for later. I think that we need to look. Is it through both systems, longhair and shorthair trainees, if they are already an apprentice or approval pending longhair but they're a shorthair trainee, can they still clerk? We need to come up with that. **Morgan:** I see what you're saying, yeah.

Mastin: OK, so getting to Melanie's original request, does anybody object to having the Show Rules Committee work with Melanie? OK, then let's do it. We don't have to have a motion. **Morgan:** No, I'm not asking for a motion. My question would be, do you want us to add in Kathy's suggestion and look at that, as well? **Mastin:** You might as well do the whole thing. **Morgan:** OK, so Ed, you and I will work on it. **Mastin:** You're going to bring it back to the board anyway. **Morgan:** Right, and then you guys can tweak it a bit. Excellent, cool.

DelaBar: Are you done with T3? **Morgan:** Yes. **DelaBar:** OK, I wanted to add that the T3 R9 people have all completed their breed education and have successfully passed the test and have been doing handling at shows. That's ongoing today in Spain, as well. And they have been submitting videos to Anne Mathis. **Mastin:** That's great. **DelaBar:** So, they are working ahead. In fact, I think there are some that could stand behind, going into the ring today and perform very well. **Mastin:** That's great, thank you for sharing that.

Education and Recruitment update:

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2022-2023

Upcoming Schools:

Working on On-line School tentatively scheduled for Spring 2023

In Person school scheduled in conjunction with the 2023 International Show.

Handling School Update:

There have been three full blown handling schools so far:

Garden State

Feline Fanciers Of Benelux

Alianza Felina

Please see report included in File Vista for recap of participant responses. Response has been very positive so far and we continue to refine the process.

There have also been several handling workshops for Associate judges including one in Hong Kong Sponsored by the Persian and Exotic club on January 15th. 14 breeds were presented and handled. Training judges Melanie Morgan, Suki Lee.

Attendees:

Longhair : Persian, Exotic, Birman, NFC, Maine Coon, Ragdoll, American Curl

Alex LUK Chun Lap

Russell LAW

LEUNG Pak Hei

Patrick AU, Siu Wai

Grace CHEUNG

Shorthair : American Shorthair, British Shorthair, Bombay, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Bengal , Sphinx

Phebe LOW

Sarah Sau Wah NG

Andy YEUNG

Edmond TANG

Upcoming schools:

Feline Fanciers Of Benelux, February 11-12, 2023, Houthalen-Helchteren Belgium

Instructors: Peter Vanwonderghem, Barbara Jaeger

Las Vegas Cat Club, April 29-30, Las Vegas Nevada

Instructors: Barbara Jaeger and Anne Mathis

Recruitment update:

A record number of individuals have come out of the handling classes expressing interest in the Judging Program and we are actively following up with each individual in order to assist in customizing learning experiences.

Judging Program Rule Updates:

Mastin: Melanie? **Morgan:** OK, so moving on, we're going down to Judging Program Rule Updates. I swear we are getting hopefully to the end of these soon. We have a couple more tweaks that we would like to get approved prior to the start of the new season. Some of them are just housekeeping and some of them have been brought to us by various members of the Judging Program and/or the board.

Changing Definition section to remove numbers.

Morgan: The first is, Section 1 currently is a definition section that we put in, and having it numbered means that every time we add a definition to something means we renumber everything, so we would like to just remove the numbers from Section 1, renumber everything else down, and just have the definitions be as they are, which is alphabetical.

Fun shows:

1 - Insert new definition for Fun shows.

2 - Insert new Judging Program Rules 1., 2., 3., and 4. into section 12.1

Morgan: The next section came up because we have been having some issues with Associate Judges, so it came from Anne and Vicki, with the fact that fun shows have become a point of contention in that they, first of all, weren't defined and then they were broke out, the requirements on them, into the Judging Program Rules. So, adding in how we want to handle and deal with fun shows so that it's not just some vague policy that is unstated, and actually put it into our rules. That goes into Section 12.1.

Guest Judge Program:

Addition of already approved Guest Judge program into the J.P. Rules

Refining process for approved guest judge application to the CFA Judging Program

Morgan: The third came from Pam DelaBar. It is really refining the process for approved [guest] judge applications, so if you've got an approved guest judge out there and they want to come over, we want to just make it clear what that path is. Actually, that's a fourth option. Let me go back to the third, which is back in 2019, the end of it, I think December or something like that, the board approved a Guest Judge Program that included approved guest judges and then other levels. It was never incorporated into the Judging Program Rules, so you basically had to

go to two sources to find all your information. We don't propose getting rid of those Guest Judge Program guidelines that are out there, but redundancy is not necessarily a bad thing on this issue and we wanted to roll it into the rules.

Board Motion: *Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes in purple, effective immediately.*

Morgan: You will see that all of the changes here that we are proposing are in purple. My motion is to [reads]. **Currl:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny.

Seconded by Kenny. Carried.

Melanie moves to remove 12.1.c. Seconded by Kenny. Carried.

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<i>Section 5</i>	<i>Requirements for Associate Judges Applying to the Regular CFA Judging Program</i>
<i>Section 6</i>	<i>Process for Initial and Second Specialty Applications</i>
<i>Section 7</i>	<i>Acceptance into the Judging Program</i>
<i>Section 8</i>	<i>Trainees</i>
<i>Section 9</i>	<i>Apprentice Judges</i>
<i>Section 10</i>	<i>Advancement Procedures for Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges</i>
<i>Section 11</i>	<i>Licensing</i>
<i>Section 12</i>	<i>Judging Invitation Clarifications</i>

Section 1 add to Definitions:

APPROVED GUEST JUDGE: *A Guest Judge from another association recognized by CFA, who has judged sufficient shows to become approved according to Section 12 rules.*

FUN SHOW: *A show that is held in conjunction with a CFA licensed show or a stand-alone not aligned with another cat organization. The fun show must not score the entrants or place any titles on the cats participating, other than for awards at that specific show. No ring type or judge type can be designated. It is the responsibility of the CFA judge accepting a fun show assignment to investigate the fun show format to ensure it aligns with the above criteria, including scoring, ring type or judge type designations.*

Guest Judge: *An Approved Specialty or Allbreed judge from another association recognized by CFA who may be asked to judge a CFA show according to the rules in Section 12.*

Section 3 add Approved Guest Judge application clarification

3.12 Approved Guest Judges *may apply to the program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date and a*

letter of intent to attend a BAOS within 2 years of acceptance. These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.

Section 12 add clarification for guest judge approvals, details on fun show requirements, add in existing guest judge guidelines.

12.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations

b. Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the JPC prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval. *The request for approval must contain:*

1. Judges Name
2. The Invitation from the Affiliated Association
3. Name of the club hosting the show
4. Show location, date and format.

DelaBar: I had just a couple of questions on things, Mel. On the invitations to CFA judges under 12.1., just note that most other associations don't have contracts, so it mentions the contract there; they don't have them.

12.2 Requests to judge fun shows, 4H shows or to conduct seminars require approval of the designated JPC member.

1. Fun Shows judging will not be approved for shows licensed by an Association other than CFA, though may be approved if for an unaffiliated feline club.

1. Fun Show judging will not be approved for shows conducted by or in conjunction with FFF or ICE.

2. Fun Show judging will not be approved if FFF or ICE judges are also officiating.

3. Fun Show judging will not be approved as an in-conjunction show, sharing a show hall or second day at the same venue where an ICE or FFF show occurred.

4. Associate judges of single specialties may judge all types of cats at a Fun Show.

DelaBar: Under the fun shows, under c. of 12.1., we are only allowing fun shows for CFA shows, is that correct? That are associated with CFA shows? **Morgan:** That's what we are proposing, yes. **DelaBar:** Why? **Morgan:** I think that the reasoning behind that is that our CFA judges should be – it goes down to the FFF and the ICE situations there, so I think the reasoning for that was that we wanted things that were CFA branded on that. **DelaBar:** FIFE, who is a WCC member, has a fun show in Malaysia. Would that mean that we, as CFA judges, could not

judge FIFE one day and do their fun show the next? That's one of my problems with that on the associations. When you talk about not being able to do where an FFF or ICE judge is, our people have to double check to make sure that they're not working there, back in the day – this is a history lesson, sorry about that – back in the day we had a rule where judges could not judge at a show even in Europe or the International Division if a TICA or ACFA judge was also judging there. I approached Kim Everett and we got rid of that, because it's preposterous to have to keep checking on who has what on their judging slate. We are a guest of the organization that has invited us to do that fun show, and I don't want to see our judges getting into problems if they say yes, I have permission to do your fun show, and then the club has to substitute somebody in and they just happen to be FFF or ICE, and then our judge is SOL. So, when we have rules like this, it ends up hurting us and our judges. **Morgan:** In the interest of time, I think you make some good points, Pam. I would like to amend my motion to remove 12.1.c. and we'll bring it back later. **Mastin:** So, the whole section of 12.1.c.? **Morgan:** Correct. I think Pam brings up some good points that we should discuss. Is that OK? That's my motion. Do I have a second? **Currie:** I'll second. **Mastin:** OK, Kenny seconded that.

No Action.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following transcript also appears under Unfinished Business, at which time it was taken off the table and voted on.]

Mastin: Do you have anything else, Rachel? **Anger:** I have a note that there was something in the Judging Program Rule #12, paragraph 1, subparagraph (c) about approved guest judges. **Morgan:** Yes, it's actually for fun shows. Pam and I worked on that last night. Thank you Pam. **DelaBar:** Thank you Melanie. **Morgan:** Teamwork makes the dream work. We're going to make 12.1.c. 12.2 because there is no 12.2 in here anymore. #1 will now read, *Fun shows will not be approved for shows conducted by or in conjunction with FFF or ICE.* #3 will become 2 and I will read it just so that it's here. We have the whole 12.2. *Fun show judging will not be approved if FFF or ICE judges are also officiating.* #3 will become 2, and that reads: *Fun show judging will not be approved as an in-conjunction show sharing a show hall or second day in the same venue where an ICE or FFF show occurred.* #4 becomes #3, and that reads: *Associate judges of single specialties may judge all types of cats at a fun show.* Do you need me to read the whole thing again or have you got it? **Anger:** I have it. **Morgan:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** The rationale behind that is on the shows to be allowed to be fun shows, I would hate to have to see the board have to come anytime we were going to do a 4H show, for example. I'm speaking as a judge and I'm not trying to be holier than thou over it, but CFA judges are really well thought of, especially in handling, and *We Know Cats*. We should allow our judges to go out and share this information, especially if we're going to be able to bring more people into the fancy and get a chance to raise our level of registrations and other products. Our judges are ambassadors and they are good examples of the cat fancy, so we don't want to hold back our judges for bona fide exercises of programs or whatever, especially for these fun shows. Some of our larger organizations within like the WCC, we have very large independent clubs throughout the world. Why not allow our judges to spread the word, get out there and do some little evangelizing for CFA on these events? **Morgan:** So, that's our motion. **DelaBar:** I'll second. **Morgan:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Was that all that needed to be corrected? **Morgan:** Correct. **Mastin:** Nothing else? Because I know you had identified a number of areas. **Morgan:** We fixed those yesterday. **DelaBar:** We fixed them. **Mastin:** But they don't need board approval?

Morgan: No, we did it. **Mastin:** OK great. Any questions or discussion? Any objections to the changes? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

12.3 Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show

a. *Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may guest judge for CFA a maximum of ten (10) times per show season and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. Judges at the Guest Judge level may be approved to guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) CFA shows per show season, and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. A judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges will serve as a specialty judge unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge. The following information must be provided to the JPC:*

- 1. Judges Name*
- 2. Judges Affiliated Association*
- 3. Name of Club hosting the show*
- 4. Show Location, date and format.*

Mastin: Continue. Was there anything else? Any other discussion? **Morgan:** Thank you Pam. **Mastin:** Questions or comments? **DelaBar:** On all of yours? 12.3.a., approved guest judges, clubs have not had to get permission from Vicki to use those judges. I couldn't find it within here where that is stated.

Add 12.3 d, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6

d. Requirements to move from Guest Judge to Approved Guest Judge. The Guest Judge will:

- 1. Have reviewed a minimum of 4 (LH) and 6 (SH) breed presentations online and passed the post- tests OR have attended a breed Awareness and Orientation School.*
- 2. Maintain positive evaluations from clubs.*
- 3. Have at least three satisfactory observation reports on file within the preceding three years.*

DelaBar: And then on #4, approved Guest Judges do not get evaluation forms unless they mess up, of course. **Morgan:** Right. **DelaBar:** There was another one where it talks about, for Guest Judges, it's under – maybe this is something we need to have dinner over, but to *Have at least three satisfactory observation reports on file*. What's an observation report and who does them, because they are getting evaluations unless they are an approved Guest Judge. **Morgan:** This was basically taking the program that was approved, which required this, and rolling it in. So, it is what's already been approved by the CFA board and has been in place, so we are simply

putting it into the rules because this is what was voted on. An observation report, as I understand it, which is one of the reasons we wanted a Sunday judge, is a CFA judge will come back in and actually provide observations on that judge. These are the current rules, the way that they are. We're not changing any – **DelaBar**: It's in purple. **Morgan**: No, what's in purple is because we're putting it from what was approved by the board as the Guest Judging Program and we're actually putting it into the Judging Program Rules, which has never been done before. So, we have not changed anything of what we have been currently working under since 2019. We're simply putting it into the one document so that you don't have to look at the Guest Judging Rule document and then where it says – because most people don't even know to look for that. They go to the Judging Program Rules, and this Program has never been in there. So, we have not changed anything from that, but if we want to change it, then we would need to re-look at it.

4. Will have their name will be recommended by the JPC for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval to advance to Approved Guest Judge.

12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:

a. Guest Judge

- 1. Must maintain a current resume of credentials and contact details*
- 2. Must understand CFA Judging Rules, ring mechanics and Show Rules*
- 3. Must agree to take a review/test of CFA Show Rules and Mechanics upon request.*
- 4. Must agree to an improvement plan if paperwork errors are found.*

b. CFA Clubs must:

1. Request approval from the JPC for use of a Guest Judge at least 60 days in advance of the show. The request must include the names of CFA judges officiating at the show and the show format.

2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show

DelaBar: And then the other thing I did have a question with, because some of my clubs have had problems with this, is to mandate that a guest judge must always judge on Sunday. Sometimes that's just not possible with airline – **Morgan**: I don't think we mandate that, we suggest that. **DelaBar**: It says "CFA clubs must." Then that's b.2., *Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two day show*. **Morgan**: You are right.

Eigenhauser: Just because some of this is coming in from things we have done before and some of it is new, doesn't mean we can't rule on all of it today. If Pam wants to make a motion to strike the provision that Guest Judges be limited to Sunday, I will second it. **Mastin**: Are you making that? **DelaBar**: Well, Melanie has already said that we were going to talk about some of those and possibly bring it back. **Morgan**: We were going to talk about the fun shows. **DelaBar**: The fun shows, yes. **Mastin**: Right. **Morgan**: I'm fine with George's – **DelaBar**: This is under moving a Guest Judge to Approved level. I just want to make sure that these judges

know that they are going to be observed and not have somebody with a super-secret report being done on them, type of thing. **Mastin:** So, are you agreeing to strike what George – **Morgan:** Yes. **Mastin:** Great. **Morgan:** But I needed a second. **Webb:** Second. **Mastin:** Russell seconded that. **Anger:** Can you specify exactly what we're striking? **DelaBar:** The Sunday. **Anger:** The Sunday? **Morgan:** The Sunday. **Calhoun:** To find a Guest Judge to judge Sunday of a two-day show, if we strike that, are we striking *Have at least three satisfactory observation reports on file*. How is the observation report – **DelaBar:** It's different. **Morgan:** No, because you don't have to have an observation report at every show you guest judge. I mean, you only need three out of – **DelaBar:** If I could remark, where we're looking at is 12.4.b., *CFA clubs must:* number 2. **Mastin:** Which number did you say? **DelaBar:** 12.4.b.2. **Anger:** Is that to strike out from the motion or to bring it back? **Mastin:** George, I think your motion was to strike it out. **Eigenhauser:** Strike it out. If they want to change it later, they can bring it back as a new motion. **Morgan:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, let's tackle that one right now. Any further discussion on striking that? Any objections? OK, unanimous consent, that passes, so that part is done.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. Agree to assign an experienced CFA Licensed clerk to the Guest Judge's ring and instruct the clerk and/or master clerk to assist with any paper work issues.

4. Complete a Guest Judge evaluation form containing all required signatures and forward to Central office within 30 days of the show.

c. JPC or Central Office will:

1. Maintain a list of Approved Guest Judges.

2. Notify the Guest Judge of approval prior to a contracted show and provide links to the current Show Rule, Breed Standards, Judges Ethics, and How to Mark a Judges Book instructions. Included will also be the JP Rules and the guest judge evaluation form.

3. Notify the show manager, show secretary and regional director or area representative of approvals to judge.

12.5 Any Guest Judge may be dropped a level or have approval removed for future CFA shows if they are found to violate the CFA Show Rules, or the CFA Judges Code of Ethics. Continued errors in mechanics will require attending a clerking school prior to any further assignments.

12.6 Guest Judges may apply to become CFA Judges by following the requirements in Section 3. Approved Guest Judges may apply using the process defined in 3.12.

Mastin: Pam, continue. **DelaBar:** Just, is it still the practice that clubs do not have to get permission for approved guest judges? **Morgan:** Right. **DelaBar:** I could not find where that's in the – **Morgan:** We'll address that and bring it back. **DelaBar:** OK. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, anything else. **DelaBar:** No. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **DelaBar:** You notice, I pay attention.

Mastin: So Melanie, I have you bringing back two things, correct? **Morgan:** Yes.

Mastin: Can you just quickly summarize that for the group? **Morgan:** We're bringing back the

fun shows. **Anger:** 12.1.c. **Morgan:** 12.1.c. **Mastin:** Correct. **Morgan:** What else was I bringing back? **DelaBar:** The approved Guest Judges don't need, to put that in. **Morgan:** I'm not bringing that back tomorrow. I might bring it back tomorrow, but I will definitely bring it back by April. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? We are going to vote on bringing back what Melanie said. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Melanie, you and Pam are going to finalize this and bring it back tomorrow. Is that the plan? **Morgan:** Correct. **Mastin:** Very good, so we have to add that to Old Business.

Relicense Judges: *All Approved and Approval Pending judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, which requires the affirmative vote of a majority of board members present.*

Carol Fogarty 6 yes (Calhoun, Currle, Hayata, Krzanowski, Shelton, Webb); 8 no (Anger, Colilla, Dunham, Hannon, Mastin, Morgan, Moser, Noble); 4 abstain (DelaBar, Eigenhauser, Roy, Wilson)

Gary Veach 5 yes (Anger, Calhoun, Hayata, Morgan, Roy); 10 no (Colilla, Currle, Dunham, Hannon, Krzanowski, Moser, Noble, Shelton, Webb, Wilson); 3 abstain (DelaBar, Eigenhauser, Mastin)

Iris Zinck *Vote ruled out of order by the CFA Attorney. The vote will be re-balloted at the April teleconference.*

Applicants: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:*

Accept as Approval Pending Allbreed from Another Association:

Olga Grebneva – approved guest judge transfer 18 yes
Olga Korotonozhkina – approved guest judge transfer 18 yes

Advancements:

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Amanda Cheng 16 yes; 1 no (DelaBar); 1 abstain (Moser)
Nadejda Rumyantseva 18 yes

[**Hayata** joins the meeting.]

Mastin: Continue, Melanie. **Morgan:** I'm done. **Mastin:** Mark, right on time.

Eigenhauser: George is going to mess it up. It has been our tradition for years to do a Judging Program Report and put the closed session items at the bottom of the report, to be discussed when we go into closed session. That's how it is in this report [Note: referring to the original report submitted for board members only]. I would really encourage the Judging Program to do physically separate reports so that when we're scrolling through and we hit the little line that says *Executive Session*, we don't accidentally miss it and violate some closed session matter. It's easier for the board if the closed session portion of the report and the open session portion of the

report are two physically separate reports, rather than just a continuation at the end. I know they cut and pasted the closed session – actually copied and pasted this into the closed session report. It would have been better if it was cut out of the open session report. In mine, it follows right after the open session items. It would be easier if all of that were included only in the closed session portion of the report. **Hannon:** To support that, what we traditionally do is announce advancements that were approved, or acceptances that were approved. When we post the names of the people that we're going to be voting on, it makes it real obvious when somebody wasn't advanced or approved. **Anger:** But that would be in the open session minutes anyway. **Hannon:** No. Where would it say in the open session minutes that somebody was not approved or advanced? **Anger:** We have always reported the vote. **Hannon:** So, if somebody is not advanced, we post the vote so that everybody knows they weren't advanced? **Anger:** I believe that's in the Bylaws. [Note: CFA Bylaws, Article XIV, ... *When voting on the acceptance or advancement of individuals in the Judging Program, the vote of the individual Board Members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.* ...] **Hannon:** They even mention the people that voted no. It happened to me. **Morgan:** I would have to go back and look, but I don't remember back in 2018 and 2017 having these advancements in the open session portion, so I'm kind of supporting where George was coming from on that, but if it's in the Constitution – we always kind of put it in after the fact, but I don't know. **Eigenhauser:** George was not talking about that issue at all. All I was talking about was having two physically separate reports. What we do with the information after that is not part of my suggestion. **Mastin:** Are you in agreement with George's recommendation for two separate reports, not including closed session? OK, so that can be done. I don't think we need a motion on that. You are fine with it. So then, the other part, I guess you are going to look into it, I don't know. **Tartaglia:** As far as what's in the Bylaws, it says under Article XIV – Judges, *When voting on the acceptance or advancement of individuals in the Judging Program, the vote of the individual Board Members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.* **Roy:** So, Rachel is right. **Mastin:** You will have to change the Bylaws if you want to change that. OK Melanie, anything else? **Morgan:** No. **Mastin:** Thank you.

[From end of meeting] **Anger:** These are the regular ballot results. The results are considered to be confidential until you receive a copy of the email that the judges receive. Usually that's already done but it isn't this time. Olga Grebneva, 18 yes. Olga K, 18 yes. Amanda Cheng, 16 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. Nadejda Rumyantseva, 18 yes. Gene Darrah, elevated to Emeritus Status by 2/3.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Submitted by Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

CFA has financially performed well thus far this fiscal year. Despite moderate declines in registration, by balancing expenses and income, CFA realized a net operating profit of \$7,094. Other sources of income which include rental income and interest contributed an additional \$24,386. This means that our core business reflected a profit of \$31,480.

As we are very much aware, from an investment perspective, the markets have been volatile and unpredictable. That being said, CFA is in a unique position. Given that our operating income is positive, CFA has not been required to make any withdrawals from our investments. While the value of the investments fluctuates the highs, and the lows are unrealized and will only be realized if the need for a withdrawal occurs.

Mastin: Let's go on to Kathy Calhoun, Treasurer's Report. **Calhoun:** OK. You all received the report. I just want to highlight a couple of things. At the beginning of the report I call out that our net operating profit is \$7,094 for the period of May 1 through December 31, 2022. I also pointed out that there are other sources of income that we benefit from, being rental and interest. That's another \$24,386, bringing really the profit to \$31,480. That's at the beginning of the report. I also wanted to make sure and address, and I'm sure people get this, but we have all been in a very volatile time period as far as the market is concerned. We have been impacted by that, as well, as far as our investments, but we are in a very favorable position because we are not in a position where we have to use any monies that are invested. That's why the gains or losses – the good and the bad – is considered unrealized. Only realized once you actually use the funds, and we are in a position where we don't have to do that.

Profit & Loss Analysis

Total registration, which includes litter registration and individual registration, contributed \$684,197 to the bottom line. This represents a -6.2% reduction compared to the same period last year and is 89% of budget.

	<i>May - Dec, 2022</i>	<i>May - Dec, 2021 (PY)</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
<i>Registrations, Litters (early)</i>	\$111,025	\$102,890	\$8,135	7.91%
<i>Registrations, Litters</i>	\$141,095	\$151,307	(\$10,212)	-6.75%
<i>Total Litter Registrations</i>	\$252,120	\$254,197	(\$2,077)	-0.82%
<i>Registrations, Cats (early)</i>	\$184,581	\$211,107	(\$26,526)	-12.57%

<i>Registration, Cats</i>	\$40,432	\$46,142	(\$5,710)	-12.37%
<i>Registrations, Cats-Prepaid</i>	\$202,578	\$213,432	(\$10,854)	-5.09%
<i>Registrations, Cats w/Litter</i>	\$4,486	\$4,534	(\$48)	-1.05%
Total Individual Registrations	\$432,077	\$475,215	(\$43,138)	-9.08%
Total Registrations	\$684,197	\$729,412	(\$45,215)	-6.20%

Other Key Indicators: Additional performance indicators are captured in the chart below.

	May - Dec, 2022	May - Dec, 2021 (PY)	Change	% Change
<i>Registrations, Cattery</i>	\$147,670	\$212,056	(\$64,386)	-30.36%
<i>Add Suffix Name</i>	\$6,320	\$9,821	(\$3,501)	-35.65%
<i>Championship Confirmation</i>	\$29,985	\$24,402	\$5,583	22.88%
<i>Breed Council Dues</i>	\$24,060	\$26,030	(\$1,970)	-7.57%
<i>Miscellaneous Registration. Services</i>	\$12,635	\$9,477	\$3,158	33.33%
<i>Expedited Services & Fees</i>	\$35,868	\$45,753	(\$9,885)	-21.60%

Total Ordinary Income contributed \$1,360,542 to the bottom line compared to 1,457,306.42 prior year. This represents a **-6.64%** decrease compared to prior year and is 93% of budget.

Calhoun: That being said, registration. We continue to see declines there. I know that we are going to discuss this tomorrow and we need to work toward finding ways to address that. So, we're down 6.2% overall. I called out some of the key indicators. I won't drain that part of the slide, but Ordinary Income we are down about 6.64% compared to 93% of budget in prior years.

Publications

Cat Talk/EPoints – This category has provided an \$11,024 profit. This profit is largely due to Cat Talk magazine. This publication is currently delivered on a digital platform as opposed to print. Thereby realizing the benefits of reduced production costs.

Yearbook advertising revenue continues to perform better than the prior year. Currently this income line item is \$22,751 compared to \$13,046 in the prior year.

Central Office expenses have increased 3% compared to prior year.

Show Sponsorship is currently 63% of budget.

2022 Annual Meeting's financials are summarized in the table below. A detailed report is posted in File Vista. The expense for the June Board meeting is not a part of the financials for the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Board meeting expenses for the June Board meeting were \$45,591.

2022 Annual Meeting				
	Actuals	Budget	over Budget	% Of Budget
<i>Total Income</i>	\$63,221	\$60,965	\$2,256	104%
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$134,906	\$123,484	\$11,423	135%
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$71,685)	(\$62,519)	(\$9,167)	115%

Pittsburgh Cat Show & Expo's financials are captured in the following chart.

CFA Event - Pittsburgh Expo	
<i>Income</i>	
<i>Entry Fees</i>	\$7,470
<i>CFA Events</i>	\$79
<i>Judge Expense</i>	\$8,027
<i>Central Office</i>	\$3,171
<i>Rosettes, Prizes</i>	\$752
<i>Clerks, Stewards</i>	\$957
<i>In-show Hospitality, Other</i>	\$1,240
<i>Cage Service</i>	\$2,431
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$16,656
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$9,186)

Calhoun: Our Publications are doing well. Cat Talk and ePoints are benefitting from going online, so we don't have all the production costs that we did, so we are showing a profit of \$11,000. The Yearbook, we are again doing well with the Yearbook. We're very happy with the Yearbook. Currently, the income line is reflecting \$22,000, almost \$23,000. Central Office expenses have increased about 3%, but that's expected. We've had salary increases and those sorts of things. Our Show Sponsorship budget, we're only at 63% so we're not coming back relative to asking more funding for Show Sponsorship. If we wanted to, we would have had to do that in February. The Annual Meeting, there were some minor adjustments for the Annual

Meeting. It still reflects a cost of \$71,000, almost \$72,000 for the Annual. There is a report on the Pittsburgh Expo. The P&L on that is a negative \$9,186.

The Bottom Line: *Net operating income remains positive at \$16,432. The net income is -\$106,251 primarily due to unrealized losses.*

	<i>May - Dec, 2022</i>	<i>May - Dec, 2021 (PY)</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>
<i>Gross Profit</i>	\$1,478,964	\$1,502,523	(\$23,559)	-1.57%	\$1,557,527	94.96%
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$1,471,870	\$1,304,579	\$167,291	12.82%	\$1,550,580	94.92%
<i>Net Operating Income</i>	\$7,094	\$197,944	(\$190,850)	-96.42%	\$6,947	102.11%
<i>Other Income</i>						
<i>Interest Income</i>	\$5,686	\$5,409	\$277	5.12%	\$5,333	106.61%
<i>Rental Income</i>	\$18,700	\$17,600	\$1,100	6.25%	\$18,920	98.84%
<i>Unrealized Gain/Loss</i>	(\$79,909)	\$44,317	(\$124,225)	-280.31%	\$33,333	-239.73%
<i>Total Other Income</i>	(\$55,523)	\$67,325	(\$122,848)	-182.47%	\$57,587	-96.00%
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$48,429)	\$265,270	(\$313,698)	-118.26%	\$64,534	-75.00%

Calhoun: So, all things considered, the Net Income as we stand currently is a negative \$48,000, but again we are operating in such a way that we are able to work within those constraints and we're not dipping into any investment funds.

Opportunities:

One of the opportunities provided for the Board's consideration is reducing the cost of Board Meetings. The first consideration would be to schedule the October board meeting on the Monday and Tuesday after the International Cat Show and Expo. There are several board members and non-board members who participate in the International Show and Expo in various capacities which include, judges, show management, and staff. Instead of incurring travel expense for two events – one the first weekend in October the board meeting and one the second weekend in October the International show – schedule the events to occur back-to-back. There by reducing travel expense by 50% for those participating in both events. There would also be a savings in hotel nights as most individuals arrive the day before each event. The following motion is only for 2023. The Board can re-evaluate after 2023 to determine if this should be continued in future years.

Calhoun: That being said, there are some opportunities. Does anyone have any questions about the report thus far? So, onto the Opportunities. One of the opportunities I would like to

present to the board for consideration is a combination of the International Show and Expo in October, and the October board meeting. Currently, the October board meeting is the first weekend in October, the show is the second weekend in October. We don't know, but the likelihood that there will be a number of board members that will participate in the International Show, either as judges or managing the show, working the show, being present, Central Office, myself, so if we investigate or vote today on combining the two, what that would mean is that we would have the International Show and Expo as it is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, the board meeting would follow that Monday and Tuesday. The savings that that affords us is significant in that those group of people that participate in both, we won't have transportation costs twice. If we bring them in October for a board meeting the first weekend, and for the International Show, we can reduce those costs by half by combining. Not only that, we do have a little bit of benefit from the hotel as well because people typically come in the night before the event, so you won't have that "night before" twice.

Motion: *Conduct the October board meeting the Monday, October 16, 2023 and Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in-person in Cleveland, Ohio.*

Calhoun: So, I have a motion. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** I need a second.

Eigenhauser: George seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you George. You had a comment? **Eigenhauser:** Yes. It makes economic sense to coordinate the two events. This is far enough out that there's plenty of time for people to make travel plans and adjust their work schedules or whatever they need to do, so I support this motion. However, to save time and not have to raise my hand again, I'm not going to support the next one because I think it's too soon to be talking about what we're going to be doing in February next year. **Calhoun:** Can we get to that? **Eigenhauser:** I know **Mastin:** We will do them separately. **Krzanowski:** I'm all in agreement with saving expense. However, my main concern with this motion is that most of the staff and judges on this board will be working on the International Show and will be there for several days and will be exhausted after the International. There are also a lot of things that come up in the few days just prior to the board meeting that need to be addressed, so I'm not sure that everyone will be in their best form to conduct business for the association, being so tired. **Calhoun:** While that may be true to some degree, I don't think that – traveling back to back weekends is also exhausting. We know we have challenges, headwinds from a financial standpoint, things like registrations, we want to remain in a position where we're not tapping into our funds in this market, and I think this is one of the things that we get. The board wants to have an in-person meeting. This allows us to have an in-person meeting at a reduced cost. Granted, you know, in my opinion typically the International Show is completed at a reasonable time. People have all of Sunday from the late afternoon to the following Monday to rest. People who would have been going to a job the next day on Monday, they would probably have gone to work, so I think this is something that we really need to strongly consider. **Wilson:** I counted on the list of judges. Nine of them are either current board members or have declared to run for the board. That could really be a significant impact on the finances, but also this gives them plenty of time to make arrangements to take time off of work that Monday and Tuesday, and if they have to go back and it's a Zoom meeting, that's the only concern I have is if someone has a full-time job and they can't arrange now to take Monday and Tuesday off, they're not going to be able to attend by Zoom either because they have to work. That's my only concern. I think it's a great idea. **Mastin:** Any other questions or comments? Just a comment. Another opportunity for possible pro is, we will have a large number of exhibitors attending that weekend and we may have a few more in the audience,

but they may have the same situation if they work and have to go back on Sunday. Rarely do we have many people in our non-annual board meeting in in-person attendance. **Dunham:** I understand the financial situation and being able to combine the two is probably a good thing, but I can speak to what Annette said. I do still work 40 hours a week and I do have to be at my job now. I have a little bit of a concession because I work from home and I have a meeting going on and I can still do some other things, but I also have another event that's an annual event that same weekend that is scheduled year to year and is paid for well in advance, so the opportunity to be able to attend by Zoom for individuals like me, I'm OK with but to just say that I can give up two days of vacation time and I'm also gone the whole weekend anyway because of another commitment is challenging and I'm not going to lie about that. Can I probably make it work if I can attend via Zoom? Yeah, I probably can, but just to say that I am going to be there in person, I can't do that right now.

Mastin: Any further discussion? Alright, I'm going to call for a vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Dunham voting no. Hannon, Noble and Wilson abstained.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, Sharon Roy, George Eigenhauser, Pam Moser, Russell Webb, Carol Krzanowski, Kenny Currle, Mike Shelton, Pam DelaBar. Lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Cathy Dunham. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Annette Wilson. **Anger:** I don't have Hayata. **Mastin:** Allene, can you let in Hayata please? **Tartaglia:** I have been trying all morning. [Side discussions regarding technical difficulties with Hayata's attendance were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** Are you in favor of the motion? Please raise your hand. She lowered it and then raised her hand. Thank you. **Anger:** So, that's 13 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

The second consideration is to conduct the February 2024 board meeting virtually. This provides a cost avoidance of \$35,000 to \$45,000. It also defers travel which could be difficult during the month of February. This motion is also only for 2024. The board can re-evaluate after the February 2024 board meeting to determine if this should be continued in future years.

Motion: Conduct the February board meeting on Saturday February 3, and Sunday February 4, 2024, virtually.

Mastin: Kathy, continue. **Calhoun:** My second motion for the board to consider is to have the February 2024 board meeting virtually. This is a cost avoidance of some \$35,000 to \$45,000. It also defers travel in what can be a challenging time of year. We need to at least consider this for this meeting because we will need to budget for this one way or the other, either in person or not. To George's comment that he feels it's too early, then the alternative would be to budget for it. **Mastin:** Can I have a second please? **DelaBar:** I'll second with the right to vote no. I think it's easier to plan and budget for the meeting, and then if we decide we don't need it, then we can always subtract that. We have a couple of breeds that will probably be up for advancement by then, and we do give them the opportunity to present those breeds in the fur to the board. You can't do that very well virtually if you want to check coat texture and stuff like

that. **Calhoun:** So, actually, to your point about having breeds come in and be reviewed in person, and this is completely off topic but in my opinion that would probably be something we should look at, at some point in time, of moving to October. A couple reasons why, is that those new breeds could actually participate on display at the International Show and get a huge audience to look at them, and where they would not have that benefit in October, but that's a whole different – that is not a part of this, but that's not my fault. I agree that it's easier to budget for it than not, but in our attempt to have a balanced budget, if we budget for this we may not be able to budget for something else, so there may be a pull-back on something to support this. So, we just need to take that into consideration because I believe the board and our constituents would like to see, in any way possible, a balanced budget. So, there could be some give and take in order to budget for this.

Mastin: Any further discussion? OK, I'm going to call the motion. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Currel, DelaBar, Eigenhauser, Morgan, Shelton and Webb voting no. Wilson abstained.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Kathy Calhoun. Lower your hands. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currel, George Eigenhauser, Melanie Morgan, Russell Webb. Lower your hand. Any abstentions? Annette Wilson. What do you have? **Anger:** That's 9 yes votes, 6 no votes, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Mastin: Kathy? **Calhoun:** That's it for the Treasurer's Report. **Mastin:** Alright, thank you.

6. BUDGET COMMITTEE.

*Committee Chair: Kathy Calhoun
List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, Allene Tartaglia*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Most committees have submitted their budget requests. The committee chair will reach out to individual committee chairs privately regarding questions and/or missing requests.

Current Happenings of Committee:

*02/01/2023 Budget Committee ZOOM #1
02/02/2023 Budget Committee ZOOM #2
02/06/2023 Budget Committee ZOOM #3*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, Chair*

Mastin: Moving on to the Budget Report. **Calhoun:** There's really no need to discuss it. We're just talking about dates for the review. **Mastin:** That saves us a little bit of time, thank you. Continue.

7. WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

*Delegate: Kathy Calhoun
Advisor: Rachel Anger*

The World Cat Congress (WCC) is an international confederation of the biggest international federations and national associations in the cat fancy. The purpose of the WCC is to promote better understanding and co-operation among the world's various cat associations in matters of mutual interest and concern. See this and more on their website worldcatcongress.org.

WCC Members

*Australian Cat Federation (ACF)
Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA)
Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCC of A)
Federation Internationale of Feline (FiFe)
Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, United Kingdom (GCCF)
New Zealand Cat Fancy (NZCF)
Southern Africa Cat Council (SACC)
The International Cat Association (TICA)
World Cat Federation (WCF)*



Founding members – ACF, CFA, FiFe, WCF, TICA

The 2023 World Cat Congress Annual Meeting will be held in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia, June 9 – 13th in conjunction with the ACF Annual Meeting.

Proposals from the member organizations are being accepted through April 12, 2023.

Please forward any proposals that may be presented at this meeting to Kathy and Rachel no later than March 1, 2023. Send any relevant information and rationale. The suggested proposals will be presented to the CFA Board at the April Board Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Delegate
Rachel Anger, CFA Advisor*

Mastin: World Cat Congress. **Calhoun:** The World Cat Congress report. Let me pull it up. You all have the report. It's somewhat self-explanatory, providing the dates of the upcoming meeting that Rachel and I will be attending. One of the important things is that we have an opportunity to add to the agenda if we have any items that we would like to have discussed at that meeting, so what I would like to see is that any proposals that board members would like to have addressed at the World Cat Congress, that they send those proposals to Rachel and I no later than March 1, 2023, and that we can review and do whatever work we need to do around those, bring it back to the board for the April board meeting so the board knows anything that may be considered, and then considerations can be presented to the World Cat Congress all the way through April 12, 2023.

Eigenhauser: This is a question, not an addition. Pam DelaBar has proposed reaching out to some other organizations on legislative issues. Would this be an appropriate narrative to bring up at the World Cat Congress? **DelaBar:** Yes. I was just going to say that it's something you would want to discuss in an executive session. Ever since I was president of the World Cat Congress, the meetings have been open except for things dealing with basically the same type of thing we have here. The other thing besides animal welfare is specific problems with some associations on what they are doing with CFA pedigrees and things like that. That would probably also be in executive session. I will write those up and send them to you guys. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any other questions for Kathy? OK Kathy, continue. **Calhoun:** That's it for World Cat Congress.

8. INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Chair/Co-Chair: *Kathy Calhoun/Matthew Wong*
Subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair
 China: *John Colilla/Wain Harding*
 Subcommittee Chair
 Asia(outside of China): *Robert Zenda*
Subcommittee Chair AWA/CSA: *Open*

Committee Member Changes

With regrets, the International Division Committee accepts the resignation of Kenny Currle as subcommittee chair AWA/CSA.

Calhoun: The International Division report is next on the agenda. First of all, with regrets, the International Division Committee accepts the resignation of Kenny Currle as a subcommittee chair for AWA/CSA. We recognize and appreciate Kenny's contributions and we still look forward to any feedback that you have. **Currle:** I'll give you feedback. I bought a new business with property and it has just taken a ton of my time. I appreciated the opportunity. We have a strong foothold in the Middle East and I think it will remain as such. The biggest challenge we are going to be faced with is India. We've got to do it right and I'm sure the Committee will do just that.

China

Committee Members: *John Colilla, Wain Harding, Kathy Calhoun, Matthew Wong, Eva Chen*

There were five shows in China from December through January. One show occurred in the West territory, one in the North territory and three shows in the East territory. Two shows were cancelled due to COVID.

The west territory has scheduled shows from February 18, 2023 through the end of the show season. Several shows include Allbreed rings. Three shows have been scheduled in the East territory. At this time there are no shows scheduled in the North territory.

The Award Banquet has been rescheduled. The new date is March 18, 2023 and will be held in Macau. There are no other shows scheduled that weekend. re-schedule to March 18, 2023 in Macau. No show scheduled for that weekend.

Date	Club Name	City	Rings		Show Count Entries									
			LH	SH	Kittens LH SH		Champions LH SH		AOV LH SH		Premier LH SH		HHP	Total
07/02/22	China Free Heart Cat Club	Chengdu	4	4	10	7	20	17	3	5	3	2	0	67
11/05/22	Oriental Crown	Zhejian	3	3	46	37	41	26	9	12	7	4	43	225

12/03/22	<i>Swire CFC</i>	<i>Ningbo</i>	2	3	61	40	28	24	8	7	12	10	33	223
12/16/22	<i>Dragon King</i>	<i>Zhejian</i>	3	3	54	17	41	20	2	7	11	9	33	194
12/24/22	<i>Beyond Love Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Zhejian</i>	3	3	31	17	30	17	2	0	2	2	6	107
12/25/22	<i>China Kiwi Fancies Cat Club</i>	<i>Sichuan</i>	3	5	21	10	15	17	6	3	0	2	0	74
01/14/23	<i>Winterfell Club</i>	<i>Shenyang</i>	4	4	23	23	12	16	5	4	0	1	14	98
Summary			22	25	246	151	187	137	35	38	35	30	129	988

Calhoun: John provided his report – John and Wain. We are seeing shows as China is opening up. We are seeing shows that are being licensed and are occurring. We are seeing territories being approved. It's headed in the right direction. **Colilla:** I think there will be more shows scheduled. There's a couple NGO's waiting to get approval over there. Once that's approved, there will be an uptick in shows. **Mastin:** Anything additional, Kathy? **Calhoun:** Not on China.

ID-Other Sub-committee Chair: *Bob Zenda*

Two clubs from Korea (PURRADISE CAT CLUB and JELLY PAW CAT CLUB) and one from Hong Kong (UNIVERSAL FELINE FANCIERS) will be considered for acceptance at the February 2023 meeting. I have provided my positive recommendations for acceptance to Carol Krzanowski.

Show activity in the ID Other is continuing at a steady pace with multiple shows on many weekends. Between February and the end of the 2022-2023 Show Season 14 shows have already been licensed to be held in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia and Singapore and 8 more dates have been reserved. In addition, 10 dates have already been reserved for the 2023-2024 Show Season.

On January 11th Central Office provided data concerning 19 CFA Clubs which had not submitted membership lists, and 7 of those also had not paid club dues. I sent a follow up message to the Club Secretaries and 6 of those clubs had returned to good standing as of January 24. I do not receive notifications from Central Office when they receive the missing items from clubs, so more clubs may have complied by now. However, I will continue to follow up.

Calhoun: On the ID-Other, Bob Zenda's report, again there are a couple clubs that will be coming forward for review later on today. The activities are up. All segments of the International Committee have been reaching out to clubs that have not either paid their dues or provided their membership lists so that if, in fact, those clubs that have missed the February deadline, they are in good standing if at all possible for the deadline in June. All committee sub-chairs are pushing that.

Recommend the following changes to CFA Show Rules:

Motion: SR 4.06b – in 2nd last sentence remove Thailand from exception to require Specialty Rings

Rule # 4.06.b.	ID-Other Sub-committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgings per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgings per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and short-hair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:</p>	<p>b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgings per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgings per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and short-hair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand, or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The exemption to not require Specialty Rings was implemented before the Associate Judging Program approved 5 LH and 5 SH Associate Judges in Thailand.</p>	

Calhoun: We have a couple of recommendations for changes in the Show Rules. The first is, because Thailand now has specialty rings and they have approved longhair and shorthair Associate Judges, the second to last sentence of Show Rule 4.06.b. [reads]. **Mastin:** Kathy, are you going to have a standing motion on all three of these? **Calhoun:** Next we are going to reconsider within the Committee, so we are not going to. **Mastin:** So, you are going to withdraw 2 and 3? **Calhoun:** Yeah, the next two. 2 and 3 will be withdrawn. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. So, you are making the motion on 1. Do I have a second? **Webb:** Russell will second. **Mastin:** OK. Before we continue, is Bob Zenda available? **Calhoun:** He is in Malaysia. **Mastin:** OK, so he is not available. **Wilson:** Could maybe in the future these actually go to the Show Rules Committee so the formatting, we can see the old rule. [Secretary's Note: The Show Rules chart format was inserted after the board meeting, for convenience of the reader.] **Calhoun:** I agree with you. If in fact you would prefer we do this on that one, we could certainly take this to Show Rules. I mentioned this to Carol. **Wilson:** We're just doing #1 right now? **Calhoun:** Yeah. But yes, that

should have been done, and we will. **Mastin:** Carol and Ed, is there any concerns with this? **Krzanowski:** I have none. **Mastin:** You don't have any? Ed? **Raymond:** [inaudible, affirmative] **Mastin:** OK, so we can do it right now? Very good. Any other discussion? Any objections? **Eigenhauser:** Was there a second? **Mastin:** Yes, Russell made the second. Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

SR 6.22 – Remove Vietnam from “TH=Cambodia/Laos/Myanmar/Thailand/Vietnam” and establish a new region/area of residence “V=Vietnam”

Rationale: Now that Vietnam Cat Club has hosted a show in Vietnam, exhibitors who reside in Vietnam and meet minimum standards for Division Awards should have an opportunity to compete for DWs. Their current grouping with Thailand (and other countries) effectively eliminates the opportunity to place in the top 25 to qualify for a DW.

Mastin: Kathy? **Calhoun:** We are withdrawing the next two. **Mastin:** Alright. Anything else? **Calhoun:** No. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

Withdrawn.

ARTICLE XXXVI NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, International Division Awards, International Division Definition – Remove Vietnam from the “Cambodia/Laos/Myanmar/Thailand/Vietnam” grouping and add Vietnam as a separate country for the purpose of season end awards.

Rationale: This change would provide an opportunity for exhibitors who reside in Vietnam to qualify for DWs. The current grouping with Thailand effectively eliminates the opportunity to place in the top 25 to qualify for a DW.

Withdrawn.

Bob Zenda

9. CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

*Committee Chair: George Eigenhauser
List of Committee Members: Joan Miller, Phil Lindsley
CFA Legislative Group: George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The 118th Congress began in January 2023. A bill that was not enacted during the 117th Congress dies, though the issues may not. Legislation may be introduced with a new bill number. For research purposes, legislation may need to be tracked over several Congresses. Also, most states have or will soon begin their legislative sessions. Many states that carryover bills from one year to the next carry those bills over from odd to even-numbered years, so there will be few bills carried over from 2022 to 2023. Local (city and county) governments are busy year-round though and ordinances can be introduced with little notice.

Bans on retail pet store sales continue to be a particularly hot topic at the state and local level. A few of these bans are specifically targeted at dogs but others often expressly include cats, rabbits, and occasionally ferrets. As these laws transition from outright sales bans to allowance of sales of animals obtained from “rescue groups,” a concerning new issue for fanciers emerged from entirely new definitions of “rescue groups.” These new provisions are either added to general definitions in animal ordinances or incorporated only with the retail pet store law. These new provisions typically bar relationships of rescue groups with breeders in different ways. We first noted this problem in What’s Hot, June 2020 regarding a proposed Chicago ordinance and in September 2021 regarding its initial appearance in South Carolina. The motivation for these laws was to counter the use of fraudulent rescue organizations to evade laws in Chicago and California. Now we see a number of drafting variations that pose potential problems for fancier-led rescue groups.

The Pet Advocacy Network (formerly PIJAC), continues to provide CFA with federal, state, and some local tracking information based on our established search words, which we update as needed. We review each bill for potential interest and select those appropriate for additional tracking. This may include bills related to dog breeding, other species, or animals in general but still of interest to us. The Pet Advocacy Network also provides the updated status of the bills we have selected for ongoing tracking. This information includes amendments, committee assignments, hearing dates, and other information.

While many bills are introduced each year at the state level not all proceed through the legislatures at the same pace. Some states have very short legislative sessions and we only need to track those bills for a few months until the end of the session. However, some bills proceed very quickly and with minimal notice, particularly in states with short legislative sessions. Some bills are introduced on an innocuous topic, or with one or more non-

substantive amendments to existing law, only to have the bill amended later with completely different language (sometimes called: “gut and amend”).

We subscribe to and monitor many pet-related lists on the Internet and receive information from a multitude of sources. We network with other animal groups, such as the dog fancy, about proposed or pending laws and follow their legislative tracking. CFA Legislative network liaisons provide information about bills introduced or proposed in their state, city, or county. We ask local fanciers to watch out for state bills of interest or concern to the fancy which, for whatever reason, failed to match our search criteria and do not appear on our tracking list. Local fanciers may also have information on bills introduced in their state before it hits the national databases. Each of these sources may provide us with additional bills which are reviewed and, if appropriate, added to our tracking list. Amendments to some bills, which may not have been of interest to us initially, are often brought to our attention by local fanciers and other groups. We continue to monitor major Animal Rights groups, their websites, and events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.

The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting a wide variety of legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a quick check for news that may affect them. The Legislative Group has also updated the CFA logo on the page to the new logo. The Facebook page has increased page-likes to 657 and page-followers to 708. We are in the time of year where legislative efforts have greatly slowed at all levels of government but from September 13, 2022, to January 13, 2023, we posted 23 articles. Facebook has stopped tracking data for more than 90 days at a time. During this time the articles posted generated 297 reaches. The post with the most reach by nearly twice that of the next highest post was the one announcing the December What’s Hot article about the Texas Breeder Licensing Program Sunset Review. That article also had the highest engagement. CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group blog is our platform integrated with our other social media activities and communications strategies that has established an online presence that we manage ourselves. It has public links to our material that can be used in other contexts for direct accessibility and reference. The individual blog posts consist of monthly What’s Hot articles republished here for wider circulation and long-term availability and include occasional topical pieces of our own work. When there are additional developments, particularly for What’s Hot topics, we often add an “Editor’s Note” of explanation and/or URL for the new information. There are also additional pages within the blog site. The Resources page features additional materials including selected Cat Talk articles that were published six or more months prior to publication on the blog as well as other subject-specific work. The URL for new posts is posted on CFALegislativeNews Facebook Page or other pages we follow or as topics come up in other contexts, and this functionality is a very useful tool for maintaining our communications strategies.

Recent additions to the CFA Legislative Group blog include a new appearance and additional content for the Resources page. Inspired by the new CFA logo possibilities, the blog has a new Wordpress Theme to maximize use of the entire logo with the “We Know Cats” line at full size and colors. There is also a new color scheme throughout that is complementary to the CFA website and Newsletter. On the Resources page, new content for 2023 includes the final article in the 8-part series, State Breeder Laws Every Resident Fancier Should Know! Also, a new “Microchipping” section has been added for previously published articles covering the technology, policy issues, uses, and laws of pet microchipping. CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at:

<https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com>

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Highlights of a few selected issues: (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

Federal

HR 2840/ SB 792: “Puppy Protection Act of 2021” would have created standards for the care, treatment, and transportation of animals under the Animal Welfare Act. Died.

HB 6100: “Goldie’s Act” would have amended the Animal Welfare Act to increase enforcement including authorizing the USDA to have access at breeding facilities at all reasonable times, make inspections at least once per year, document any violation noted during the inspections, and do follow up inspections. Died.

USDA/APHIS: On January 9, 2023, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published an Advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments. In addition to strengthening regulations for exhibition of wild and exotic animals, a second topic aimed to establish standards addressing environmental enrichment for all regulated animals. The notice states that “Enrichments may address the psychological needs of species-specific feeding, foraging, and food acquisition behaviors; and enclosure space, lighting, and design that allow for species-specific behaviors.” The agency is interested in comments on this approach as well as 10 specific areas listed. Public comments are due on or before March 10, 2023. Complete information and comment submission on “Wild and Exotic Animal Handling, Training of Personnel Involved with Public Handling of Wild and Exotic Animals, and Environmental Enrichment for Species” is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2022-0022-0001>

State

CA AB 1648: Requires a city or county that requires a kennel license or permit to operate a kennel within its jurisdiction, to require, as a condition for obtaining the kennel license or permit, that the kennel owner create and submit to the city or county an animal natural disaster evacuation plan for any kennel covered by the license or permit. Enacted.

CA AB 2380: Prohibits an online pet retailer, as defined, from offering, brokering, making a referral for, or otherwise facilitating a loan or other financing option for the adoption or sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit. The bill would not apply to a loan or other financing option for the purchase of a service animal. Enacted.

CA AB 2723: Existing law had prohibited animal control agencies, humane shelters, and rescue groups from releasing dogs or cats for reclaim, adoption, sale, or give-away unless it is or will be microchipped. AB 2723 additionally: requires the owner or new owner of the dog or cat to be registered with the microchip registry company as the primary owner of the dog or cat; prohibits the agency, shelter, or group from being listed as the primary owner of the dog or cat; requires if a dog or cat has a preexisting microchip or if there is reasonable proof of ownership, an agency, shelter, or group to document and retain a record of all efforts made to contact a microchip's primary registrant or other demonstrated owner; and expressly provides that a dog or cat that is temporarily housed under an emergency evacuation order is not subject to these provisions. Enacted.

CA AB 240: would impose a surcharge on retail sellers of dog and cat food, as defined, at a rate of 8 mills imposed upon each dollar of dog and cat food sold in the state; would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to administer and collect this surcharge pursuant to the Fee Collection Procedures Law; would establish the California Spay-Neuter Fund in the State Treasury; would continuously appropriate all moneys in the fund to the Department of Food and Agriculture and require the Department of Food and Agriculture to administer and oversee the California Spay-Neuter Fund as would be required by the bill's provisions, remaining in effect only until January 1, 2044, and as of that date would be repealed. Introduced.

DE HB 258: The Izzy the Cat Law about damages awarded pet owners whose animals were harmed under specified circumstances was signed into law by Governor John Carney.

IN HB 1121: These bills would prevent cities from enacting pet store bans if the shop acquires dogs from breeders or brokers meeting certain requirements. It also defines casual breeder (dogs) and hobby breeder (dogs). Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

NJ AB 4920: (Dogs only). Would restrict the number of dogs allowed on a residential property without a residential kennel license. Inspections and maintenance requirements included. Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee.

NY SB 1130: Prohibits the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits. Allows the showcasing of rescue animals. Enacted.

PA HB1299/ SB234: Statewide retail pet sale ban of cats, dogs, and rabbits. Died in committee. Rescue would exclude any organization associated with a breeder or broker or their premises. Died.

PA HB 2052: Would have provided for a statewide animal abuser registry. Anyone visiting the state for more than 10 days would be required to register. Died.

PA SB 907: Would have established the Animal Welfare Board. Died.

TX REGS: The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has proposed new rule changes that would apply to all licensees, including licensed breeders. The new rules would require inspections to be performed during regular operational hours of the licensee. The inspection could be performed with or without notice. But these rules are not contained in the breeder-specific rules as they apply to all licensees. Adopted.

TX HB 870: Would create a statewide ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats not sourced from humane sources. Introduced.

VA HB 1382: Would make declawing cats unlawful, except for a therapeutic purpose. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

VA HB 1406: Would allow municipalities to adopt ordinances providing for lifelong cat or dog licenses. Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

WI REG 2022-001: (Dogs only). Would require imported dogs, five months or older, be vaccinated for rabies.

Local

Osceola, IA: Approved the third reading of its animal ordinance to prohibit residents from harboring or maintaining more than 3 adult dogs and/or adult cats without a permit.

St. Clare Shores, MI: Adopted an ordinance prohibiting retail pet shops from selling dogs, cats, ferrets, or rabbits. Rescue defined to exclude organizations that are or are involved with any person or entity breeding these animals.

Secaucus, NJ: Removed cats from its updated licensing ordinance.

Las Vegas, NV: Amended the city ordinance to increase the number of cats and dogs from four to six that can be kept at a residence without a permit.

Allentown, PA: The animal ordinance was amended to prohibit declawing cats absent a therapeutic purpose.

New Braunfels, TX: Adopted an ordinance prohibiting retail pet stores from selling cats and dogs.

Washington, D.C.: Adopted an ordinance prohibiting pet stores from selling cats, dogs, or aquatic turtles unless sourced from an animal welfare organization or rescue. It also

provided for requiring the posting of bonds for the care of seized animals while proceedings are pending.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. “pain and suffering”) for injuries to animals. As previously noted there has been less litigation in this area recently and PIJAC will keep us informed if a situation develops. There is nothing new to report this time period.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a “What’s Hot” legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy in general. Articles since the October 2022 Board meeting:

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, October 2022, “**Pet Night on Capitol Hill**” by Susan Cook Henry. After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Pet Night on Capitol Hill resumed their in-person event on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. During the day, George Eigenhauser took part in visits to Congress and was among nearly 100 individuals who attended meetings that day with representatives from almost half of the U.S. states. That evening the CFA booth was run by Kathy Calhoun, Susan Cook Henry, Melanie Morgan, along with Susan’s cream Persian “Jamie.” While Jamie was the star of the show, CFA’s human team engaged with other sponsors who showed interest in working relationships with CFA and its marketing/branding efforts. [Unfortunately, a snafu delayed the promised follow-up article in Cat Talk but we hope for publication in February.]*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, November 2022 “**Compensatory Damages for Delaware Pets is State Law - for Now**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison and Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. This article discussed Delaware Senate Substitute Bill SS1 for SB 258, signed into law on October 14, 2022. The amended bill allows courts to award pet owners compensatory, or financial, damages due to negligent, reckless, or malicious injury or death to a pet and removed the cap on compensatory damages. However, the final version removed the provisions for non-economic damages (i.e. pain and suffering). The amendments also add a sunset provision causing the entire Act to expire, unless extended. SB 258 had been discussed previously in the May 2022 What’s Hot.*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, December 2022 “**Texas Proposed Inspection Rules Affecting Licensed Breeders**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison and Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) closed comments on proposed rules changes for regulating animal breeders. The new rules would require that licensed breeders submit to*

inspections to be performed with or without notice during regular operational hours of the licensee and allow the use of alternative inspections methods such as videoconferencing. The review of the Texas regulations was previously discussed in the July 2020 and July 2021 What's Hot.

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, January 2023 “Enhanced Emergency Notification and Response Systems?” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison and Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. In an emergency, notification and response systems may help save lives. Enhanced emergency response systems, like Smart911, enable registrants to volunteer information, including family or caregiver information, medical conditions and disabilities, addresses, utility information, and even pets and livestock. Enhanced evacuation planning systems like Zonehaven, operate regionally to work with local governments to provide enhanced information for emergency awareness and avoidance for communicating to the entire population. The government uses this information in its public notification alerts. Regardless of the system, fanciers will want to carefully consider the information they provide to private or governmental entities.*

Meetings and Conferences:

None attended during this time period.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

The Pet Industry Leadership Summit 2023, January 30-February 1, 2023 in Coral Gables, Florida. This event is jointly sponsored by the American Pet Products Association (APPA), the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA), the Pet Advocacy Network (formerly Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council), and the World Pet Association (WPA). This is the largest conference for pet industry executives including hundreds of the pet industry's leaders. The conference is open exclusively to members of the trade organizations. Participating are the leaders and owners of the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and others. CFA has always had a close working relationship with the groups participating in this event and it is an opportunity to build connections with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. George Eigenhauser is registered to attend this year.

HSUS Animal Care Expo 2023, April 3 - 6, 2023, New Orleans, LA. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA's goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. This is by far the largest animal rights conference of the year and is often used to showcase upcoming HSUS legislative and public relations activity. Our ongoing presence at Expo helps us anticipate their legislative initiatives for the coming year. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend this year.

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigree cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items: None at this time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

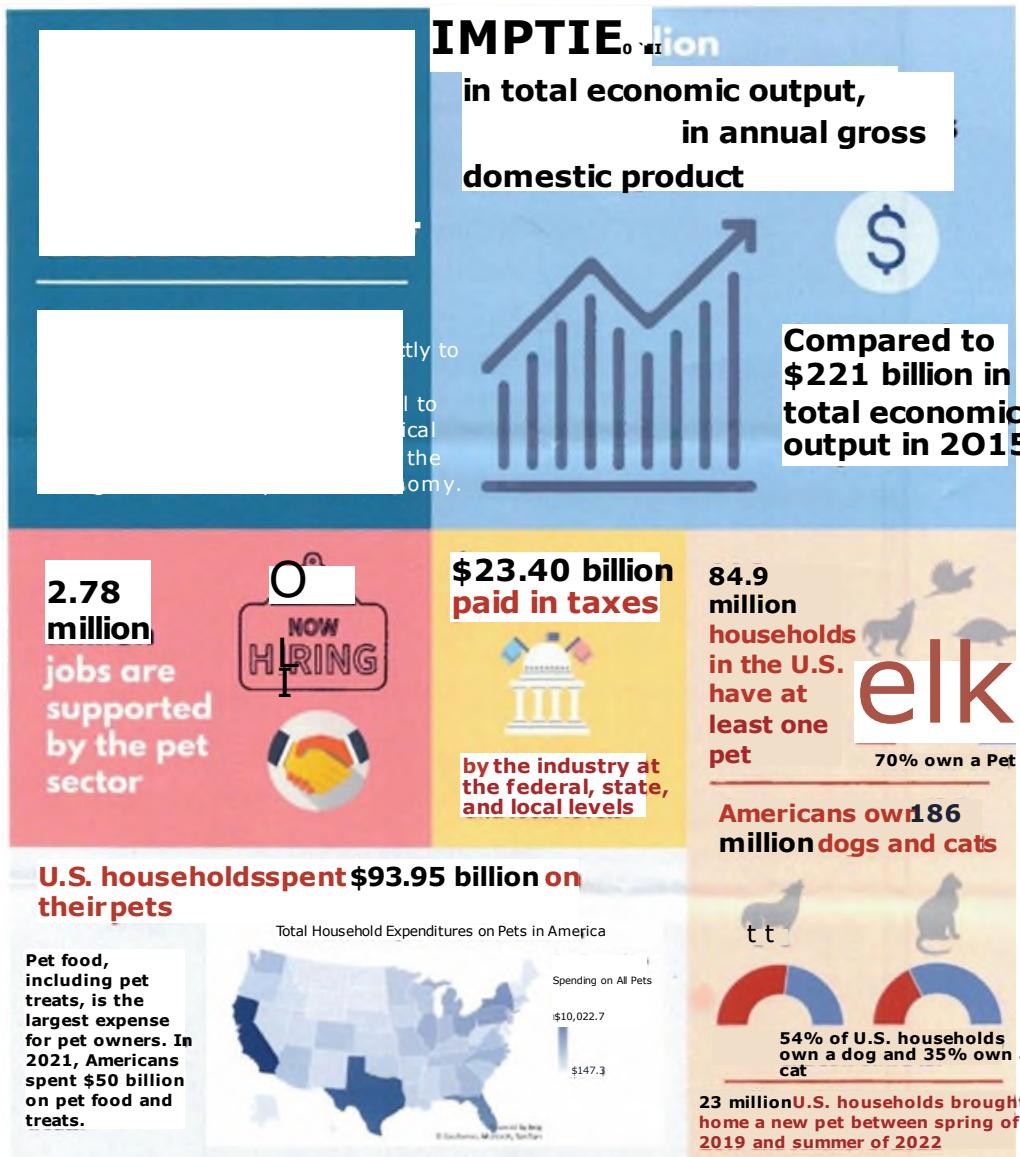
Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Mastin: We are no on to George. **Eigenhauser:** You've all got the Legislative Committee report. I'm not going to read it to you. There is a little bit of an update. I just got back from the Pet Industry Leadership Summit in Miami Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Some of the highlights, they have done a new pet industry economic impact study to show the overall impact of the pet industry. It is broken down both by the United States, as well as individual state reports and the District of Columbia. If you're interested in any of them, they can be found at petadvocacy.org/economics. Some of the high-value numbers here, the total economic impact of the pet industry in the United States is \$264.5 billion dollars a year. The pet industry combined pays \$23.4 billion dollars in taxes. These kind of numbers don't necessarily solve any legislative problems, but when you go to a legislator's office, they go, "it's just a pet thing, I've got more important things on my plate," you waive around a number like \$264.5 billion, you get their attention. I have a slick sheet they did for the Federal one and then the State of Florida. I'll pass those around for people that are interested. So, that was one of the things we picked up on.



Pet
ADVOCACY
NETWORK

APPA
American Pet Products Association

WrIA
World Pet Association

topso
petfoodinstitute

API DA
Pet Industry Distributors Association

Economic Impact Data sourced from: Center for Economic Analysis, Michigan State University through the Animal Policy Group and Animal Health Economics, LLC. Pet ownership data sourced from: APPA National Pet Owners Survey: 2021-2022.



Eigenhauser: There are a couple of other things that I have already taken up with a couple committee chairs. The other high-end item is that they picked the night for Pet Night on Capitol Hill this year. That's going to be on September 20, 2023 in the Rayburn Congressional Office Building. That's it for this report, unless anybody has any questions. **Tartaglia:** George, can I take these back to the office, scan them and send them to everybody? **Eigenhauser:** Or, send them the link, petadvocacy.org/economics, but you are welcome to them. I'm done with them. **Tartaglia:** OK. **Mastin:** OK George, nobody had any questions. You can continue, thank you.

10. EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.



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<i>Veterinary Consultant:</i>	<i>Dr. Philip Kass (UC Davis, College of Vet Med)</i>
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Grant Review Program

- *EveryCat held its annual Miller Trust grant review on September 28, 2022. A total of 14 proposals were received. The total awarded in 2022 for the Miller Trust Cycle to five studies was \$199,546. Research to certain qualified universities included studies on FIP, ringworm, stem cell therapy for stomatitis, cancer, and others.*
- *The deadline has passed for proposals to be considered for funding during our Spring, EveryCat review and funding cycle. We received 39 proposals which will be reviewed and evaluated for award on March 16, 2023.*
- *EveryCat continues with the Cap-K Project, sponsored by both Nestle Purina and Mars, Inc. With a somewhat expanded scope of research, this series of research grants investigates the relationship of dietary Calcium and Phosphorous to the development of*

Feline Kidney Disease. To date, we have funded over \$225,000 in this project. The current RFP for the 2023 cycle is open for submission with a review date scheduled in June.

For all of these cycles, EveryCat Health Foundation is excited to have implemented a new grants software for submission, review, and tracking.

Educational Programs:

- *EveryCat representatives and speakers are eager to attend various CFA shows, beginning with Del Mar in January – which will include an information booth and speakers on both behavior and nutrition. We are also looking forward to working with staff for our attendance at the CFA International Show.*
- *We are currently working on the special education program for the CFA Annual in Tucson. We will discuss the latest in FIP research as well as provide updated information on other cat health research.*

Donor Programs:

- *EveryCat's Cures4Cats Campaign and Giving Tuesday were combined last year with a focus on our commitment to FIP and the work that remains to detect, prevent and treat this disease. More than \$40,000 was raised for the Bria Fund and enough to fund at least one research grant.*
- *The Year End Appeal followed immediately thereafter. More than \$122,500 was raised from this appeal, a great boost to our capability to fund successful proposals resulting from our March grant cycle.*
- *We continue to see steady growth on our social media channels. Our Facebook followers increased about 5% in 2022, leaving us a base of 16,290 followers to build from. With our more recent venture into Instagram and LinkedIn both increased about 50% each. We encourage you to help us out by following our posts and stories – and to share yours with us. We love seeing you and your cats in action. A special thanks to those who participated in our Holiday Cats and Hats!*

EveryCat Board of Directors

By: Vickie Fisher, President

www.everycat.org

Eigenhauser: Next is EveryCat. Once again, you have the written report. I'm not going to read it to you. The update is that we met January 26th down in San Diego for a regular meeting. Some of our board members also attended the San Diego show. This was a relatively small board meeting. Some of our meetings we did grant reviews and hand out large chunks of money, but this was kind of a business-only meeting. Some highlights on that is we welcomed Kathy Calhoun for her first face-to-face meeting on the EveryCat board. We are working and moving forward on the symposium for the CFA Annual this coming year. It's most likely going

to have FIP as the primary topic. There may be another topic, but even if we don't have a secondary topic we're going to have enough vets there that if you have questions about other subjects, there will be a question and answer period. We raised our maximum grant amounts. Over the years, we have had a philosophy that we would rather spend a little bit of money on a lot of different research projects than put all our eggs in one basket. When I first got on the Winn board, the cap was \$15,000. That was the most we would pay out for any grant. Recently, it was raised up to \$35,000, but given inflation that we are in right now, we bumped it up to \$50,000. The real highlight of the meeting was, I got to have dinner with Joan Miller and Peter Keys. Joan was a long-time president of Winn. Mike and Lorraine Shelton were also invited to the dinner. Joan is looking good. She was at the annual this year, but I think that having it close to home, we were like 4 blocks from where she lives, she was rested and ready, and really seemed up and was looking good. There are some pictures of her posted on social media from participation at the San Diego show. I think EveryCat was well received at the San Diego show. That's all I've got to add. **Mastin:** Thank you George. Does anybody have any questions for George? Alright, we will continue.

11. MENTORING AND NEW EXHIBITOR REPORT.

Committee Chair: *Leesa Altschul*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Linda Newell, Terri Cassiday, Teresa Keiger, Chris June, Vicky Jensen, Amy Haden, Mariane Toth, Nicole Turk, Lee Dowding, Debi Gomez, Tim Murphy, Lynn Staker, Janet Moyer, Leslie Carr, Pam DelaBar, Romain Attard, Ulrike Knueppel, Hairri Mohammad, and Afza Kharmizi*

Regional New Exhibitor and Mentor Coordinators:

Due to the increased demand, in February 2022, Regional Directors were given the option to split the two roles for each region. Below are the individuals selected to date:

<i>Region:</i>	<i>New Exhibitor Coordinator:</i>	<i>Mentor Coordinator:</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Chris June</i>	<i>Chris June</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Vicky Jensen</i>	<i>Vicky Jensen</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Leesa Altschul</i>	<i>Amy Haden</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Mariane Toth and Nicole Turk</i>	<i>Mariane Toth</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Lee Dowding and Debi Gomez</i>	<i>Tim Murphy</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Janet Moyer</i>	<i>Lynn Staker</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Leslie Carr</i>	<i>Leslie Carr</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Yukiko Shimada</i>	<i>Yukiko Shimada</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Romain Attard and Ulrike Knueppel</i>	<i>Pam DelaBar</i>
<i>ID</i>	<i>Afza Kharmizi</i>	<i>Hairri Mohammad</i>

If anyone is interested in volunteering as either Mentor or New Exhibitor coordinator, please contact your Regional Director. If anyone is interested in being a Show Helper, please contact your regional New Exhibitor coordinator. We are growing exponentially and welcome your support in all areas.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

This is a large increase of individuals who have reached out to CFA asking for help with their cattery, showing a cat, or learning about CFA. Mentorship requests have come from across the US, India, Malaysia, China, Pakistan, Philippines, and Europe.

As a reminder, the questionnaire form for both the Protégé application, and for those requesting to be Mentors is available at <https://newexhibitor.cfa.org/join/>. All completing the application are asked to read and agree to the Breeder's Code of Ethics. As a result of our revamped outreach process, we find ourselves needing more Mentor and Show Helper volunteers. Please

consider mentoring a new person by completing the form at Mentor Associate Application – The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc (cfa.org)

The website <https://newexhibitor.cfa.org/> is still being worked on and the word NewBee is being replaced with the words New Exhibitor. Thank you, Teresa Keiger, for your work on the website.

Look for the article in last October's CFA Cat Talk online magazine: CFA Mentorship and NewBee programs – Let's get involved!

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Mentors – New Exhibitor Facebook page is highly active with new people joining every week. Currently, over 1,800 have joined in the past 3 years. Only those who complete the questionnaire are accepted. We have a wide range of people from those with a CCW cat, to those with less than two years' experience. The group is always willing to answer questions and give encouragement regardless of the question or experience level. Oftentimes, when new exhibitors mention which show they will be attending, members will volunteer that they will also be at that show. Then they indicate they will look the New Exhibitor up.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cfanewexhibitor/>

New files have been uploaded to the FB page.

Current FB Files List:

- 2022-23 show rules
- 2023-34 show rules – addendum
- Award point minimums
- Bathing a Persian by Carissa Altschul
- Calculating-points
- CFA Breed Standards 2022-23 standards
- CFA Titles
- Guide-to-ribbons
- HHP application
- How to Mark a Show Catalog
- Maine Coon Breed Standard
- Maine Coons show bath and grooming
- Map of Regions
- Points CH PR
- Points RW NW
- Russian Blue – grooming protocol
- Show Training
- Siberian grooming by Iris Zink
- Spectator brochure

Thank you Linda Newell for your endless hours monitoring FB and for your great ideas too! You have contributed so much to the group!

New Exhibitor rosettes released!

The New Exhibitor rosettes, created by Crystal Wood, are in! Thank you Crystal for making the New Exhibitors start off their first cat show with a memorable rosette.

Solution for New Exhibitor Coordinators & Entry Clerks Working Together

Every New Exhibitor Coordinator needs to be working closely with their regional Entry Clerks (EC) weeks before their next show. We need to initiate working with our EC and not the other way around. There is an easy solution to this dilemma a lot of regional New Exhibitor Coordinators are having regarding receiving New Exhibitor information for the upcoming shows. Along with my regional EC, we have fine-tuned this procedure and I am starting to share it with the New Exhibitor Coordinators and their various entry clerks. I was able to acquire a complete list of active entry clerks so I will be able to reach all of them.

We believe it is crucial for the entry clerks to identify those who are first time exhibitors so that they may be paired with a show helper. Not all new exhibitors will know to check the box indicating they are first timers. If the entry clerk does not have the exhibitor in their database, it should be assumed that they are new. The entry clerk then should forward this information to their Regional New Exhibitor Coordinator as quickly as possible. This enables the Regional Coordinator to make contact and pair the New Exhibitor with a show helper. In addition, if enough time is given, the show helper will be able to make contact and help the New Exhibitor prepare their cat for the show. New Exhibitors typically enter early, so this should not be time-consuming for the Entry Clerk. We also request the Entry Clerks to cc: the New Exhibitor coordinator when sending out the confirmation to the exhibitor. This gives the coordinator the cat's information required to help match them with a Show Helper. Thank you, Sheryl Zink, for all your support on this enormous project.

A big thank you to all the Regional Coordinators and the volunteer Show Helpers who assist the New Exhibitors at our shows.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Complete Persian Sculpting tutorial video taught by Donna Waskiewicz to be completed.*
- *Upload Mentors list spreadsheet to Google Sheets (Excel-like Spreadsheet) for real-time access to the most current data. This will greatly benefit all the Regional Mentor coordinators.*
- *Create or acquire then upload more helpful files to the FB group.*
- *I am working on a new document called Important Online Resources for CFA New Exhibitors. There will be a version formatted for computer users, complete with hyperlinks and text. However, as an added convenience, there will be another version formatted for cell phones. This will allow NE to easily find links quickly in the mobile format we have all come to rely on for so many things. Additionally, xxx shows.*
- *Continue incorporating the Solution for New Exhibitor Coordinators & Entry Clerks Working Together. Making adjustment where needed.*
- *Continue to work on short and long-term projects.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Various updates.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Leesa Altschul, Chair*

Mastin: Mentoring and New Exhibitor Report. Is Leesa joining us? **Krzanowski:** Lees was planning to join us. I don't know if she is available. I'm just trying to find out now. Can we skip over that for the moment? **Mastin:** We sure can. **Krzanowski:** I'll let you know.

[From after the Ambassador Cat Committee Report] **Mastin:** Carol, are you still working on Leesa? **Krzanowski:** I am. I'm waiting for a reply. **Mastin:** Alright, we will go on.

[From after Awards Report] **Mastin:** Carol? **Krzanowski:** I'm still waiting. She was on her way to where she could connect. **Mastin:** We will wait a little longer then. **Krzanowski:** She said she needs a few minutes. **Mastin:** OK, we will just move on.

[From after CFA International Show Report] **Mastin:** OK Carol, I'm checking in with you every time. Alright, I'm going to keep going.

[From after Experimental Formats Report] **Mastin:** #11, Leesa? **Altschul:** Hello? **Mastin:** Hi Leesa. **Altschul:** Hello. I'm not able to see myself. Are you guys able to see me? **Mastin:** No, but we can hear you. **Altschul:** OK, great. I'm sitting in my car at the cat show right now. **Mastin:** OK. We won't keep you long. Do you have any action items you would like to present to the board? **Altschul:** No, no action items. I'm just really excited to see how many new exhibitors we are getting to the shows. We're seeing numbers up to 20 a show now, some lower in other areas. I'm just really excited about that. **Mastin:** That's great. Does anybody have any questions or comments for Leesa? Leesa, nobody has any questions or comments. Do you have any quick comments in closing? **Altschul:** No, just thank you all for your support. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar has a question for you. **Altschul:** OK. **DelaBar:** Leesa, you say that you have new exhibitor rosettes that Crystal developed. How are those available? **Altschul:** For International? **DelaBar:** Well, Europe is sort of considered over the Atlantic, yeah. **Altschul:** I don't know if it would be cost effective to send it over there, opposed to having somebody make it over there. Who makes your rosettes right now? **DelaBar:** Fortuna Rosettes out of Indonesia. For the region, we use mostly Ribbon Artists out of Germany. **Altschul:** OK. What is your cost per rosette, like a new grand rosette? **DelaBar:** Leesa, if you would send me a picture of what the new rosettes look like, I can cost it out. **Altschul:** OK great. Yeah, I'll do that and we can compare. **DelaBar:** Oh, I see it now, never mind. I'll get it cost out and let you know. **Altschul:** OK, thank you Pam. **Mastin:** Any other questions for Leesa? Leesa, thank you for joining us. I know it was – **Altschul:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you very much. **Altschul:** You guys have a good lunch break. I'm looking forward to seeing the minutes. I'm going back into the show. Thank you.

12. AMBASSADOR CAT COMMITTEE.

*Committee Chair: Karen Lane
Liaison to Board: Kenny Currle
List of Committee Members: Jodell Raymond, Mariane Toth, Stephanie Boulter*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee is still recovering from our Covid shut down and we are now challenged with finding new members and re-educating older members and giving our program a new outlook and energy.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Membership - Mariane Toth

1. *We have developed a new application form that all members, old and new, are asked to fill out.*
2. *We are now interviewing new members.*
3. *Reviewing the CFA website and working with Kathy Durdick to eliminate old and incorrect information about the Ambassador Program and/or Ambassador Cat Program*

Rules and Guidelines - Jodell Raymond

1. *Creating certain criteria that will guide our Ambassador Cat members - Rules for Appearance at Cat Events*

Appearance Record Keeping - Stephanie Boulter

1. *Developing a new form which will be used by our members to report their activities at shows and pet fairs.*
2. *Keeping records which will be used to present an "Ambassador Cat of the Year" award, starting at the 2024 CFA Annual Meeting.*

Printed Material - Karen Lane

1. *Editing our existing coloring books; adding new breeds and edit so they reflect our new CFA logo*
2. *Teresa Keiger will be developing a small hand out breed card for each Ambassador Cat and a small breed banner to be used at shows.*
3. *Work has started on a new activities book for children. This book will be the third book about our cats and CFA for children. Our previous cartoonist will be used again for all*

changes and development. We hope to preview all three of the books at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Tucson.

Future Projections for Committee:

After we have the above forms and guidelines finalized, we'll be ready to send our Ambassadors out to show halls around the world.

We are still waiting on Sturdi for cage drapes for all members. These will be cream/gold color and be embroidered with the new "CFA logo and Ambassador Cat" lettering, for each member.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on the above projects

*Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Lane, Chair*

Mastin: Ambassador Cat, Kenny? **Currie:** There's no action items in this. She is out recruiting, and you all know Karen Lane. She is a pistol when it comes to recruiting. They've got a lot of things going on. They are pretty excited about what's coming up in the next year, so if you have any questions, the only problem I have with this report is yet another way to spell my last name. [Note: The report was corrected before the meeting to reflect the correct spelling of Mr. Currie's name.] In any event, that's it. Any questions? **Mastin:** OK Kenny, thank you.

13. JUNIOR FANCIERS.

Committee Co-Chairs: *Sheri Shaffer – Albert Sweitzer*
Liaison to Board: *Cathy Dunham*
List of Committee Members: *Julie Keyer, Anne Paul, Deborah Powell, Susan Rzeczycki, Rhonda Smith, Albert Sweitzer, Brian Tripp, Troy Weir, Hairri Zikhafri*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Co-chair added, Albert Sweitzer to Junior Fanciers.

Identified items from 4imprint.com to add Junior Fanciers' logo for Juniors in program

Joint cat show – Junior activities with local 4-H Program in Pennsylvania, Region One. At least eleven children are already signed up, with more interested. The activities will include a grooming class, hour presentation on feline husbandry, and community service projects or a poster presentation. The joint project will conclude with a cat show on a Saturday in July 2023 with at least three local CFA Breeders as guest judges, as well as Sheri Shaffer guest judging and Albert Sweitzer presenting awards for projects, posters, and highest scoring cats.

Future Projections for Committee:

Identify and appoint Northwest Regional Coordinator

Appendix to Guidelines with how to contact 4-H groups, and recruit Juniors for cat shows, cat projects, and similar joint activities.

Continue recruitment of youth for participation in CFA Junior Fanciers

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sheri Shaffer, MA, Junior Fanciers Co-Chair*

Mastin: We will go on to Junior Fanciers. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, is Sheri joining us? **Dunham:** I don't think so. Is she in the audience? **Mastin:** Allene, do you see her? **Tartaglia:** No. **Dunham:** This is just an update on what is going on. Albert has been extremely active and I have had some personal correspondence with him. He is going after the 4H program in his region and making great headway. They have a fun show planned for the summer and they are going to use some experienced breeders to judge some categories. They already have rosettes in the works. Some were donated, some will be paid for, but he is going after this group of kids and he is making an impact. So, if you have any questions, I am certainly willing to answer them, but this is just an update. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any questions? No questions, we will move on.

14. **AWARDS.**

Committee Chair: *Cathy Dunham*
List of Committee Members: *Martha Auspitz, Cyndy Byrd, Leslie Carr*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee continues to work through the last piece for review which is the survey sent to clubs and fanciers.

The survey revealed three specific things of interest, two of which have already been implemented and/or are in the planning stages. Those are the centralized entry clerking and continental closing date and time for all shows in R1-7 excluding Hawaii. The closing time was approved at the December board meeting and the centralized entry clerking we are continuing to look at possible new show rules or changes to existing rules that will help not only our current entry clerks but also lay the groundwork for centralized entry clerking. The committee continues to work with the show rules committee on these rules. These rules have been tabled temporarily until the April and/or June board meeting for approval so we can continue to refine the language within the rules under review.

The final item of interest from the survey is the 15% cap on absentees at a given show. Two additional columns will be added to the Unofficial Count Form – Entered and 15% Absentee Cap. The Entered column will be filled out using the Breed Summary from the show. The 15% Absentee Cap column will be calculated by computing 85% of the Entered column, as a whole number, rounded up if .5 or greater. The existing column, titled Present, will be the cats counted as present in at least one ring by the Master Clerk. Both the Entered and 15% Absentee Cap columns could be reported prior to the start of the show.

The count used for scoring a show will be the greater amount from either the 15% Absentee Cap column or the Present column.

Two examples for your review – (number used for scoring are listed in red)

<i>Unofficial Count</i>	<i>Entered</i>	<i>15% Absentee Cap</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Longhair Kittens</i>	18	15	15
<i>Shorthair Kittens</i>	29	25	24
<i>Total Kittens</i>	47	40	39
<i>Longhair Championship Cats</i>	46	39	36
<i>Shorthair Championship Cats</i>	47	40	38

Total Championship Cats	93	79	74
<i>Longhair Champions/Opens</i>	30	26	25
<i>Shorthair Champions/Opens</i>	30	26	23
Total Champions/Opens	60	52	48
<i>Longhair Premiership Cats</i>	10	9	8
<i>Shorthair Premiership Cats</i>	11	9	9
Total Premiership Cats	21	18	17
<i>Longhair Premiers/Opens</i>	5	4	4
<i>Shorthair Premiers/Opens</i>	7	6	6
Total Premiers/Opens	12	10	10
HHP/CCW	24	20	20
Veterans	3		

Unofficial Count	Entered	15% Absentee Cap	Present
<i>Longhair Kittens</i>	12	10	12
<i>Shorthair Kittens</i>	13	11	11
Total Kittens	25	21	23
<i>Longhair Championship Cats</i>	53	45	34
<i>Shorthair Championship Cats</i>	72	61	39
Total Championship Cats	125	106	73
<i>Longhair Champions/Opens</i>	36	31	26
<i>Shorthair Champions/Opens</i>	51	43	24
Total Champions/Opens	87	74	50

<i>Longhair Premiership Cats</i>	20	17	<i>18</i>
<i>Shorthair Premiership Cats</i>	28	24	<i>24</i>
<i>Total Premiership Cats</i>	48	41	<i>42</i>
<i>Longhair Premiers/Opens</i>	9	<i>8</i>	7
<i>Shorthair Premiers/Opens</i>	11	10	<i>10</i>
<i>Total Premiers/Opens</i>	20	<i>18</i>	17
<i>HHP/CCW</i>	16	14	<i>16</i>
<i>Veterans</i>			

Current Happenings of Committee:

The announcements for Star Awards nominations is ready to be posted on Monday February 6, 2023 with the nominations being accepted through the end of business February 28, 2023.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will review and prepare the Star Awards for final approval by the board at the April board meeting. They will be presented in two separate reports, if any board members are nominated the report will be prepared and presented to the Executive Committee for approval. All other nominations will be prepared and presented to the board for approval.

Board Action Items:

Poll of the board: The committee is looking for guidance on continuing to work on the 15% absentee cap. This will be a time-consuming project to plan and implement so we are wanting to know if the board wants us to invest the time needed in putting a plan together for approval.

Mastin: Cathy, continue with Awards. **Dunham:** The Awards Committee has one additional piece left to the review that happened over count manipulation last year. It is the last piece of the survey that was conducted. Really, the Committee is just looking for a poll of the board to determine if we need to go forward with this option. It is going to be labor intensive to try and put it into practice and, quite frankly, I personally don't want to work on it and do all the work and then have it turned down, so I would really like to know if the board really wants this to be pursued. That's where we're at. **Eigenhauser:** I'm definitely a no. I don't think you need to spend your time on it. Having an absentee cat, what are we going to do? Go out and drag exhibitors to the show who didn't attend? How is this going to be enforced. It makes more sense to look at the absentee rate as kind of taking the temperature of the show to see if there might have been stuffing or something like that, or circumstantial evidence of stuffing, but absolutely capping it, I don't think that's enforceable. **Morgan:** I think when Cathy talks about labor

intensive that it's a very valid point. I think it goes down to the way that Central Office actually has to go in and score. If you put an arbitrary cap on something, when Central Office is scoring within breed, they need to know, where do those absentees come from? So, there was a 25% absentee rate but we capped it at 15%. What are they supposed to do in the breed level with points, etc.? It creates a situation that's almost impossible with our scoring system to break it down on a breed-by-breed level from my understanding of the way that you all go in and actually score each individual show. Allene, I would love to hear. **Tartaglia:** It certainly complicates things. If we have a count for the show at the finals level, we just simply take 15% or whichever is less, but at the breed level you are right. Now we have to look at each individual category for breeds and determine the 15%. It does complicate it. **Anger:** I think it's a good idea to have some sort of target in mind for when whoever it is that's going to be overseeing this feels that there's an abnormal absentee count, but to officially adopt something I think is going to pressure people to show a cat they might otherwise feel should not be shown for health reasons or whatever reason they choose to stay home. Again, I think that if there is any abnormality, it will be apparent. **Hannon:** Do you want a motion or a straw ballot or a poll or something? **Mastin:** We're just going to do a straw poll. She is asking for a straw poll. That's what we're going to do. Does anybody want to have Cathy do this, raise your hand. [No hands raised] **Dunham:** Works for me. Thank you. **Mastin:** It sounds like you've got a little bit of free time.

Time Frame:

On-going.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The committee will present the Star Award nominations for approval, suggested changes to show rules as needed in conjunction with the show rules committee, and updates on any other projects as needed.

Dunham: The other part is, we will be announcing nominations for the Star Awards, so if any of you have nominations to be made, you can send them to me and I will put them in a spreadsheet. **Calhoun:** What's the deadline? **Dunham:** For the Star Awards, February 28. So, you have the whole month of February to put your nominations together and send them to me. Monday morning, I will have an email ready for Allene to notify everybody that nominations are open. **Mastin:** Any additional questions for Cathy? Cathy, thank you.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

15. CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.

Committee Chairs: *Ed Raymond & Mark Hannon*
List of Committee Members: *Rich Mastin (President), Allene Tartaglia (Executive Director), Kathy Calhoun (Show Treasurer), Rachel Anger (Show Secretary)*

Mastin: Going on to the International Cat Show and Expo. Ed, do you want to come up? Mark? **Raymond:** We had 317 clubs cast votes for judges at the International Show. I know that you have all been given the list, but let me read it so folks that are listening online will know who has been selected as judges. These are in alphabetical order [reads].

GOLD SHOW (includes Household Pets):

*Adkison - AB
Black - AB
*Griswold - AB
Morgan - AB
Nye - AB
Curdle - Specialties
Sweeney - Specialties
Veach - Specialties

WHITE SHOW (includes AOV, Provisional, Miscellaneous):

Anger - AB
Calhoun - AB
DelaBar - AB
Newkirk - AB
*Vanwonderghem - AB
Heidt - Specialties
Pearson - Specialties
Webb - Specialties

OCP Judges:

Mathis, Anne
Doernberg, Diana

Alternates:

1. Kit Fung
2. Baugh, Loretta

*Best in Show Judges

Raymond: The Best in Show judges will be Larry Adkison, Marilee Griswold and Peter Vanwonderghem. **Hannon:** Once again, the Best in Show judges were the judges that had the greatest number of votes. I want to explain how the alternate situation is going to work. Should one of the judges in the 16 regular rings not be available, then Anne Mathis would move up into a regular ring and Kit Fung would advance into the OCP ring. Similarly, if there were two that could not judge in the 16 rings, Diana Doernberg would move up into one of the regular 16 rings and Loretta Baugh would replace her in the OCP ring. **Mastin:** Very good. **Hannon:** The OCP ring will be judged on Friday starting at 2:00. We will have check-in at noon. After it's done for reasons of the difficulty of scheduling, those two rings during Saturday and Sunday with everything else that's going on. We've almost got the logo ready for the show. We're talking about prices and should have a flyer out within the next month. If anybody has got questions, Ed and I are here to answer. **Colilla:** What happens if you have three judges not be able to judge? **Hannon:** We will go down to the next judge who had the greatest number of votes. **Colilla:** OK. We don't know who that person is yet. OK, that's fine, that's fine. I just want to make sure. **Hannon:** We'll just keep going down based on the number of votes received. **Colilla:** That's fine, because there's no one past the two. That's why I was asking. **Hannon:** I don't think we have ever had two replaced before. **Colilla:** You never know. **Hannon:** You're right, you never know, but we are prepared. **Raymond:** If we get down to #69 we are in trouble. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Ed and Mark, have you got any additional information? Thank you very much and congratulations to all those who have been selected.

16. EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

(a) **Proposed Change to OCP Entry Requirements.**

Proposed to change to the entry requirements for OP/PR rings in the OCP experimental format.

Rationale: Due the cyclical nature of neutering/spaying and those cats being shown in Premiership the current entry limit of 15 cats entered is hindering this class from benefiting in the experimental format known as OCP. To allow this class the ability to participate and earn points towards their goal of granding the following slide scale is being suggested.

<i>Entered OP/PR</i>	<i>Final Placements</i>
7	5
10	6
12	8
<i>15 or more</i>	10

Motion: Change the entry limit of 15 OP/PR in the OCP format to the sliding scale as established in the rational above.

Mastin: Next is Sharon Roy. **Roy:** We have some action items on that. The first one has to do with the premiership OCP entry requirements. I'm going to turn this over to Cathy Dunham because she helped write it. **Calhoun:** Basically, we have a few shows that are not special, higher level shows that have incorporated the OCP experimental format at I believe it was the October board meeting. We implemented some limit requirements to be able to have these rings and limits have been met or exceeded in championship without problem, but in premiership because it is such a cyclical nature of spaying and neutering cats and getting them in the show hall, we have not on several occasions met the limit of 15 opens or premiers being entered, so we haven't been able to actually have a final. What I am proposing here is a scale. If so-many cats are entered, you get to have so-many in a final. It is documented here. I think it's reasonable to allow the premiership cats the ability to participate in this particular format. **Mastin:** Before you continue, Cathy is this your motion, or Sharon is this your motion? **Roy:** My motion. **Dunham:** And I will second. **Mastin:** OK thank you. I just wanted to get that clear.

Mastin: Now we will take questions. **Morgan:** In general, I want to be supportive of experimental formats because I think we need to continue to evolve. However, my understanding when this concept was first brought up was that it was a mechanism to be used at large shows to bring in something extra and special. We brought it into our award shows. We were talking about it for the International. If we're going to morph that into something different, that's fine, except for I think that in order to move forward and morph that, we need to have some data from what we have already done before we start to then change everything that we're doing. So, if we continually change everything without ever getting reports or data, then we don't really know where our starting point is, our base line, etc. In terms of this premiership situation, I understand it hasn't been feasible much in the past because of numbers. I'm not exactly sure what is cyclical about spaying and neutering a cat, but that's something else entirely. When you're looking at 7 cats entered and giving finals to 5, we're looking at ranking almost everything there. We are also

looking at a situation where we already know we have a loophole where you can get points for never defeating a cat under our current scoring system, and now we're adding even more in. I think this is premature. I need some data on what we have already done, some clarification on where we are trying to go. If we don't know where we're trying to go, we're not necessarily going to get there. So, I just think it's premature. **Colilla:** I'm looking at this from the club putting on a show. This is going to hurt the entries, just like we gave away the winners ribbons. You can't take it back once you pass this. I'm going to mention about the winners ribbons. There was a show that I judged at. There were 3 tortie point Himis. It would take them normally at least 3 to 4 shows before they get all 3 cats championed. They got away with one show, and at a discount on top of it. The club the following weekend will miss that entry. They are losing their money. This is not helping clubs to survive. We need to have entries. I'm not going to support any of these OCP other than the World Show. **Eigenhauser:** I support the concept, but I think this over-complicates it. There are too many tiers. In ancient times, in specialty rings in CFA there were certain counts you had to have in order to get top 10; otherwise, it was top 5. We have never done top 6's and top 8's. It's complicated enough for people to keep track of what the finals are going to be and how many there are going to be without breaking it into this many tiers. I wouldn't mind having a lower limit and have a top 5 in addition to the 15 more getting top 10, but more levels is just over-doing it. I think we need to simplify this a bit. **Wilson:** I have a number of concerns. First of all, when we approve an experimental format, part of that approval in the past at least is that we would get feedback and some data in some increments. Are cats granding faster, based on this? Is it truly bringing in more entries? Do we have a way to measure that? Are we measuring it? Is someone bringing that data to us so that we can prove that this is working? I don't understand it and I really don't understand the cyclical nature of neutering and spaying. Once they are neutered or spayed, they are neutered or spayed. They don't go back and re-do it. I'm not trying to joke, but I don't understand what that means, "the cyclical nature of neuters and spays." **Dunham:** I guess I was looking at it from a breeder's perspective. You go through a cycle in your breeding program and you choose to retire a breeding female or a male, and you neuter and spay them, but that doesn't happen every month or every couple of weeks. **Wilson:** Do you think most premiership entries are retired breeding cats? I see it differently. **Dunham:** No, not necessarily. I mean, I have placed cats that were specifically neutered and spayed to go into premiership, but if exhibitors that are also breeders choose to show a spayed female or a spayed [sic, neutered] male, that only happens every so-often out of a breeding program. That's where I was coming from. **Wilson:** I have one more thing. Premiership counts in general are down and so I don't think it has anything to do with the placements, I just think it's the cost of showing cats, and people who show in premiership generally are not always breeders – maybe they are and maybe they aren't – and I just think that's an inflationary issue. I don't think granding cats faster or handing out more points – we have already passed a rule so that if a show has – May 1st we have a new show rule that says if an entry is large enough to give out top 15, then they are going to get an extra placement anyway. I would like to see how that works and see if that makes sense. I think the original reason for these OCP rings where it was going to be a regional show, we were going to try it in all the different regions and then we were going to get data back. It has kind of gone into, everybody gets it. I have a problem with that.

Currie: I have done several of them. As a judge, I like it and I will tell you why. I'm not committed to put up 3 longhairs and 3 shorthairs in these OCP rings. The very first one I did, Mark was my ring clerk and the longhair champions were horrible, but I put 3 up. I got to that

OCP ring and I had all shorthair cats. This is what makes the show exciting for these people. At least it's cats defeated. It's not phantom points like we got rid of our winners ribbons, which I think was the largest mistake this association ever made. I had a tortoiseshell that took me 5 shows to get her championship on, and she was making finals as an open and I wasn't getting any points. How fair is that? That's the way I look, it's cats defeated. I think that's one of the lines that I really have a lot of respect for you, Annette, because that's something you have always said, "they should defeat something." In this case, I think this OCP ring is popular. I know in my region it's popular. I can't speak for the other regional directors. I know when I did it, it was really, really popular, particularly with the people that were in the final. So, I think we should allow this to go on.

Hannon: A couple things. When you have 7 opens and premiers entered, you are giving top 5. That's not accommodating absentees. You may end up with 4 or 5 cats, so you are giving every open or premier there points. This was set up for large shows who were bringing in extra judges – not having the existing judges just expand their regular finals – bringing in special judges, so you have additional rings. We have given all these exceptions to folks which I don't approve of. I think the fact that Cathy is coming to us, asking us to lower the number of points, tells us it's missing the point. It's supposed to be bringing in additional entries, and it clearly in the case of premiership is not working because a lot of shows that are doing this are not getting the numbers for premiership, which tells you we have bypassed the purpose of this thing, of bringing in extra entries. It's not bringing in extra entries. Let's drop it. That was the purpose for this. **Roy:** This came up with the numbers. You will see one that Cathy has for one of her shows coming up where she is bringing in two other judges. My question to her was, what happens to those two judges if you don't get enough premiers? Are they just going to do championship? She said yes, can we work on something like this. Maybe the numbers are too low, but that was the reason that this came up, to do a sliding scale initially. I have to agree with Kenny. I did the first OCP down in Florida. There weren't that many premiers. I don't remember. There was enough to do a top 10, but in that top 10 we managed to grand a 7 year old Turkish Angora and an 8 or 9 year old Abyssinian who were struggling, who probably weren't making the top 2. Those people went home so happy that they got those few points in the OCP ring. I think that's kind of where we are. It's kind of a good feeling. Whether it's good or not, it is a good feeling it gives people.

Mastin: Any additional comments? OK, I'm going to call the motion. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Hayata, Currel, Dunham, Roy and Webb voting yes. Anger abstained.

Mastin: Kenny Currel, Cathy Dunham, Sharon Roy, Russell Webb. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Mark Hannon, Paula Noble, Carol Krzanowski, Mike Shelton, Pam DelaBar. Any abstentions? Rachel Anger. Yukiko Hayata, are you in favor? Raise your hand. **Hayata:** Yes. I'm in favor. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Anger:** That's 5 yes, 11 no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

If the above motion passes:

Motion: Allow the already-approved OCP rings to use the newly established scale for Premiership.

No Action.

(b) Show Me Cat Fanciers OCP Report.

Show Me Cat Fanciers held their show in Neosho, MO on December 10, 2022. It had a great entry (142) for the one-day 6 ring show, and approximately 300 spectators came to partake in the excitement. This was the first show in the Midwest region to have the experimental OCP (open/champion/premier) format and they also had a Super Specialty ring. The new format was well received, and many exhibitors say they came to the show for this format. Due to the increased opportunity for grand points, we feel this format will increase entries and exhibitor engagement with cats that likely would be retired and not shown again. It will increase new exhibitor opportunities to experience a win, which will help keep these individuals engaged with CFA shows.

The show had 54 op/ch and 10 op/pr. While we were not able to hold the op/pr final the op/ch final was well received. The club was very close in premiership and believe that now that the premiership exhibitors have seen the ring work in championship that they will encourage each other to meet and/or exceed the minimum so they can have as many chances for grand points as the championship exhibitors.

Judge Kenny Currie was the OCP judge. He stated, "Very easy to figure out, many worthy champions to be recognized, and the people loved it!"

Roy: Part (b) is just a report showing what happened at the Show Me Cat Fanciers, who did do an OCP. I don't have any data. I wasn't there. **Cathy:** do you have anything to add to the report? **Dunham:** I was the entry clerk for that show and I was there. Kenny is right. It was very popular. Talking with the exhibitors there as I was taking entries and then onsite, they were excited for this opportunity. Kenny had a whole full ring of people watching that final. Whether they were in it or not, people were there, they wanted to understand the ring, they wanted to know how it worked. So, in my region, they took to it very easily and, quite frankly, the show was close. To get 10 opens and premiers entered was phenomenal, and the club worked extremely hard to get those last 5 cats. It wasn't like they just let it go. They tried really, really hard. So, I think it's a good thing. I think it does give a new exhibitor an extra opportunity that they may not get in another final. I like the format, and the club loves this format. You will see that because they are requesting it again.

Mastin: Can I have clarification for the board? What motion are we on? **Roy:** That wasn't a motion. **Dunham:** It wasn't a motion, it was the report. Part of an experimental format is that we come back after it has happened, the club provides feedback on good, bad, whatever. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

(c) Show Me Cat Fanciers OCP Request and Format Change.

Show Me Cat Fanciers would like to hold an open/champion and open/premier ring at their one day 6 ring shows April 8, 2023 and December 9, 2023. Due to space limitations, the

judging for this ring would be conducted by one of the already contracted judges. The club plans to have the judge present the top 10 op/ch and op/pr finals prior to presenting the top 10 AB final in the ring. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. The minimums of 30 op/ch entered and 15 op/pr entered will again be used and if not met the ring will not be held.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Show Me Cat Fanciers to include one op/ch and op/pr ring at their one day 6 ring shows April 8, 2023 and December 9, 2023.*

Roy: The next one is again for Show Me Cat Fanciers, to grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Show Me Cat Fanciers to include one op/ch and op/pr ring at their one day 6 ring shows April 8, 2023 and December 9, 2023, to have one judge in their 6 ring show do an OCP ring. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, are you a second on this? **Dunham:** I am a second, yes.

Tartaglia: I'm wondering at what point these stop being experimental. Now we're looking at a motion that takes us out to December of 2023, so we're going into the next show season. Any of these rings, regardless of how they are held, whether it's extending the finals or it's totally separate rings, it is manual scoring. It takes approximately as long to score the OCP rings as it does to score the show, because it's all manual. There's a lot of checking involved, the posting of points needs to be done manually, so I just wanted to put that out there. **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to oppose the motion because I don't like having an existing judge judging twice on the same day – once in their regular ring and again in the OCP ring. If they don't have room to make it a separate ring, maybe they don't have room to have it at the show. **Roy:** It's really not a separate ring that's being held. They are only judging the cats once, and then they are doing top 10 champions and their regular top 10 final. **Hannon:** ... where they would normally have done the top 3 champions, they are doing top 10. **Eigenhauser:** I still have a problem with the same judge giving out 2 sets of points to the same cat. **Hannon:** They are not giving 2 sets of points. They are only giving out best champion once. They are giving out a 4th best champion, a 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th. That's the only difference. They are giving out more of them. **Roy:** The only time that that might be, and Kenny alluded to it before, was that if your top 10 contained 8 longhairs and 2 shorthairs, you would have to name a 3rd best shorthair in order to comply with show rules. Other than that, you are only giving out the points once.

Morgan: I have a couple issues. One, to me, the purpose of this experimental format is to stick to what we had originally intended or, if we wanted to be larger and go to all sorts of different shows, get it out into different regions, but not to habitually go back over and over and over again with the same shows. I think that we certainly have let it go out in Region 7, some in Region 6, try to get into – if we're going to see how different areas respond to it, that's fine, but this club has already done that. I'm also a little bit concerned about doing something where we add in the OCP ring, which does add more, at a one-day show and also I'm looking forward, adding in a super specialty. I mean, that's putting a whole lot into a one-day show in terms of logistics and scheduling. **Hannon:** Sharon, are you getting feedback from all these folks? Written feedback? **Roy:** I have not. Well, the only ones previous of course have been the ones from Dave Peet's show and no, I didn't get that report. **Hannon:** It's a requirement for the experimental format, so my suggestion would be that you go back to all the shows that were held and get feedback from them, and then at the April meeting provide us with the information so that we know whether or not we should go forward with these. In regard to the motion before us,

I would suggest that we go ahead and approve the April one, but not approve the December 9th one at this time. Wait until we get to the April meeting and get the feedback. **Noble:** I will say, as a master clerk, when you start throwing in OCP and super specialty in a one-day show, and clubs have for years ignored the show rule that says that two master clerks need to do one-day shows, it really puts a lot on the master clerk to expect them to get the mechanics. I mean, master clerks typically don't sit secluded somewhere and get interrupted a lot with questions when they need to be staying focused on mechanics as much as they do for the super specialty and the OCP. It makes it hard. I don't want to see the clubs have to expend the extra money for an extra master clerk if they don't have to, but I see that coming. Just putting it out there.

Mastin: Sharon, are you willing to amend the motion in removing December 9, 2023?

Roy: Yes, yes. **Mastin:** Cathy, do you accept that? **Dunham:** I am fine with that, yes. **Mastin:** OK, so, they amended that. That's coming up. **Wilson:** I'm still having a problem with the same club asking for this for all of their dates, instead of sharing the wealth a little bit and letting other clubs try it. I don't think we're going to get any kind of consistent feedback. Yeah, they like it. People like getting extra points, but the idea with this was to try it here, there, each region and then look at some data. We still don't have any data. There's got to be a way to get some data. Are cats that are entered in these shows granding at a faster rate? Maybe not. We need to have a way to measure the effect of this or we need to look at raising grand points if that's the case. Maybe it's not happening. I don't have a problem with, like you've got the Midwest Region Awards. Maybe that should be the next OCP show. Seacoast, where is that? **Anger:** (d). **Wilson:** So, I don't mind seeing one of these in each region during a show season, I have a problem with one club/one show having it over and over again, so I'm not going to vote for that. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? If you are in favor of this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Currle, Dunham, Roy, Shelton and Webb voting yes. Anger, Calhoun and Hayata abstained.

Mastin: Mike Shelton, Kenny Currle, Cathy Dunham, Sharon Roy, Russell Webb. If you are opposed to the motion, raise your hand. Pam DelaBar, Carol Krzanowski, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan. Lower your hands. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel Anger, Kathy Calhoun. Yukiko Hayata, are you a yes? **Hayata:** Abstention. **Anger:** That's 5 yes, 9 no, 3 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Krzanowski: I just have an additional comment based on some of the feedback we have had at the table here. Perhaps some of the Regional Directors could encourage clubs in their regions to try out this new format, because it would be interesting to know why other clubs haven't done so. Perhaps if the Regional Directors could contact their own clubs and see what the problem might be. Maybe they don't even realize it's an available format, so I would like to see something happen there. **DelaBar:** We're looking at having it for our regional show and awards banquet weekend, the first weekend of November. It's a timing thing. Right now we are targeted on the handling classes and other things that we just don't want to over-burden the clubs with right now. To give you an idea, we are very heavy longhair. This weekend in Spain I've got for adult cats in championship 88 longhairs, 8 shorthairs. I have premiership, zero longhairs, zero shorthairs. For kittens, 33 longhairs, 7 shorthairs. So, there are some considerations. I think that

it's a headspace and timing thing that we have going on right now, and our focus is increasing our judging cadre. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

The Show Me Cat Fanciers would also like to change their licensed format for the April 8, 2023 to include one SSP ring.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow Show Me Cat Fanciers to change their licensed show format to include a SSP ring.*

Mastin: Sharon? **Roy:** The next one is for the Midwest Regional awards show. **Dunham:** Sharon, I'm sorry. You need to address whether or not, since the OCP ring failed, they are still asking for that? **DelaBar:** Isn't super specialty part of the show rules? Do they have to ask? **Dunham:** It is, but they had already licensed the show so now it's a change in licensing. **Roy:** That's what I was just going to say. **Mastin:** So are we withdrawing this? **Dunham:** No, they would like to go forward with it. **Roy:** They need to go forward with it because it's a change in their license. They probably could have gone to the executive board to let you guys make the decision, too. **Eigenhauser:** Had the other one passed, I would have been opposed to this one. It would have been too many things at once, but if they are not doing the OCP I have no problem with them putting on a super specialty ring. **Mastin:** So, once again, Sharon your motion, Cathy Dunham your second? Further discussion? **Morgan:** Question: when you are talking about a super specialty ring, we recommended in the past that if we are going to do super specialty, you have one judge do it in kittens, one judge do it in championship and one do it in premiership, rather than having one judge do them all. Is that what the club is planning on doing, so that it will be the equivalent of one ring but spread over, or having one judge take the brunt. **Dunham:** Actually, no. One judge has volunteered to do it all. He said he would be happy to do it all, and he did it that way in December, as well – same judge. **Mastin:** I'm going to try this. Any objections? **Calhoun:** I'm judging the show. **Mastin:** Oh, you are judging the show? OK, let's do it this way. All in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mastin: You can lower your hands. Yukiko Hayata, are you in favor? **Hayata:** Yes, I'm in favor. **Mastin:** Are there any abstentions? Kathy Calhoun. Are there any no votes? Everybody raised their hand but Kathy. Motion passes. **Anger:** That's 16 yes, zero no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** Thank you.

(d) Midwest Region Awards Show OCP Request.

The Midwest Region Awards Show, hosted by the Havana Brown Fanciers, would like to hold three OCP rings at their show June 17-18, 2023. The format would be 5 AB/HHP, 1 SP/HHP, 3 OCP rings (9 rings total). Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. The rings would only be held if the minimums of 30 op/ch entered and 15 op/pr entered are reached.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Midwest Region Awards Show, hosted by the Havana Brown Fanciers to include three OCP rings at their show June 17-18, 2023.*

Roy: Moving right along, the next is for the Midwest Region Awards Show, OCP request. This one is a little different because they are going to have separate judges doing the OCP ring. **Dunham:** Yes. **Roy:** Following the current rules, they need to have a minimum of 30 opens or champions, and 15 opens or premiers entered in order to have those judges do the top 10. **Hannon:** But isn't it also three rings? Normally it's one or two. **Roy:** Three rings. Three rings, yes. That's the biggest difference, sorry. **Mastin:** Thank you for pointing that out. Sharon's motion, Cathy Dunham your second. **Morgan:** I'm much more inclined to support this with some concerns. I think I would like to hear what you guys have to say. I would be much more comfortable to it limited to one each day, and not 3 rings. I do think that this is a little more in line with what the original intent was, because it is an awards show and for that reason I'm very happy about it. I'm a little uncomfortable with 3 rings. **Eigenhauser:** Because it's over 2 days, I'm less concerned about that. I actually like the idea of having 3 rings. It will give us more a sense of the impact on how these rings work out by having 3 concentrated at one show, so I'm OK with this. **Dunham:** So, this is my awards show for my region. The club that's hosting the show for us is looking at really doing a traditional 6 ring format on Saturday – 6 rings, regular judges on Saturday. We have our awards banquet Saturday night. They want to come back with the 3 OCP rings on Sunday, so they would be technically a different day. Their rationale for that is that they are not going to have spectators on Sunday because it is a reduced number of cats. We don't want to give spectators the impression that there is only 30 or 40 cats in the show hall, versus what a full entry can look like, and they want to be done early so that everybody can have the opportunity to try and get home at a realistic time on Sunday. So, that's their reasoning for doing the 3 rings on Sunday. Again, if we don't get 15 opens/premiers, the judges will just judge championship and we will be done even a little earlier. **Hannon:** It's my understanding there are going to be 9 different judges. You're not bringing back 3 from Saturday? **Dunham:** No, 9 separate judges.

Mastin: Any other comments? I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Calhoun and DelaBar abstained.

Mastin: Mike Shelton, Kenny Currle, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Russell Webb. Yukiko Hayata has got her hand up. If you are opposed, raise your hand. No one. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun, Pam DelaBar and Rachel Anger are abstentions. **Anger:** That's 14 yes votes, zero no votes, 3 abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes.

(e) Seacoast Cat Club OCP Request.

To allow Seacoast Cat Club to hold two OCP Rings in conjunction with their regularly scheduled rings. One will be on Saturday, one on Sunday. Show date is May 6 and May 7th 2023. Show format is 6x4. The club will follow the current established guidelines for champions and premiers entered.

Rationale: Beginning of the show season has many champions present. The club would like to offer this as a nice way to begin the show season.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Seacoast Cat Club (Region 1) to include two OCP rings at their show May 6/7, 2023.*

Mastin: Sharon, continue. **Roy:** The next one is Seacoast Cat Club, which is the first weekend of the show season in May. It will also be the first one in Region 1. We have asked two judges, one for Saturday and one for Sunday, to do the top 10. First of all, they asked because they went to one of the Baltimore shows and thought it was wonderful. The second reason is because it is the beginning of the show season and there generally is more champions present. They are going to follow the established guidelines. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, you are a second? **Dunham:** Yes. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Wilson:** Did she say what region? **Roy:** Region 1. It will be the first one in Region 1. **Mastin:** Any other questions or discussion? **Hannon:** Are they using existing judges? **Roy:** We are using existing judges, yes. **Mastin:** I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, Eigenhauser, Moser, Noble and Wilson voting no. Anger, Calhoun and Morgan abstained.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currie, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Mark Hannon, Sharon Roy, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Paula Noble. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention. Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Rachel Anger. **Anger:** I have 9 yes votes, 5 no votes, 3 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

(f) Crab & Mallet OCP Request.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Crab and Mallet Cat Club (Region 7) to stage two OCP rings [one each day] on their show dates (3-11/12-2023).*

Rationale: *The club secretary has received a large number of inquiries concerning this added enhancement. It encourages further participation in future shows as well.*

Roy: The last one is Crab & Mallet. As most of you know, especially those of you who are judges and have judged a lot of Crab & Mallet shows, they generally fill, they generally have a really big show and the people in that area have liked the ones that have been in the Baltimore area, so they are asking to do it. It's the end of the season and a lot of people want to get their cats granded. **Currie:** One each day. **Roy:** Yeah, once each day. **Wilson:** It says two. **Roy:** Two total, but one each day. **Hannon:** With the existing slate? **Wilson:** Maybe restate that. **Moser:** How many of this type of format has been done in this region? **Roy:** There was Florida and two in the Baltimore area. **Currie:** Dave Peet has had it twice. Cat Club of the Palm Beaches has had it. Again, it's very popular. It's really popular. **Roy:** You know what? It is popular, but we have to be careful. I think Melanie alluded to it or maybe it was Annette. We can't allow too many in each region because we would have to raise grand points if we started to have more and more people. **Morgan:** This is 5 weeks away. We had two in that same exact city, so I think that's counter-intuitive to what we put this out for. **Currie:** The only reason we brought it back up, I talked to Janet and Janet asked, "why didn't we approve it the last time?" I said, "well, it just didn't go through," and then she said, "I have so many people inquiring as to whether or not – are we going to have it?" I said I would bring it back up, so I called Sharon and said, "let's try it

one more time." There's a big interest out there. I understand, we don't want to saturate one area, but Crab & Mallet is going to fill. It's going to be a good opportunity for people. **Hannon:** I could be wrong, but I spoke out last time against this because I thought there had already been 3 in Baltimore. When was the one you judged, Kenny? **Currlle:** Well, you clerked for me.

Hannon: I thought it was September or earlier. There was also one in November and also one in December. **Currlle:** December? I wasn't at that show, but the earlier one I think was August, wasn't it? **Roy:** No, September. **Hannon:** There were 3. There were already 3 Dave Peet shows in the Baltimore area that have done this, and now this is the fourth show in Baltimore asking for this format, not the third. **Currlle:** One of those was in Parkville. **Hannon:** [inaudible]. **Currlle:** It's not Baltimore. Towson, Maryland is not Baltimore. **Hannon:** Dave Peet uses the same hotel because they are so close. **Roy:** There have only been 2. **Currlle:** There have only been 2. **Roy:** We turned down one. We did turn down one, so there was November and September. We turned down December. **Unidentified speaker** [inaudible]. **Roy:** We did? Alright. We turned down one for Dave Peet, I know that. **Eigenhauser:** If the purpose of the experimental format is to bring in more exhibitors and the show is going to fill anyway, all we're doing is giving away free points. **Anger:** I just wanted to bring up that this request was originally introduced some time ago and didn't pass a couple of times. Now the club has brought it forward with just a straight format that's more in line with the original proposal.

Mastin: We have to clarify what the motion is, because the written motion is not what has been explained. My understanding is, it should be clarified as – **Roy:** One ring each day. **Mastin:** Correct, thank you. **Roy:** For a total of two. **Mastin:** Correct. Have we determined if there has already been two in the region, or three? **Currlle:** Overall in the region there has been three. **Roy:** Overall in the region. **Mastin:** Overall in the region there has been three. **Morgan:** We think there might be four. **Currlle:** It's a big region. **Mastin:** OK, so keep that in mind when you are casting your vote. Any further discussion? I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor of this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Currlle and Roy voting yes. Anger, Calhoun and Webb abstained.

Mastin: Kenny Currlle, Sharon Roy. Lower your hand. If you are opposed to this motion, raise your hand. Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Mark Hannon, Paula Noble, Cathy Dunham, Carol Krzanowski, Mike Shelton, Pam DelaBar, Yukiko Hayata. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb and Rachel Anger. **Anger:** That's 2 yes votes, 12 no votes, 3 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Mastin: Sharon, we'll come back and do your other one after lunch. **Roy:** You have another one? **Mastin:** Do you? **Roy:** No, I'm done. **Mastin:** We're going to break for lunch and return at 1:30.

BREAK.

17. NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Club Resignations

Mastin: I'm calling the meeting back to order. Sharon, I don't know if I thanked you and Cathy at the end of our discussion, but thank you for your presentation. Cathy, thank you. Carol, please take on Agenda Item #17. **Krzanowski:** Before we get into club applications, I have a couple of items of business to bring up. One is club resignations. Two clubs have informed Central Office that they wish to resign from membership.

Two clubs indicated to Central Office that they are resigning from CFA membership: Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society, Region 1; and Mark And Linda, Region 7.

Action Item: Accept with regret the resignation of Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society, effective December 1, 2022.

Mastin: My first motion is to [reads]. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Krzanowski:** With regret, I should add. **Mastin:** Any discussion? **Roy:** It's really no discussion but it's kind of sad because they used to run some of the best shows in Region 1 up in the Poconos in the middle of winter. **Krzanowski:** They did. I remember some of those shows so well. **Mastin:** Any other discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Action Item: Accept with regret the resignation of Mark And Linda, effective December 2, 2022.

Krzanowski: The second resignation is from Mark and Linda. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** May I have a second please? **Eigenhauser:** George will second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Club Name Change Request

Current Name:	<i>Cymric Cat Club (Region 2)</i>
Proposed Name:	<i>Lilac City Cat Fanciers</i>
Conflict with	
Existing Names:	<i>The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.</i>

Reason:

The club has future plans to produce a show in the eastern part of Washington in or near Spokane, which is known as the Lilac City. Several club members live in central or eastern Washington. The Northwest Regional Director supports this change.

Action Item: *Approve the request by the Cymric Cat Club to change their name to Lilac City Cat Fanciers, effective immediately.*

Krzanowski: The next item of business is a club name change request. The Cymric Cat Club located in the Northwest Region is requesting to change their name to Lilac City Cat Fanciers, effective immediately. The rationale is in my report so I will not read that, to save time. The Northwest Regional Director supports the change. I move that we approve the name change effective immediately. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **Webb:** Russell seconds. **Mastin:** Russell seconds, thank you. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Current Happenings of Committee:

New Club Applicants

Four clubs were pre-noticed for membership. The applicants are:

1. *China Morning Star Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
2. *Jelly Paw Cat Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
3. *Purradise Cat Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
4. *Universal Feline Fanciers, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants

Dick Kallmeyer has produced maps showing the locations of the new club applicants being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in these areas. The new club applicants are indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in red, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in black.

In addition to the maps, Dick has also compiled charts showing all existing CFA clubs by geography and statistics indicating the number of clubs in each location that have produced shows within the past three-and-one-half years. Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.

China Morning Star Club
International Division - China; Shijiazhuang, Hebei, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

This club is reapplying for CFA membership after not being accepted last June. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. All members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. Two members have show production experience, one has clerking experience and one is a CFA Associate Longhair Judge. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce at least one show a year in the area of Guang Dong. The club's focus is to promote CFA standards not only as they apply to breeding pedigreed cats, but also as they pertain to general cat welfare. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated the CFA China International Division. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division - China Sub-Committee Chair and Co-Chair support this club.

Krzanowski: Moving on to club applications. The first is from China Morning Star Club. This club was not accepted last June, and they decided to reapply. The club is located in Shijiazhuang, the capital and largest city of Hebei Province in North China. With a total population of over 11.2 million, Shijiazhuang is the twelfth largest city in mainland China. The city is the economic center of the province and home to major pharmaceutical companies and factories, as well as other industries. All members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, two have show production experience, one has clerking experience and one is a CFA Associate LH Judge. As there is currently no existing CFA club in Shijiazhuang, the club wishes to bring more CFA shows to the general area and help promote cat welfare and responsible breeding to CFA standards. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, they plan to produce at least one show a year in the area of Guang Dong. The International Division - China Sub-Committee Chair and Co-Chair support this club. I move to accept this club. **Mastin:** May I have a second please? **Currie:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny. **Colilla:** We need to approve this club. The reason is, the two clubs that used to put on shows down there no longer exist and the people who put on the show now have judges. There's no CFA show down there for years. This club, if they put on a show, we will have our first show down there in maybe about 4 or 5 years, so we need this club. There's no presence down in the southern part of China. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have any additional comments from your Committee? **Calhoun:** No, I do not. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions? Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? OK, I'm going to call for the motion. All those in favor raise your hand. Once I call your name you can lower your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser abstained.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currie, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata. All those opposed raise your hand. No one is opposed. Any abstentions? Pam Moser. **Anger:** That is 16 yes, zero no, 1 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. **Colilla:** Thank you folks. Appreciate it. **Mastin:** Congratulations China Morning Star Club. Welcome to CFA.

Krzanowski: We have two club applications from South Korea. While both clubs are based in Gyeonggi Province, the clubs plan to produce shows in different cities. Gyeonggi Province is located in the northwestern area of the country and with a population of over 13.5 million, it is the most heavily populated province in the country.

Jelly Paw Cat Club
International Division - Asia; Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 12 members. Three of the members are members and officers of another CFA club. The vice president is listed as treasurer on the Purradise Cat Club application. Seven members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors and the remaining members are cat fanciers, most of whom have been involved in various show committee activities for other South Korea clubs in the past. One member is the CFA Country Coordinator for Korea. Six members have show production experience including entry clerking, and four members are licensed CFA clerks including one master clerk and three certified clerks. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Siheung, Gyeonggi-Do Province. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to another CFA club in Korea. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first club is Jelly Paw Cat Club. The Jelly Paw Cat Club plans to produce shows in Siheung, a city in Gyeonggi Province that is bordered by Seoul to the northeast and the Yellow Sea to the west. Siheung has a population of over 500,000 and has been growing rapidly over the past several decades. Seven members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, six have show production experience including entry clerking, four are licensed clerks including a master clerk, and one is the country coordinator for South Korea. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Siheung. The International Division Committee supports this club. I move to accept the club. **Mastin:** May I have a second please? **Calhoun:** Second. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun seconds. **Calhoun:** The only thing that I have to mention, and Carol captured it in her report and so did Bob Zenda, his support for this club. **Mastin:** Matthew Wong, do you have any comments? I don't know if Matt is with us. Discussion? Questions? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to Jelly Paw Cat Club. Welcome to CFA.

Purradise Cat Club (P.C.C.)
International Division – Asia; Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. Two of the members are members of other CFA clubs. The treasurer is listed as vice president on the Jelly Paw Cat Club application. Ten members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA registered cattery names, and the remaining members are actively exhibiting pedigree cats in CFA. Two members have

show production experience, and they recently traveled to Hanoi, Vietnam to assist the Vietnam Cat Club with their first show in December 2022. One member has clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Seoul, where the greatest number of breeders live and their shows will be most accessible. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a cat charity. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The second club from South Korea is the Purradise Cat Club. The Purradise Cat Club plans to produce shows in Seoul, a city in Gyeonggi Province and the capital of South Korea. Seoul is somewhat centrally located in both the province and the country. With a population of over 9 million, it is the largest city in South Korea. Ten members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, two have show production experience and assisted the Vietnam Cat Club with their first show, and one has clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Seoul. The International Division Committee supports this club. I move to accept the club. **Calhoun:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy. Discussion? **Calhoun:** Bob Zenda has reviewed this and it's in his report in support. **Mastin:** In support. Matthew Wong, do you want to comment? Any other discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Purradise Cat Club. Welcome to CFA.

Universal Feline Fanciers
International Division – Asia; Tin Shui Wai, N.T., Hong Kong
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

This was a formerly active CFA club whose membership lapsed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The club was dropped in June 2022 and they are now reapplying. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Three members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, and the remaining members are cat fanciers who own pedigreed cats or household pets. Two members have show production experience including entry clerking, one is a licensed CFA Master Clerk, one is a licensed CFA Certified Clerk, and seven others have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one show a year in Hong Kong and additional shows if resources permit. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the SPCA. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The last application today is from Universal Feline Fanciers. This was a former CFA club that was dropped in June 2022 and is reapplying. The club was formerly very active in CFA until their membership lapsed due to the pandemic, and they now wish to start up activities again. This club is located in Tin Shui Wai, a town in the northwestern New Territories of Hong Kong. The New Territories is one of the three main regions of Hong Kong along with Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. The New Territories makes up about 85 percent of Hong Kong and contains about half the total population of Hong Kong. Three members are active CFA breeders and exhibitors, two have show production experience

including entry clerking, and seven have clerking experience including a master clerk and a certified clerk. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one show a year in Hong Kong and additional shows if possible. The International Division Committee supports this club. I move to accept the club. **Mastin:** May I have a second please? Kathy Calhoun. Kathy, comments? **Calhoun:** The same. Bob Zenda is in support. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Universal Feline Fanciers. Welcome to CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

February 2023 to June 2023 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** That's all I have. **Mastin:** Carol, thank you.

18. SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

*Committee Chair: Michael Shelton
List of Committee Members: Bob Clark, Erin Cutcheon, Karen Godwin, Cathy Dunham, Ginger Meeker, Beth Polstra*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee meets regularly via Zoom. We have been focusing on the following two areas:

First, we have been receiving allegations and conducting investigations in a manner that we have developed and feel is appropriate, but we see the need to codify our process and publicize it. Therefore, our proposed approach for conducting investigations is as follows:

1. *Requests for the committee to initiate an investigation must be sent to a dedicated email address and must be signed. Anonymous requests will not be addressed. If necessary, CO may be contacted to verify the complainant's connection to CFA, without revealing the nature of the complaint. These requests must provide sufficient detail to enable investigation, such as specific dates and shows where incidents may have occurred. They must include information as to who is alleged to have committed the infractions, and what cat(s) they intended to benefit.*
2. *If an initial review indicates that an infraction may have occurred, the accused will be contacted and given ten (10) days to submit evidence and/or exhibits in their defense.*
3. *If, based on the available information, the committee determines that the infraction is likely to have occurred, the accused party will be notified. No action will be taken at this time, but they will be informed that, given the result of the initial investigation, if another similar accusation is made the matter may be referred to either the Protest Committee or the board for further action.*

Our intent here is to try to prevent the repeated pattern of abuses that occurred last season. A single event may have happened without realizing that the behavior is inappropriate, given the ambiguities in the Show Rules.

Templates for the letters used to communicate with accused parties are at the end of the report.

Second, we have been working on expanding the Exhibitors Code of Ethics into Standards of Behavior for CFA Exhibitors.

There is a growing concern that the type of behavior that this committee was formed to address has become ingrained within the culture of CFA. That the competition aspect of shows has become entirely about the pursuit of points and awards, with a shift away from the spirit of fair play and promotion of our pedigreed cats. It's the opinion of the committee that significant action needs to be taken to influence the culture within CFA. With these Standards of Behavior, we hope to start the process of moving towards a better environment around shows, that will

enable CFA to move past the issues we see, and grow into a healthier, more vibrant organization.

Our intent is that a finalized Standards document could be incorporated into the Show Rules, though not as a rule unto itself. For example, it could be included as an introductory statement. A new Show Rule would be added to state that actions in conflict with the Standards may be considered grounds for disciplinary action as conduct detrimental to CFA, as defined in the CFA Bylaws. This would be presented to the delegates at the Annual Meeting.

We are presenting the Standards of Behavior here for feedback.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue development of the Standards of Behavior. Pursue any investigations as the matters arise.

Mastin: Moving along to the next item, Special Investigation Committee. Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Thank you. Before I get into the meat of all of this, I would like to acknowledge that Cathy Dunham has submitted her resignation from the Committee. I cannot express enough about her support for us as we were getting off the ground and the liaison to her former ad hoc committee has been invaluable, so thank you Cathy. **Dunham:** You are welcome. **Shelton:** We have been – besides looking into the occasional investigations, there are a couple that are still ongoing but there is nothing to report on them yet. I'm not going to talk about them in open session. The main things we have been talking about are first codifying our process. We want people to know how they can get information to us about potential count manipulation allegations, so that has been described here. I'm not going to read it all out. These letters, templates that are in the report had been part of the December agenda but they were postponed until this meeting. I have run these by the CFA Attorney and modified them a little bit from the December versions to incorporate her comments. So, the first thing is, we have these letters to notify somebody that we are initiating investigation and potentially to notify them that we have found that there is evidence that a potential infraction has occurred. At this point, our intent is not to go after people because of a single allegation. Our belief is that anybody could do something that looks like point manipulation without really meaning to. The intent is to go after patterns of behavior, and so with our current process we would be notifying somebody after a first incident that we have found that there may be something there. Future incidences, if they are repetitions, would be referred either to the board or the Protest Committee. Our intent most of the time is to go to the Protest Committee but we just wanted to leave the option open to refer to the full board if for some reason that was deemed more appropriate.

Board Action Items:

Approve the investigation procedures, including letter templates.

Shelton: The first thing I have is an action item to approve our process and these letters. **Mastin:** Mike, can we approve each of the letters separately in case there's any questions or comments? **Shelton:** Sure. You can approve them however you would like. **Mastin:** Why don't we do that just in case. Why don't we approve your initial letter that is proposed. Mike made the motion. Can I have a second? **DelaBar:** Second. **Mastin:** OK, Pam DelaBar. You said standing?

DelaBar: I'll be a standing second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any questions for Mike on the proposed initial letter? Mike, I just have one question. Will "SIC" be spelled out as Special Investigation Committee? **Shelton:** Yes. **Mastin:** That would be my only request on that. **Eigenhauser:** I was going to make the same comment. Every time I see SIC, I look for the type-o. **Shelton:** It gets repetitive to have to type that out a lot. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Any objections to the first letter? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK Mike, let's do the second one. **Shelton:** This is the letter we would send out if we found out that there was indication that an infraction had been committed. **Mastin:** OK, and Pam is the standing second. My question is the same, spell out SIC. Does anybody else have any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Results of any investigations initiated in the interim.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shelton, Chair*

SIC INITIAL LETTER (proposed)

(Date)
(Name and Address)

RE:

Dear

This letter is to advise that a complaint has been filed against you for a violation of the CFA Show Rules. A special investigations committee was formed by the CFA Board of Directors to review and investigate alleged violations of the CFA Show Rules 1.03 and 6.34 governing unsportsmanlike conduct and count manipulation. The complaint contains the following allegation(s):

(brief statement of allegations in the complaint)

You are welcome to submit a written statement and/or other documentation on your own behalf to be considered by the committee. Should you wish to do so, all documentation must be sent to the committee chair at cfa.mike.shelton@gmail.com within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. Should you require additional time, please let me know.

It should be noted that all matters before the CFA Special Investigations Committee will be kept strictly confidential within the committee and, if necessary, the CFA Board of Directors and/or the Protest Committee.

Sincerely,

*Michael Shelton
Chair, CFA Special Investigations Committee*

SIC FINDINGS LETTER (proposed)

(Date)
(Name and Address)

RE:

Dear

You were previously notified by letter dated _____ that a complaint had been filed against you for a violation of the CFA Show Rules.

The Special Investigations Committee has now concluded its investigation of the matter. The committee reviewed all pertinent documentation, including but not limited to, the show package

and other documents or records maintained by the CFA Central Office and the show licensing club, and also any written statement and/or documentation submitted by you to the committee. As a result, the committee found there is sufficient evidence to support a conclusion that, more likely than not, an infraction of the show rules has been committed, as follows:

(brief statement of show rule violated and facts in support thereof)

All matters before the CFA Special Investigations Committee are strictly confidential. This confidentiality also extends to the contents of this letter. However, should another similar complaint be lodged against you, this and any such new allegation may be referred to the CFA Protest Committee or Board of Directors for further action in accordance with the CFA Bylaws and CFA Show Rules. Please note, in the event a complaint is referred from this committee, confidentiality will be extended to include both the CFA Board of Directors and/or CFA Protest Committee. Accordingly, you are strongly urged to refrain from engaging in any such similar conduct in the future.

Sincerely,

*Michael Shelton
Chair, CFA Special Investigations Committee*

Standards of Behavior for CFA Show Exhibitors (proposed)

Introduction

Advancing the welfare of all cats sits at the core of CFA's mission. CFA's activities include breed registration, pedigree archives, and the maintenance of breed standards. CFA supports clubs and club members and promotes the interests of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats.

Cat shows are an integral tool in achieving CFA's mission. Cats are evaluated with respect to written breed standards, helping breeders improve each breed. Shows provide a venue for communication among breeders and offer opportunities for the public to view our cats and benefit from our combined experience. Shows are produced by clubs that have the necessary resources to provide a quality experience for everyone involved. Exhibited cats demonstrate the very best of health, care, and grooming.

These Standards of Exhibitor Behavior are meant to guide members of the cat fancy toward stated goals. They remind us of the things we share in common and of our need to always act in the best interest of the cats in our care and the organization we represent.

Each standard is defined by an overarching goal, followed by a list of criteria through which we gauge our achievement of that goal. Exhibitors are advised to read these standards, reflect on the criteria, and think about ways in which they may improve the cat fancy experience.

Standards of Behavior

Standard 1: Health, Safety and Wellbeing of the Cats in our Care

Exhibitors' common interest in and love for cats drives their behavior not just on show days, but throughout their lives. We recognize that the wellbeing of the cats in our care is of paramount importance in all that we do.

Criteria:

- A. Every cat in each exhibitors' care receives the best possible care at all times. All decisions made regarding our cats are made with the best interest of the individual cat foremost in our minds.*
- B. Each cat is maintained to the highest possible health, hygiene and nutritional standards.*
- C. Veterinary care is made available as required for each cat's wellbeing.*
- D. Every cat brought to a show is cared for in accordance with the above stated criteria, and meets every requirement listed in the CFA show rules.*
- E. Under no circumstances will a cat exhibiting signs of a communicable disease, internal or external parasites, or any condition that would endanger the wellbeing of this cat or others, enter a show hall.*

F. We hold the wellbeing of all cats in the show hall in the same regard as the wellbeing of our own cats. We never behave in a manner that endangers any cat.

Standard 2: Competition that Promotes the Betterment of our Breeds and Advancement of the Cat Fancy

Exhibitors recognize that fair, honest comparison of all show cats to their individual breed standards enables breeders to improve the quality of their breed, and present to the public the very best cats their breed can offer.

Criteria:

A. Exhibitors recognize that it is the degree to which individual cats meet the breed standards that is being judged, not the character of the breeder or owner of the cats. We improve the cat fancy by keeping the judging focused on this goal.

B. Exhibitors do not engage in any activity which shifts the focus from comparing cats to the standard. This includes altering entry counts to manipulate scoring, simultaneously entering multiple shows with the intent to influence others' decisions regarding which shows to enter, or coercing others to enter or withhold cats from shows or rings to impact competition.

C. Exhibitors will not habitually withhold entered cats from rings with the goal of shifting points to other cats. Withholding a cat from a ring(s) when that cat may be experiencing excessive stress, compromising its behavior, health or grooming is not only allowed but supported by these standards.

D. Exhibitors show respect for the cat on the judging stand by refraining from anything that might distract or upset the cat such as the waving of toys, quick movements, or loud sounds.

E. Exhibitors do not distract judges from the cat being judged by making comments about the cat, engaging the judge in conversation, or commenting to others about the cat on the judging stand.

Standard 3: Support and Camaraderie Among Cat Fanciers

Exhibitors accept that all in the cat fancy come together out of common interest in cats regardless of Division, Class, or Breed. While we recognize that our opinions on a variety of topics may differ, exhibitors unite in our devotion to cats and the betterment of the cat fancy.

Criteria:

A. Exhibitors accept that we are all present at shows out of common interest in the cats, betterment of our breeds and advancement of the cat fancy.

B. Exhibitors are supportive of each other in the interest of our common goals.

C. Exhibitors do not engage in unsportsmanlike behaviors before, during or after shows which may detract from fair and honest judging of cats. Social media is considered an extension of the physical public space and respectful conduct is expected there, as well.

D. Exhibitors are respectful of others by keeping conversation during finals to a minimum, and not disparaging the decisions of the judge or the cats being honored.

Standard 4: Outreach and Education to Promote the Welfare of all Cats

Exhibitors acknowledge that not everyone in our society values cats to the extent that we do. We know that education of the public can improve the lives of cats. We also believe that bringing more members into the cat fancy will enrich their lives and strengthen our common interests.

Criteria:

A. Exhibitors only present cats of exemplary health and grooming. The cats' wellbeing is most important. The public's perception of the cat fancy should never be negatively impacted by an exhibitor's actions.

B. In all activities related to showing cats including travel to and from shows, overnight accommodations, and presentation while in the show hall, exhibitors recognize that they are representatives of the cat fancy.

C. Exhibitors demonstrate exemplary behavior and a welcoming atmosphere in the show hall. This influences spectators' attitude toward cats and may improve cats' lives.

D. Exhibitors encourage others to become interested in the cat fancy and join us in our endeavors.

Mastin: Now are you asking to approve the investigation procedures? **Shelton:** I don't know if this is something that needs board approval, but I certainly wanted the board to know what we are doing because my intent is to publish this. It's no good to have this procedure if people don't know what it is. So, if there's any suggestions, objections to anything, I would certainly like to hear them now. **Mastin:** For me personally, the board ratified the appointment for you to have this back when Darrell was President. I don't know that we need to approve the investigation, because that's what the Committee is doing. Does anybody have any questions or comments? **Shelton:** We're just kind of acting out of an abundance of caution because this is somewhat new ground for CFA as a whole to have this kind of committee, so we are trying to be careful. **Mastin:** Very good.

Mastin: What else do you have? **Shelton:** The second part of this came out of the Committee's belief that we are not going to be able to really change the underlying attitudes that we believe led to some of the behavior last season without trying to change the culture within CFA. So, we have come up with this document that has somewhat grown out of the Exhibitors' Code of Ethics and calling it "Standards of Behavior for CFA Show Exhibitors." It's a much more expansive document as far as describing what we believe CFA exhibitors, the standards they should be held to. This serves a couple of purposes. It's to try and start guiding exhibitors back to where we would hope they would be in terms of what we are really trying to do with

shows. Shows should not be all about “what awards can we get,” it’s about promoting the breeds and promoting the fancy. At least, that’s our opinion, so we’re trying to push things back that direction. The second thing is that one of the problems we have come across, and I know it has come up before, when we do get allegations of some kind of count manipulation is, there are no rules that really describe what that is. We have tried to put some things in here that go toward describing the types of things that we would consider egregious behavior. It’s still always going to be difficult because we’re trying to determine intent, and determining intent is never simple. We have had discussions, I have talked to Ed Raymond about this and we have had discussions internally about exactly how we would do this, but one thing we were considering is that if this document is adopted – and I’m not asking for approval on it right now, we’re just asking for feedback, but if this were to be adopted, that we could then initiate a show rule something along the lines of violations of the Standards of Behavior for Exhibitors could be subject to disciplinary action as conduct detrimental or unsportsmanlike conduct, but something along those lines. So, we would have a very short show rule that would reference this document. At this point, we are looking for feedback on this because I realize there is a lot here.

Mastin: Any feedback from Mike on this? They either like it or – **Shelton:** They either like it or don’t care. **Mastin:** It’s a good start. What’s your plan? Do you want to bring this back? **Shelton:** We’re still discussing options within the Committee on exactly how we’re going to look to have this kind of thing implemented and we’ll work with Show Rules and figure that out sometime between now and April 15th. **Calhoun:** From Ed via Kathy, is there a “no finding of infraction” letter that needs to be approved? **Shelton:** We haven’t written one. We figure that will be much shorter, but there will be a similar letter saying we have completed our investigation and found that there is no evidence of an infraction. **Calhoun:** Is that something that we need to provide – the other letter? That would seem like something we need. **Shelton:** Whether or not we need to is a different question. We’re certainly willing to come up with something and present it to the board. **Calhoun:** I think it completes the package. **Shelton:** Sure. Our concern was that it was more important to get these two right because we’re making allegations, potentially. But no, we can absolutely come up with something. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Kathy. If this is intended to be separate and apart from the protest process, or at least initially separate from the protest process, I think you should give people the option at the end, “if you are unhappy with what we did, this is going to the protest process” or something like that. They can file it on their own. **Shelton:** Are you saying that we could send something out to the people who made the allegations? **Eigenhauser:** Right. If they are unhappy, they can always file a protest. **Shelton:** OK. We can incorporate that. I don’t see any reason why not.

Mastin: Anything else Mike? **Shelton:** Those were all I have. **Mastin:** Will you be able to bring back the final letter for the April board meeting? **Shelton:** Easily. **Mastin:** OK great. Thank you. **Hannon:** Do we need to get some feedback from the fancy by having it either go out with Pam’s notes or we could send out a CFA News notice or we could post it on the FaceBook official page and just let the fancy see what’s being proposed and get some feedback. **DelaBar:** I was not planning to go this in depth in the notes. **Hannon:** I will be happy to post it on the official FaceBook page. What should I do, tell them if they have any comments, to send them to Mike? **Mastin:** Mike, would you welcome the comments? **Shelton:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK. Any other comments for Mike? OK Mike, thank you.

19. BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson*
List of Committee Members: *Carla Bizzell, Dennis Ganoe, Melanie Morgan, Krista Schmitt*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Reviewed BC ballot results and communicated results to each Breed Council Secretary and Breed Committee Chair. Prepared summary of proposals. Reviewed compiled report of ballot proposals (compiled by CO). Updated MISC/PROV entries and judges' reports (Krista and CO). Added newly elected BCS to the group list (with permission of current BCS).

Current Happenings of Committee:

Compiling statistics for Lykoi and Toybob breeds; sending to their committee chairs for review. Followed up for and reviewed presentations for two new colors/effects (thank you Iris and Dennis!).

Future Projections for Committee:

Ensure that registration rules by breed are accurate and current; emphasize importance of this to CO. Begin gathering input on BOD meeting with BCS at the CFA Annual.

Mastin: I think we're on to Annette, right? Breeds and Standards, Annette? **Wilson:** It's early. The report is a little out of order, so the first person I'm going to thank is Rachel, who was very patient with me as I sent them out of order, in different formats. So, we're going to try to go through some of this, and then we have some people actually scheduled for either by Zoom or in person.

Board Action Items:

1. Discussed this idea at the October, 2022 meeting and postponed from December, 2022 meeting due to time constraints. Will the Board agree to submit and support a change to the CFA Bylaws to permit a policy change for membership applications at any time during the year?

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>APPENDIX A</p> <p>BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES</p> <p>Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. An optional two year membership will</p>	<p>APPENDIX A</p> <p>BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES</p> <p>Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. An optional two year membership will</p>

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RATIONALE: Newer breeders are often excited about qualifying for BC membership and currently they must wait until May 1 to become a BC member. The change above will permit Central Office and/or the Board to set a different policy for membership application (with the caveat that the only those who join by Aug 1 may vote). The application form will have to clarify the membership term and voting membership deadline. There is no anticipation of reducing the BC dues for a shortened membership year. Joining when eligible will enable newer breeders to participate in discussions within their Breed Council and to proudly claim they are a CFA Breed Council member.

Wilson: The first action item I have is, we discussed this. I brought this to the October meeting and then with input brought it back in December but then I withdrew it because we didn't have time. What my ask is, *Will the Board agree to submit and support a change to the CFA Bylaws to permit a policy change for membership applications at any time during the year?* What the proposed wording does is remove the membership applications at the very end there, Breed Council Standing Rules, *will be accepted year-round but must be received by August 1st to vote in any poll or election conducted during that membership year.* Newer breeders – breeders assign goals and while we all tend to think, because we're putting on shows or participating in shows, that a breeder's first goal is to get a national win, or sometimes it seems like that. In fact, many of them, their goal is to have a successful litter and hopefully have a kitten they can show, but joining the breed council, I just had two Russian Blue newer breeders, they've got two females, they've got their first litter, "when can we joint the breed council?" So, I had to explain our convoluted rules for doing that, but when then they are eligible – say, they meet their qualifications in September, they have to wait until April to join the breed council. I didn't want to put any policy together here at all. I think that's up to Central Office. Allene and I have had some discussion on how this might work, but if someone wants to join the breed council and they meet the requirements, I don't think we should make them wait until April. This doesn't remove that you can't vote unless you are there by August 1st, so I'm just asking, would the board submit this as a change to the Bylaws, specifically the Breed Council Standing Rules.

Mastin: May I have a second? **DelaBar:** Second.

Morgan: I couldn't agree with Annette more. This request keeps coming up and I think that's because there is a very real issue here. I can speak to this as a breeder, as a Breed Council Secretary and as a mentor. The current system is confusing to new breeders and it's frustrating to them, because they are excited about meeting the requirements finally for membership in the breed council. They want to join, and then they are told, oh no, they need to wait. That delay can be substantial, depending on the timing. By the time they are able to join, many times the

excitement has kind of waned and they are like, “yeah, whatever.” We should be encouraging membership in the breed councils, which are having memberships decrease precipitously lately, and making things inviting, not creating barriers. We lose an opportunity to get their participation when we delay this process, and we reinforce the impression that we’re inflexible and stuck in our ways. Needless to say, I strongly support this and I thank you Annette for bringing it up. We keep bringing it up at our Breed Council Secretaries’ meeting with the board and we keep bringing it up because we really believe in it. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any other comments?

Calhoun: While it’s not part of this request to change the rules, *per se*, I would like us also to remove the two year membership option. I’m not really clear. Clearly, it does not increase breed council membership. It does not do that. It’s probably the only fee that comes to mind that has a two-year option. Most everything else is on an annual basis. I’m not even sure what the rationale was for a two-year option, but I think it just adds a level of complexity. There’s no discount for it. It’s a budgeting – it just adds a level of complexity that does not seem to have an upside. **Eigenhauser:** I think the original rationale was that they won’t have to keep explaining to people why you can join the breed council in August but can’t vote until next year, and we’re afraid that we will confuse people, particularly since new breed council members are often new to CFA, as well. On the other hand, I’m not convinced that it’s all that big a problem, so I’m going to support putting this in front of the delegation.

Mastin: Any additional comments on the motion that’s in front of us? Kathy, you’re not proposing that what you’re recommending be added to this, are you? **Calhoun:** I am.

Eigenhauser: I think it would be better if we did those as two separate motions. **Mastin:** OK, so let’s get this one first. Very good. Annette, you made the motion. Pam DelaBar, you seconded it. Any other comments on this motion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Kathy, if you want to make a motion, because it’s not pre-noticed it will require 2/3. **Calhoun:** OK. Can I make the motion to the board tomorrow afternoon at 1? **Mastin:** No,

because it’s 1:57 and tomorrow’s meeting will end at 1:30. **Calhoun:** Oh, my clock is still on Central Time. **Mastin:** We are ending at 1:30. That’s when we are shooting for. People have got flights. **DelaBar:** I have a flight, a big flight. Three big flights. **Eigenhauser:** I think all she is asking to do is strike out the first sentence. I’m not sure how complicated we need to make that.

Calhoun: No. What I’m asking, the optional two year membership, to strike that. **Eigenhauser:** The first section, OK. Starting with the words *An optional two year membership* and ending with *even numbered year*. **Mastin:** So, it’s right after April 30th. Let’s make sure we’ve got it right.

Wilson: Then you have to take out *An optional two year membership*. **Calhoun:** *An optional two year membership* – **Wilson:** Maybe it should be re-typed up and brought back. **Mastin:** Yes.

Calhoun: I will retype it and bring it back, and it would have to get 100% because if we do it before 1:57 – **Mastin:** Hang on a second. You are already making – Shelly, are you still there?

Perkins: Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Shelly, since Kathy pre-noticed this, it still is going to require 2/3. It doesn’t need 100% even though she is going to rework it and bring it back tomorrow. Is that correct? **Perkins:** So, anything pre-noticed, unless specifically outlined in the Bylaws, needs 50/50. She is allowed to amend a motion, so long as when she brings it back she says, “I am

amending my motion" and someone agrees and the board votes to amend it, then as amended then it can proceed with 50% unless a change in this particular item would require 2/3. **Mastin:** If I understand that correctly, you are going to bring back the motion tomorrow with the correct wording, correct? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Mastin:** And it requires 2/3, OK? **Calhoun:** OK. **Mastin:** Thank you Shelly. **Perkins:** I'm not sure I said it requires 2/3. If she amends a motion, Rich, you can do that. You can amend a motion by a 50% vote, so if she brings it back and says, "I had a pre-noticed motion which only required 50% yesterday and I'm moving to amend it," then it's just an amended motion that was already pre-noticed, and if it passes with 50% to amend it, then it only needs 50% to actually pass the motion. **Mastin:** My understanding of the issue, Shelly, is she didn't pre-notice the motion at all. We're getting it right now. **Perkins:** Well, if she presents it after 24 hours tomorrow, then it's pre-noticed but I don't think you even have the motion yet, because she is going to rework it, but she has brought the issue, so – **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to adjourn at 1:30 tomorrow, I don't think they have enough time to give 24 hours' pre-notice, and this is an entirely separate motion from what was originally brought up. **Mastin:** It is. It's separate. **Eigenhauser:** I think it's going to take 2/3, but no it does not take a consensus of the vote, but 2/3. **Wilson:** I can read what her motion would be right now. Would that be pre-notice? Then she can type it up, so we actually have it in front of us. **Mastin:** Shelly, did you hear Annette? **Perkins:** Yes. If she gives you 24 hours' notice, that's your new rule. Then it doesn't come back for 24 hours, then that's pre-notice. **Eigenhauser:** Again, if we're going to adjourn at 1:30, I don't think we have 24 hours. **Calhoun:** Could we just move forward with this as it is. Can I work with Annette and work with Show Rules and bring it back in April, so that if it's going to be - **Mastin:** You can bring it back in April. You can also bring it back in an online motion, but it needs unanimous consent. **Calhoun:** Why don't I do that? **Eigenhauser:** I think your best option is to bring it back tomorrow and go for 2/3, rather than go online and try for unanimous. **Mastin:** That's all we need. **Calhoun:** We only need 2/3. **Mastin:** You only need 2/3. **Calhoun:** OK. **Mastin:** Let's do that, and you won't waste any time. You and Annette can do it on your own time. Continue Annette. **Wilson:** Do we have to vote on it? **Mastin:** No. She is bringing back. **Eigenhauser:** Annette's motion. **Anger:** We already did it. **Mastin:** It was unanimous. Yeah, we did it. **Wilson:** Did we vote on it? **Mastin:** We already did it. I circled it, unanimous. **Anger:** DelaBar seconded it. **Mastin:** That was already done. George, you requested that it be not included, to vote on the original.

Wilson: We could actually read Kathy's motion right now. **Mastin:** Do you want to read it? **Wilson:** I'll read it. This would be – I don't want it attributed to me. I'm speaking as if I'm Kathy. I'm teasing. Based on the input from this meeting, we would propose to change Appendix A – Breed Council Standing Rules in the CFA Bylaws to read: *Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.* What we would be striking out are the two sentences, *An optional two year membership will be available in even numbered years for those members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. A two year membership will begin May 1 of even numbered years and end on April 30 of the next even numbered year.* **Mastin:** Kathy, how did she do? **Calhoun:** Spot on, spot on. **Eigenhauser:** Again, if we're trying to pre-notice this by 24 hours, we are going to be a half hour late. It's going to take 2/3 if we vote on it today. It's going to take 2/3 if we vote on it tomorrow. Let's

just vote on it. **Mastin:** We'll vote on it. **Wilson:** Let me check on one thing since I have the Bylaws with me. Do we define that the two-year membership thing includes members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. Does that have to be in there somewhere? Do you know what I'm saying? [inaudible, multiple speakers] Then forget I said anything. **Mastin:** Is it all clear? Any further discussion? **Anger:** We don't have a second. If we don't, I will second it. **Mastin:** George said that he just seconded it. And Kathy, it was your motion. OK, so we've got Kathy and George. Any objections to Kathy's motion? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Annette, before you continue, I think George had a question. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to be clear on the last motion. Who is writing the rationale? **Wilson:** Kathy. **Eigenhauser:** And that she is being assigned that task? **Calhoun:** Why does there have to be a rationale? Does there have to be? **Eigenhauser:** If you put it up without a rationale, the delegation will have no idea why you are doing it. **Calhoun:** OK.

*2. Breed Council Elections and Ballot Proposals (per compiled report and spreadsheet summary). I would like to make a **standing motion** (reserving the right to vote no). Most BCS will join via ZOOM; two breeds (LaPerm and Siberian) have new color/effect proposals for which they have prepared slides.*

Mastin: OK Annette, back on schedule. **Wilson:** We're ahead of time, so I'm going to explain a little bit what we're going to do. We're going to go through the ballot items that were passed by the Breed Council Secretaries. The Breed Council Secretaries may or may not be on yet since I told them 3:00, but some are so we may be jumping around a little. I know you have all read them very carefully. At 5:00 we have a hard stop because we have a Breed Council Secretary calling in to do the presentation on the Bimetallic color. We are going to have one other Breed Council Secretary presenting the karpati pattern. **Tartaglia:** He is in. **Wilson:** He's in. And we have Mike Blees here for the Cornish Rex. Do you have a time frame, Mike? **Blees:** No. **Wilson:** And then we are also going to have two breeds that are requesting advancement, one of which has cats for us to look at. They will be set up down in the Erie Room and we're going to have to kind of play it by ear. I told them that they could get set up, but I had them scheduled for about 5:15 or 5:30, so that would kind of be an end so you can all get a kitty fix before you go to dinner tonight. We can take their standard changes ahead of time. I don't know if anybody printed off the little cheat sheet, but that's the easiest way to follow along.

3. The Toybob Breed Committee Chair (present in the room, Gigi Guerriero) has requested the breed advance from Miscellaneous status to Championship status (bypassing Provisional status), effective May 1, 2023. I'd like to do this in two parts:

[From after Siberian presentation] **Wilson:** So, now we can maybe go down to the Erie Room and see the presentation on the Toybobs, and maybe spend 10 or 15 minutes there. Then we can come back and discuss it. **Mastin:** You're good. We've got lots of time left. You're good. Let's go to the Erie Room.

BREAK.

Motion: *That the Toybob advance from Miscellaneous status to Provisional status effective May 1, 2023 (reserving right to vote no). A summary of the current entry and registration statistics has been provided. (50% vote of CFA BOD required to pass)*

[Secretary's Note: Deliberations were conducted in executive session.]

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Morgan voting no. Currel abstained.

Motion: *That the Toybob advance from Miscellaneous to Championship status effective May 1, 2023 (reserving right to vote no). (2/3 vote of CFA BOD required to pass)*

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Currel and Roy voting yes. Anger abstained.

Mastin: Welcome back. Annette? **Wilson:** Thank you again for coming and bringing the cats. The board voted separately on the two issues. You have been advanced to Provisional status, but not to Championship. So, we need to work on the standard some more. Any of the comments about the standard changes today that didn't pass or you were asked to consider, we should really talk about those. Not only as the standard continues to be revised, it's not a good move to request it again next year, but if there were things that came up today and you are willing to address, I think we could [inaudible]. We really appreciate having more than one cat per show. Actually it would be better to pick one or two shows in a regional and show a bunch of them, and then gather the input from judges that are actually able [inaudible]. You won't get titles, but judges will [inaudible] so you will have that kind of feedback. What you lose by going from Miscellaneous to Provisional is you don't get to go up there and talk with the judges, but you get the feedback. Are there questions about that? **Hill:** I just have one comment. This question always will come up and I feel like it will be coming up anyway. The trouble with minority breeds, #1, and also the CFA requirements do not specifically state how many cats we should be showing in terms of the requirements, so when we get the feedback saying, "we're not seeing enough cats," would there be a specific number that we can refer to or justify that requirement in terms of the feedback, although the requirement is not really listed. **Wilson:** The reason not to put numbers in the advancement matrix is because some breeds have people that live a lot – it's better to focus on getting multiple examples in some shows with different judges seeing them, so you can get the – we get the written reports from the judges – than just taking the same cat and taking it to 2 shows in this region, 2 shows in this region, 2 shows in this region. Then, we're not actually – we only have one cat. It's not a bad cat, but we're not seeing the variety of ages, the variety of genders, the variety of coat length and so on. So, you need to kind of think about, what are we looking to do here? We're trying to expose this breed to as many judges as we can and examples that meet the standard as closely as possible. When you're taking feedback from the judges, don't just take the feedback from one or two judges or the same judge all the time, or just what you want to hear. OK, not that you do that, but you have to kind of put it all as a group, which is kind of what we try to do when we get the judges' reports. There weren't a lot of judges' reports and so taking those forms, reminding the judges they can fill it out online is something they should be doing, too. When they go to a show, hand out the paper reports and ask that they fill them out in detail. When the judges actually write comments about what they think it's about those cats that they saw at the show as how they meet the standard. **Eigenhauser:** An unsolicited piece of advice; if you have multiple cats in a show and the judges

are consistently picking a cat that you would not have picked, that means whatever you have in your standard and what's being communicated on paper to the judges is not matching up, so that kind of gives you some guidance as to where you need to work on your standard. **Hill:** [inaudible]. **Wilson:** And I want to reiterate what some folks said when we were actually discussing the standard changes, is that it should describe the perfect adult Toybob. That's what you should show, and then the judges should be able to read that standard and look how close that cat is to the standard. [inaudible] I'm sure it looks easy when you are evaluating your cats. **Guerriero:** The changes that we requested was for the perfect cat, and it was actually like I mentioned earlier, a lot of the changes on the standard [inaudible] and my biggest issue as Breed Chair in CFA is to try to convince exhibitors to participate in this region when they are showing in ACFA or CFF or now LCWW and they are getting their titles, you know? So it's going to be very difficult to try to – **Wilson:** It's something you can work on. **Guerriero:** Like Margo said, it's going to be a minority breed. I've been to CFA shows where there would be like one Chartreux, so I don't see how moving forward with the Toybob is going to be any different, unless I get my way and continue to market and promote the breed, you know, and try to get it more popular. **Wilson:** I'm not sure I understand what your issue is. **Guerriero:** I was just mentioning that it's a minority breed also. **Wilson:** Oh sure. We don't have to see a lot of them, but the standard describes a good cat for the judges [inaudible]. **Guerriero:** CFA is already very similar to other standards. **Wilson:** I will take a look at some other standards and maybe we can come to some consensus on some of the wording. **Guerriero:** Yeah, I did – I'm leaving here with [inaudible]. I'm adamant I'm not making any change. What I just want to clarify is that, what we presented were cats and not what we have, even though we do have cats that fit the standard very well. **Wilson:** Thank you again for coming. **Guerriero:** It was a pleasure. Thank you, we're happy that we got what we got. **Wilson:** We're continuing to work on it. **Mastin:** Thank you for attending. **Guerriero:** We'll be back next year. **Mastin:** Thank you.

TOYBOB Summary (Jan. 2023)

The Toybob Breed Committee Chair has requested advancement from MISC to PROV to CHAMPIONSHIP status. Here are the registration and entry statistics.

Breed accepted:	May 1, 2019
No. of Breeders:	25 (some at same address with different cattery names)
No. of Reg:	215 (91 reg-by-ped; 124 via CFA litter reg). 58 more than last year.
No. Entries:	149 (44 unique cats), in regions 1-9
Breed Committee:	Gigi Guerriero, chair. 2 other members
Breed Club:	International Toybob Cat Club is in good standing
Standard:	Continues to change; most recent iteration presented at Feb 2023 meeting
OTHER:	Japanese Bobtail Breed Council objects to 'lookalike' breed. Concerns from some judges about miniaturization Judges reports 60/40 in favor of advancing to PROV; many less in favor of Ch'Ship Judges biggest complaint is not seeing more of a variety of cats at shows; often only 1 (and the same one).

TOYBOB ENTRY SUMMARY - accepted for MISc Status May 1, 2019

All Entries PRESENT; 44 unique cats shown

Sum of IsPresent	Column Labels	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total
Row Labels						
Europe		8		3	3	14
Great Lakes		6		1	2	9
Gulf Shore				4	1	5
Japan		6	4	3	9	22
Midwest		1		1		2
North Atlantic		27		25		52
Northwest		3		3		6
Southern		19	4	2	11	36
Southwest				3		3
Grand Total		70	8	45	26	149

Toybob Registration Summary -

Breed Accepted May 1, 2019

Count of CatName	Column Labels	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Row Labels							
BEES KNEES				4			4
EMBERVIEW				1			1
GLASSHEART				5	1		6
JET-SETTER					3		3
KAT-I-TOOD					4		4
NAUGHTYKITTY		2	4	7	13		26
ROSTOV TOYS					2		2
SATURNCAT				2			2
SINGVILLE		6		2	1		9
SMALL TOYS					2		2
SMALLKITTY		1					1
STARRY KITTY				4			4
TINYBOB			4				4
WHISPERSTAR		8	8				16
WONDERLYN		2	5	22	11		40
Reg Via Ped		49	6	17	18	1	91
Grand Total		68	27	64	55	1	215

Breed Committee Chair forwarded an updated list of Cattery Litter Registrations (with backup):			
Cattery Name	Breeder Name	Lit Reg Dt	Country
Bees Knees	Katie Biesinger	1/11/2023	US
Bel-Moors	Anna Gromova	1/9/2023	Russia
Emberview	M Carno-L Stasiuk	6/21/2020	Canada
Glassheart	Hiromi Matsubara	9/7/2022	Japan
Jet-Setter	Sharon Vega	12/12/2022	US
Kat-I-Tood	Marilyn Mogle	7/25/2022	US
Li'l Wonders	Nellie Mogle	1/11/2023	US
Libertybell	Hiroshi Ishizawa	12/12/2022	Japan
Naughtykitty	Martin-Kazumi Frost	12/15/2022	Japan
Petite Toy	Renan Rangel	1/9/2023	Brazil
Rostov Toys	Angela Soto	6/28/2022	US
Rostovspirit	Mila Denny	7/30/2022	US
Saturncat	Lukas Swid	12/7/2021	US
Singamabob	M Carno-L Stasiuk	1/12/2023	Canada
Singville	Margo Hill	12/11/2021	US
Small Toys	A Moronov-I Syrchina	1/10/2023	Russia
Smallkitty	Irina Syrchina	1/17/2023	Russia
Starry Kitty	Deborah Lopez	9/19/2021	US
Sunny Shores	Rachel Zimmer	1/5/2023	US
Tinybob	Angela Crowley	4/22/2020	US
Toy-Lee	Alexander Lee	1/11/2023	US
Toybob Tales	Laura Mejia	1/4/2023	US
Ural Gems	Natalia Soboleva	1/9/2023	Spain
Whisperstar	Margo-James Hill	12/31/2019	US
Wonderlyn	Giselle Guerrero	10/6/2022	US

Mastin: The meeting is called back to order. Annette, are you ready? **Wilson:** Is voting on them going to be in open session? **Mastin:** Closed session. **Wilson:** I'm going to read the summary. **Mastin:** Do you want to read that in open session? **Wilson:** But I've lost it. **Morgan:** It's on page – mine is 76. Do you want mine? Here. **Wilson:** Thank you. OK, so the Toybob Breed Committee Chair has requested the breed advance from Miscellaneous to Provisional, then to Championship status which we will have to vote on separately. Here are their registration statistics. The breed was accepted May 1, 2019. There are 25 breeders. There are 215 cats registered; 91 were registered by pedigree, 124 by CFA litter registration. This is in the last year – 58 more than the previous year. We had 129 cats entered, of which 44 were unique, individual cats shown in Regions 1-9. Gigi is the chair of the Breed Committee. There are two other members, but I know she is working on trying to get some of these newer breeders in the Breed Committee also. The International Toybob Cat Club is in good standing with CFA. The standard continues to change. We just discussed the most recent iteration. The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council objects to them as a look-alike breed and has some concerns about miniaturization and inter-breeding. I read you their objection. There are some concerns from some judges about

miniaturization. Judges reports run about 60/40 in favor of advancing them to Provisional. Many less are in favor of advancing them to Championship. They are about 60/40 also about whether they are real distinctive, but I think in reading those comments it was from shows where they only saw one cat and that was the biggest complaint from the judges' reports. These are just reports from the last time. Their biggest complaint is not seeing more of a variety of cats at the show. Often there is only one and often it's the same cat. Their entry summary is shown here, showing the 149 and how many were shown in each of the regions. These are total cats, not unique cats. Then a list of the breeders' names, the individual catteries and then Gigi sent me a list of additional catteries that have been added, so we have a list of additional. So, they meet the 25 breeder requirement. Then is their presentation, which we just saw. That's what I have.

Mastin: I'm ready to go into closed session when you say so. **Wilson:** I'm ready unless anybody has any more questions for Gigi and Margo. **Mastin:** OK, we're going to go into closed session.

Wilson: Thank you for bringing them. **Tartaglia:** Any of the attendees need to leave the meeting. **Mastin:** You have Matthew and Yukiko as panelists. **Tartaglia:** Are we going to be coming back into open session? **Mastin:** I don't know. It depends on how long this goes. We are working until 6:00. **Wilson:** We've got 22 minutes. **Tartaglia:** What I can do is remove all the attendees. Do you want to let them know that I'm going to remove them? I'll start removing them. **Mastin:** It looks like there are 13 attendees. You will be removed from the meeting. We are going into closed session. I want to thank you for attending. James, are we also on FaceBook? **Simbro:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you all on FaceBook for attending.





BREED HISTORY

- 1988, the first record of the breed progenitor, Kutsiy. A small-sized seal-point bobtail cat
- 1993-1994, registration and recognition to FARUS (Seal Point Only)
- Late 90s-2000s, Russian breeders expanded the gene pool by adding Thai and native Domestic cats. This includes the addition of new colors/patterns and Longhair. These cats are exhibited in WCF's "Non-Recognized Breeds and Colours" Class
- 2004: Toybob cats are imported to the United States to develop further and advance the breed in the US associations (All Colors and Patterns)
- 2012-2017, Toybob registration and recognition to Championship within ICU (All Point Colors) and MFA (All Colors and Patterns) the two largest Russian Cat Fancier associations
- 2017 WCF recognition to Championship (Seal Point Only)
- Late 2010s-2020, TICA advanced to Preliminary New Breed Registration and advancement to Championship within CFF and ACFA (All Colors and Patterns)
- 2022, LCWW recognition to Championship (All Colors and Patterns)

GENETICS & HEALTH

- **GENETIC BACKGROUND:** Natural DISTINCTIVE breed not related to any specific recognized breed.
- **SPONTANEOUS MUTATION:** Dominant kinked bobtail with no health concerns.
- **SMALL CATS:** Naturally petite and solid felines that average from 4-7 pounds.
- **GENETIC BREED STUDY:** Current research is being conducted with Dr. Lyons to find the gene mutation responsible for the bobtail in Toybobs.
- **OUTCROSS POLICY:** Ensure proper genetic diversity and keep the overall inbreeding coefficient below 0.25 with a permanent outcross policy to Domestic cats (preferably Russian) of similar phenotype and no structural mutations. Breeders are instructed to use either Wisdom Panel or Neogen CatScan tests to screen for all genetic illnesses and structural mutations.
- **HEALTH:** The Toybob continues to be a genetically sound breed, as proven by the 2022 [PLOS GENETICS](#) genetic epidemiology study of blood type, disease and trait variants, and genome-wide genetic diversity in over 11,000 domestic cats (10,419 pedigreed cats and 617 non-pedigreed cats). Besides being free of previously documented (testable) genetic diseases, the Toybob is also unaffected by 13 newly identified disease-associated variants.

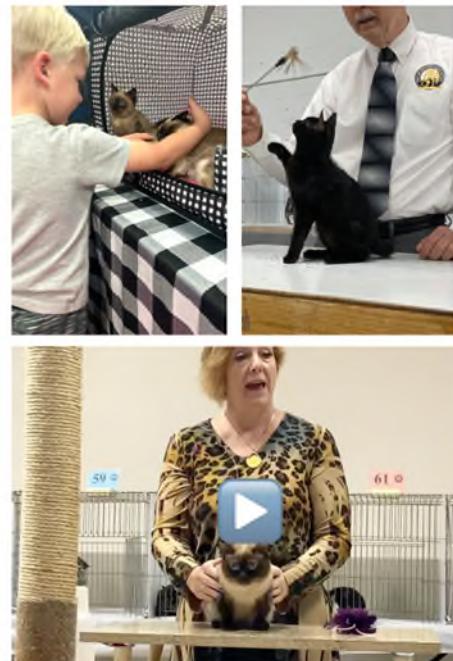


CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 149 entries, with 44 distinct Toybob adults and kittens, shown in every CFA region (1-9) except those heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Over 215 cats registered within CFA and more pending.
- Currently, over 25 active CFA-registered catteries are working with the breed across different regions worldwide, including in South America, Europe, and Asia. Many more await Championship recognition to partner with CFA.



We have established an extensive knowledge base about the breed on many levels of Cat Fancier associations worldwide. The breed is continuously receiving overwhelming excitement among the exhibitors and visitors at the cat shows. The breeder base with the CFA organization alone has grown fast since our application was accepted as a unique breed. The Breed Club created an everlasting footprint in the Cat Fancy and moved forward with a clear vision of the Toybob breed to remain a healthy and desired breed to own.



5. The Lykoi Breed Committee Chair (present in the room, Desiree Bobby) has requested the breed advance from Provisional status to Championship status, effective May 1, 2023. A summary of the current entry and registration statistics has been provided. **I so move** (reserving the right to vote no).

LYKOI Summary (Jan. 2023)

The Lykoi Breed Committee Chair has requested advancement from PROV to CHAMPIONSHIP status. Here are the registration and entry statistics.

Breed accepted: May 1, 2018
 Last Advanced: May 1, 2021
 No. of Breeders: 24 with several additional registering by pedigree in 2022
 No. of Reg: 395 (95 reg-by-ped) – 98 more than as of Dec., 2021
 No. Entries: 183 entered & present cats (~100 unique cats); shown in all regions (including ID)
 Breed Committee: Desiree Bobby, Chair. 10 total members
 Breed Club: World Lykoi Association is in good standing
 Standard: Last Changed eff. May 1, 2022, including adding all colors/patterns
 OTHER: Judges reports have concerns about standard and cats being shown not meeting it—

- eye shape, head type, how to see roaning on a white cat, lack of consistency to standard.
- some concerns about condition in some instances (bare patches, etc.)
- Several shows had cats entered but not present (not counted in charts below).

Exhibition Data:

ALL cats (~100 unique cats were shown))
 LYKOI - Summary of Data (only cats PRESENT are counted)

Sum of IsPresent	Column Labels						Grand Total
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023		
Row Labels	5	13		3			21
Europe	5	13		3			21
Great Lakes	9	5		12		6	32
Gulf Shore		5					5
Indonesia				2		2	4
Midwest		4	1	14		1	20
North Atlantic	2	7		1		4	14
Northwest	12						12
Southern	13	20		5		13	51
Southwest		1		2		7	10
Thailand/Vietnam				2			2
World Region	10	2					12
Grand Total	51	57	1	41		33	183

Registration Data:

Lykoi Summary of Cattery Prefixes - Breed Accepted May 1, 2018

Count of CatName	Column Labels						
Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	(BLANK)	Grand Total
A'SCHESHIRES				1			1
ATREYUKATZ		13	22	7	9		51
BAREGENETICS		2	1				3
BEEBLEBROX	15	13	26	48	25		127
BROWNCOATS				1	4		5
CHARMED CATS		3					3
CHUPACABRA	10				1	3	14
EXELISS			1		3		4
FAOLADH					4		4
FAOLAN		3	2	1	4		10
FULLMOONERS					2		2
GREY MOON		3	4				7
KATITUDZ	2	1					3
LHAVIYANI				2			2
MANDRAGORES					1		1
MARCO DENIRO					1		1
MOONLITEWOLF			2	1			3
NAKIDS		1	3				4
NORTHRNACRES		1	5	5			11
OILYKOI		2					2
RK STARZ			1	1			2
SUGARSKULLS	6	4	5	11	9		35
WEREWOLFCAT				4			4
WRINKADINKS		1					1
(blank)	46	15	12	11	11		95
(blank)	46	15	12	11	11		95
Grand Total	79	62	88	89	74	3	395

Wilson: She we do the Lykoi? **Roy:** We should do the Lykoi. **Mastin:** Sure. **Wilson:** OK, so now we jump back up. Actually I have something else, also, so we're not done yet. There's a summary here that I put together. It's after the Lykoi summary. It says, *Lykoi Summary (Jan. 2023)*. It's #5 on my action items. It's in the compiled reports. **Anger:** Around page 81. **Simbro:** Somewhere around page 81. **Hannon:** Page what? **Simbro:** 81. **Wilson:** The breed committee chair for the Lykoi is Desiree Bobby. She is here in the room, and the breed committee has requested that the breed advance from Provisional status to Championship status, effective May 1, 2023. I provided a summary of the current entry and registration statistics, and just some facts about it. The breed was accepted May 1, 2018. They were in Provisional status

until May 1st last year. Last February we advanced them to Provisional. There are 24 breeders. I know there's more but there are 24 that I could identify from the data I had, with several additional who registered by pedigree in 2022. There are 395 registered Lykoi, of which 95 were registered by pedigree. That's an increase of 98 since December, 2021. We had 183 entered and present cats, of which there were about 100 unique cats shown in all regions, including the ID. There are 10 members of the breed committee. The World Lykoi Breed Club is in good standing with CFA. The last time they changed their standard was last year, and that's also when the board accepted adding all colors and patterns. In the judges' reports, which is separate in here, concerns revolved around the standard and cats being shown not meeting the standard; specifically in eye shape and head type. They commented that it was difficult see roaning on a white cat and there was lack of consistency to the standard on that. There were concerns about condition in some instances, with bare patches of hair. Several shows had cats entered but not present. Those cats are not counted in the charts we have. In the first chart is a year's worth of data, so we ended with data the previous year. The summary of cats present by region, by year, and you can see that the first two years when they were Miscellaneous, they had quite a few cats being shown, and then we had COVID. Then after COVID they had 41 cats and last year only 33 cats shown, although that's obviously not a full season since we're in the end of the 2023 season. Of the 183 cats, 100 were unique cats. To count unique cats, there's no real way that I can figure out how to count unique cats in these pivot tables, so I count them [inaudible]. Then we have the registration data, which is a summary of cattery prefixes since the breed was accepted. So, that's what I have. I think Desiree might want to make a presentation or speak to the board.

Mastin: Desiree, do you want to come up to the table and join us? **Bobby:** Thank you for your consideration of the Lykoi. I think everyone here is familiar enough with them, so I don't really have to much to say, but if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer any of them. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Desiree? No questions, OK. Alright, I guess we're going to go to the motion. **Morgan:** I don't have any questions, I have comments. **Mastin:** OK, go ahead. **Morgan:** I love you to death. You know that, but I have been straight up about this since last year. I don't argue that this breed is unique, but it was unique to me as it was presented to this board, which was as a werewolf cat, which kind of goes hand in hand with a black cat with roaning. You only advanced a year ago, and at the same time you were advanced, in my opinion, you took a step backwards into what for me made this breed something very special, so in the last year we really haven't seen a significant number of examples of the breed and the ones that we have seen have not, in my opinion, been very consistent in type. The breed standard continues to undergo substantial revisions, although this year we seem to have fine tuned it somewhat, but we're not seeing the roaning as much on the cats that are in the black. The white, to me, was a huge mistake and while I think this breed could be a wonderful asset and be very, very unique, I'm very uncomfortable with the fact that we've extended to all these other colors, etc., and for that reason – although I wish you all the best – I won't be supporting this.

Currie: I like that breed a lot. I'm going to support it. **Eigenhauser:** I like that breed a lot. I'm going to support it. I've seen a lot of breeds come through the system, and I understand that there are concerns about consistency right now, but the biggest improvement in consistency and look comes when you are actually in competition. When it's just a friendly "take a look at my cat" kind of a show, it's not as intense. The intensity of competition really helps forge a better cat, so I am not concerned. I think if we move them into championship and they lose, they will figure it out. **Calhoun:** So, I have to of these little darlings. I love the breed, I think that they

are awesome. I was also not in favor of any other colors other than black. Desiree knows this too well, but the fact of the matter is that we're over that. We passed it, we're done. This is it, so I am going to support them. I think it's time. I think you will see more when you can actually compete with all the other cats on the same level. **DelaBar:** In the past 3 years, we have seen 3 of these cats in all of Europe. Based upon that, I cannot support advancement at this time.

Mastin: Any other comments? I'm going to call it. If you are in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, DelaBar and Morgan voting no.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currle, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, Pam DelaBar. Any abstentions? Yukiko Hayata, if you are in favor raise your hand.

Hayata: Yes, I support it. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions.

Mastin: Thank you Desiree.

6. The Khao Manee Breed Committee did not elect a chair. There is only one member of the breed committee and he didn't vote. There were eight Khao Manee registered in CY2022 and 6 unique cats shown in the 2021/2022 show season (none in current show season). I know of someone who has previously registered some litters with CFA and who continues to breed Khao Manee; I would like permission to talk to her about qualifying for the CFA Khao Manee breed committee with the thought that she might be appointed as chair at the June meeting.

Bobby: I think Margo is here already. **Wilson:** I thought she said she wasn't coming.

Bobby: I said, "Is Margo coming?" and she said, "yes, she is here." **Roy:** I didn't think Margo was coming. **Wilson:** While we are waiting for that, I have one more thing. There is always one more thing. Have you noticed that? We have an issue with the Khao Manee. The Khao Manee is in Miscellaneous status. The Khao Manee breed committee had one member as of August 1st last year and that member declared for committee chair and then didn't vote. There is only one member of the breed council, they didn't vote for themselves. Last year, in calendar year 2022, 8 Khao Manee were registered and 6 unique cats were shown in the 2021-2022 show season, and none have been shown in the current show season. So, I don't know what the status is going to be of the person who is the sole member of the breed committee, of which does not have a chair, but I would be willing – I know someone who breeds Khao Manee that has registered 3 or 4 litters with CFA last year but they haven't been showing or registering their adult cats in CFA. I briefly mentioned to her at a show where we were both exhibiting, "would you be at all interested in joining the breed committee? I believe we have an issue." She seemed OK with it, but I couldn't really say anymore because we hadn't had our December meeting yet. So, she would have to qualify for the breed committee. If she would and she did, then I could ask that she be appointed chair at the June meeting, but I don't want to talk to her if this is all going somewhere else. I don't know how else to beat around the bush about this. **DelaBar:** I think I know who you are referring to. I believe you should go ahead and see what you can do. Talk to her. **Wilson:** If that doesn't work, if anybody else knows of somebody who would be qualified for the breed committee that would be willing to maybe take this on, or we go without a chair for a year and see if things change somehow. I believe there are Khao Manee shown in Thailand but

I don't know the breeders and none of them have joined the breed committee, but they may not know about it. **DelaBar:** The secretary of the Khao Manee club, which is a Region 9 club, is going to school right now. He would also be possible to join. **Wilson:** It would beef up the committee, so I need some direction. **Mastin:** Are there any objections to having Annette discuss and have the conversation? <no> Annette, proceed. **Wilson:** OK.

Wilson: That didn't waste too much time though. **Mastin:** You don't need to waste time. Just go on to your next. **Wilson:** If we could do the Toybob, then we could come back for Iris and then you could – I'm not trying to tell you what to do, but I am trying to tell you what to do. **Mastin:** By all means, continue. **Eigenhauser:** If we are at a pause situation for Breeds and Standards and are looking for something to do, we could jump ahead to something like the Central Office report where we know the person is present, and get a little head start on tomorrow. **Mastin:** Yeah, we're going to get a lot of head start on tomorrow. We're going to continue with tomorrow's agenda that's in open session if Annette has us on pause. Annette, you can do your next agenda item. **Wilson:** I can do what? **Mastin:** Breeder Education Committee. **Wilson:** Oh, I could. **Mastin:** If everybody is wondering what's happening today, we are not ending before 6:00. We are going to work until 6 so we can cut down on tomorrow's schedule. **Wilson:** OK. I get confused when I skip around. [Transcript goes to Agenda Item #20]

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

I don't know; I'll have to think about it! The agenda for the BCS meeting with the BOD will be available by the June board meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

Breed Council Ballots

<i>Breed</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Ballots Returned</i>
<i>American Shorthair</i>	35	30
<i>Bengal</i>	69	49
<i>British Shorthair</i>	50	35
<i>Burmese</i>	25	18
<i>Cornish Rex</i>	27	16
<i>Devon Rex</i>	25	23
<i>Exotic</i>	59	45
<i>Japanese Bobtail</i>	20	15
<i>LaPerm</i>	2	2
<i>Maine Coon</i>	69	57
<i>Ragamuffin</i>	13	8
<i>Scottish Fold</i>	23	15
<i>Sphynx</i>	11	8
<i>Toybob</i>	3	3

2022 Breed Council Secretary Election Results

Abyssinian

<i>Members</i>	43
<i>Ballots received</i>	29
<i>Beth Reilly</i>	<i>22 Elected</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	7

American Bobtail

<i>Members</i>	4
<i>Ballots received</i>	1
<i>Shelby Friemoth</i>	<i>1 Elected</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	0

American Curl

<i>Members</i>	11
<i>Ballots received</i>	10
<i>Susan Baxter</i>	<i>7 Elected</i>
<i>Linda Bull</i>	3
<i>Abstain</i>	0

American Shorthair

<i>Members</i>	35
<i>Ballots received</i>	30
<i>Carol W. Johnson</i>	<i>28 Elected</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	2

American Wirehair

Members.....	12
Ballots received.....	7
Jan Rogers	6 Elected
Abstain	1

Balinese/Javanese

Members.....	23
Ballots received.....	15
Lorna Friemoth-Gallion	13 Elected
Abstain	2

Bengal

Members.....	69
Ballots received.....	49
Samantha Kerr	48 Elected
Abstain	1

Birman

Members.....	41
Ballots received.....	27
Karen L. Lane	21 Elected
Abstain	6

Bombay

Members.....	16
Ballots received.....	10
Jeri Zottoli	10 Elected
Abstain	0

British Shorthair

Members.....	50
Ballots received.....	35
Ginger L. Meeker	21 Elected
Abstain	14

Burmese

Members.....	25
Ballots received.....	18
Art Graafmans	11 Elected
Abstain	7

Burmilla

Members.....	7
Ballots received.....	6
Keith Kimberlin	4 Elected
Stephanie Mohr	2
Abstain	0

Chartreux

Members.....	19
Ballots received.....	12
Orca Starbuck	11 Elected
Abstain	1

Colorpoint Shorthair

Members.....	22
Ballots received.....	19
Mary Kolencik	19 Elected
Abstain	0

Cornish Rex

Members.....	27
Ballots received.....	16
Thomas Michael Blees	13 Elected
Abstain	3

Devon Rex

Members.....	25
Ballots received.....	23
Linda Peterson	23 Elected
Abstain	0

Egyptian Mau

Members.....	10
Ballots received.....	7
Melanie Morgan	7 Elected
Abstain	0

European Burmese

Members.....	17
Ballots received.....	13
Wendy Klamm	9 Elected
Abstain	4

Exotic

<i>Members</i>	59
<i>Ballots received</i>	45
Lynn A. Cooke	43 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Havana Brown

<i>Members</i>	14
<i>Ballots received</i>	9
LeAnn Rupy	7 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Japanese Bobtail

<i>Members</i>	20
<i>Ballots received</i>	15
Marianne Clark	11 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	4

Korat

<i>Members</i>	4
<i>Ballots received</i>	4
Cheryl Coleman	4 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

La Perm

<i>Members</i>	2
<i>Ballots received</i>	2
Dennis J. Ganoe	2 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Maine Coon

<i>Members</i>	69
<i>Ballots received</i>	57
Bethany Colilla	46 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	11

Manx

<i>Members</i>	13
<i>Ballots received</i>	10
Joy Yoders Dey	10 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Norwegian Forest Cat

<i>Members</i>	28
<i>Ballots received</i>	15
J. Brook Cole	12 Elected
<i>Nancy Kerr</i>	2
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Ocicat

<i>Members</i>	20
<i>Ballots received</i>	16
Sonja Moscoffian	11 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	5

Oriental

<i>Members</i>	54
<i>Ballots received</i>	41
Dotti Olsen	38 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	3

Persian

<i>Members</i>	133
<i>Ballots received</i>	93
Carissa Altschul	78 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	15

Ragamuffin

<i>Members</i>	13
<i>Ballots received</i>	8
Laura Gregory	7 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Ragdoll

<i>Members</i>	11
<i>Ballots received</i>	6
Lauren Tan	4 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Russian Blue

<i>Members</i>	38
<i>Ballots received</i>	30
Annette Wilson	26 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	4

Scottish Fold

Members.....	23
Ballots received.....	15
Marilee Griswold	12 Elected
Abstain	3

Selkirk Rex

Members.....	10
Ballots received.....	9
Laura Jo Barber	9 Elected
Abstain	0

Siamese

Members.....	44
Ballots received.....	39
Betsy Arnold	37 Elected
Abstain	2

Siberian

Members.....	14
Ballots received.....	12
Iris Zinck	11 Elected
Abstain	1

Singapura

Members.....	4
Ballots received.....	2
Ikuyo Takase	2 Elected
Abstain	0

Somali

Members.....	11
Ballots received.....	9
Charlene Munro	8 Elected
Abstain	1

Sphynx

Members.....	11
Ballots received.....	8
Cyndee Hill	7 Elected
Abstain	1

Tonkinese

Members.....	18
Ballots received.....	15
Claire Dubit	13 Elected
Abstain	2

Turkish Angora

Members.....	18
Ballots received.....	10
Alene Shafnisky	9 Elected
Abstain	1

Turkish Van

Members.....	4
Ballots received.....	4
Linda Gorsuch	4 Elected
Abstain	0

Khao Manee

Members.....	1
Ballots received.....	0
Frederic Goedert	0 Not Elected
Abstain	0

Lykoi

Members.....	10
Ballots received.....	6
Desiree Bobby	5 Elected
Abstain	1

Toybob

Members.....	3
Ballots received.....	3
Giselle Guerrero	3 Elected
Abstain	0

Wilson: So, we're going to jump around a little bit. First, we're going to go through the breed council ballots. You're going to have to scroll through the Toybob and the Lykoi summaries where it starts with *2022 Breed Council Secretary Election Results* which are there for your information. They have all been notified of the election results. **Anger:** I see up here in your item #2 that you would like to make a standing motion. I would like to make a standing second. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Great.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2022 BREED COUNCIL POLL

NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% (standard change) or 50% (registration issue) favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down). Deleted text is shown with a ~~strikethrough~~ and new text is underscored.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol W. Johnson

Total Members: 35

Ballots Received: 30

Wilson: Is Carol Johnson on the call? **Tartaglia:** No. **Wilson:** OK, so we're going to skip past the American Shorthair and we're going to have to go back to it.

[From after LaPerm discussion] **Wilson:** We're going back up way to the beginning, to the ballot proposals to the American Shorthairs, if you can bring in Carol Johnson. **Tartaglia:** She is in. **Wilson:** OK. **Mastin:** Carol, can you hear us OK? **Johnson:** Yes, I can. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** Yes, we can. Thank you for joining us.

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 30

60% of Voting: 18

YES: 19

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 1: Housekeeping: Insert color grouping subtitles under American Shorthair Colors section and move the color descriptions into each category in the general order of their color class numbers. Color descriptions have been moved, but none have been changed, added or deleted. The only additions are the subtitles and an addition to the footnote that all "& WHITE and CALICO" colors may include VANS. The word "pattern" and "(including vans)" were deleted where used repetitively and a grammatical error was corrected. No change to the order of judging or the color classes for exhibition are being requested. Note: The additions are indicated by underline and the deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ in the section below for clarity when voting, but underlines and ~~strikethroughs~~ will not appear in the official typeset version if passed.

PROPOSED: Replace the colors section with the following:

AMERICAN SHORTHAIRED COLOR

SOLID

WHITE: pure glistening white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** deep blue or gold. Odd-eyed whites shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. **Nose leather:** black. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** gold.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** gold.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

PARTI-COLOR

TORTOISESHELL: black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** black and/or brick red. **Eye color:** gold.

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of cream acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold.

BI-COLOR AND CALICO

BI-COLOR: white with unbrindled portions of black, white with unbrindled portions of blue, white with unbrindled portions of red, or white with unbrindled portions of cream. **Eye color:** gold.

VAN BI-COLOR: black and white, red and white, blue and white, or cream and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

CALICO: white with distinct patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Eye color:** gold.

DILUTE CALICO: white with distinct patches of blue and cream. Tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Eye color:** gold.

VAN CALICO: white ~~eat~~ with unbrindled patches of black and red confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

VAN DILUTE CALICO: white ~~eat~~ with unbrindled patches of blue and cream confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

SMOKE

BLACK SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green, hazel, gold; green preferred.

BLUE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue, with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** gold.

CAMEO SMOKE (Red Smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with black with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Cat in repose appears tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** gold.

BLUE CREAM SMOKE: white undercoat deeply tipped with blue with clearly defined, unbrindled patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Cat in repose appears blue cream. In motion, the white is clearly apparent. Face and ears blue cream pattern with narrow band at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. White ear tufts. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** gold.

SMOKE & WHITE

SMOKE & WHITE (including vans)*: White with unbrindled portions which have a white undercoat deeply tipped in color (black, blue, red, cream, tortoiseshell, cameo). The cat in repose appears white and black (white & blue, white & red etc.), in motion the white undercoat may be apparent. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted "V" blaze is desirable.

BLACK SMOKE & WHITE: white with portions of black smoke. **Eye color:** green, hazel, gold; green preferred.

BLUE SMOKE & WHITE: white with portions of blue smoke. **Eye color:** gold.

SMOKE CAMEO & WHITE: white with portions of smoke cameo. **Eye color:** gold.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE & WHITE: white with portions of tortoiseshell smoke. **Eye color:** gold.

SHADED

CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin and ear tufts, stomach and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with black. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green.

SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of black tipping shading down from sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green.

BLUE CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin and ear tufts, stomach and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** blue or old rose. **Eye color:** green.

BLUE SHADED SILVER: undercoat pure white with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a blue chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** old rose or blue. **Eye color:** green.

SHELL CAMEO (Red Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** gold.

SHADED CAMEO (Red Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. **Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM SHELL CAMEO (Cream Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on back, flanks, head and tail to be sufficiently tipped with cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach and legs white: **Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM SHADED CAMEO (Cream Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of cream tipping shading down the sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much more cream than the cream shell cameo. **Nose leather, rims of eyes, and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

CHINCHILLA SHADED TORTOISESHELL (shell tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with black and well-defined patches of red and/or cream as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a chinchilla silver with patches of red tipping. Blaze of cream or red tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or gold.

SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of black tipping and clearly defined patches of red and cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the tortoiseshell. Blaze of red or cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or gold.

DILUTE CHINCHILLA TORTOISESHELL (Dilute Shell Tortoiseshell): undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with blue and well-defined patches of cream as in the pattern of the blue cream to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. The cat is in appearance a dilute chinchilla silver with patches of cream tipping. Blaze of cream tipping desirable. **Eye color:** green or gold.

DILUTE SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of blue tipping and clearly defined patches of cream tipped hairs as in the pattern of the blue cream. Blaze of cream tipping on face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or gold.

SHADED & WHITE

CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Chinchilla Silver. **Eye color:** green.

SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green.

BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or gold.

SHELL CAMEO & WHITE: white with portions of shell cameo. **Eye color:** gold.

SHADED CAMEO & WHITE: white with portions of shaded cameo. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM SHADED CAMEO & WHITE: white with portions of cream shaded cameo. **Eye color:** gold.

SHADED CALICO: white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or gold.

DILUTE SHADED CALICO: white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or gold.

TABBY PATTERNS

All American Shorthair tabby colors may come in classic, mackerel, or ticked tabby patterns.

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. Several unbroken necklaces on neck and upper chest, the more the better. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter "M." Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks. Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots inside outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side, the three stripes well separated by stripes of the ground color. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and all narrow pencillings. Legs evenly barred with narrow bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail barred. Necklaces on neck and chest distinct, like so many chains. Head barred with an "M" on the forehead. Unbroken lines running back from the eyes. Lines running down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Narrow pencillings run around body. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. Marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic and mackerel tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace. Hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby (torbie) (classic, mackerel or ticked) is an established silver, brown, or blue tabby with patches of red and/or cream.

TABBY COLORS

SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. The silver tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern; therefore, the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green to hazel; green preferred.

BLUE SILVER TABBY (Pewter Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver. Markings sound blue. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** green or hazel, green preferred.

BROWN TABBY: ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of legs black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

BLUE TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** gold.

RED TABBY: ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

CAMEO TABBY: ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern; therefore, the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Dilute Cameo): undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY: undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel; gold or green preferred.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (Pewter Patched Tabby): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of deep blue with patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel

BROWN PATCHED TABBY: ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with classic, mackerel or ticked tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** gold.

TABBY & WHITE

TABBY & WHITE (including vans)*: white with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; classic, mackerel or ticked. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

SILVER TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel.

BLUE SILVER TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of blue silver tabby **Eye color:** green or hazel, green preferred.

BROWN TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

BLUE TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** gold.

RED TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** gold.

CAMEO TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE: white with portions of cream cameo tabby. **Eye color:** gold.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel; gold or green preferred.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of blue silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** gold.

***VAN** is the term for a cat ~~who which~~ is white with the additional colored portions confined to the head, tail and legs. One or two small portions of color on the body are allowable. All “& WHITE” and “CALICO” colors may include VANS.

RATIONALE: It has been identified by judges, breeders and Breeds and Standards Chair, both past and current, that the American Shorthair standard is so disorganized that it is hard to find and read individual color descriptions. Unlike several other breeds, the American Shorthair breed does not have Divisions and does not currently have color class or group headings within the written official part of the standard. Further refinement may be needed in the future, but if adopted, this proposal will be a first step to organizing the color descriptions into categories that are logical and more easily referenced and will be more professional appearing for publication. This proposal eliminates repetition of the phrase “(including

VANS)** There is no change to the current judging order or to the current judging color classes as listed in the unofficial section at the end of the written standard.

Wilson: The American Shorthair has two proposals. The first one is adding headings to the color descriptions and reorganizing the colors under those headings. They adjusted their van pattern description, so you can kind of take a look at that. Basically, they are just reorganizing. They haven't added any colors, they haven't deleted any colors. They have reorganized them under the heading, and they took out the word "pattern" after Tabby, so it makes it a little easier to read through and follow. They are adding the description for vans in one place instead of multiple places. So, I don't know if Carol wants to – **Mastin:** Let me see if I've got questions. Any questions for Carol? Carol, there are no questions. Do you have any comments? **Johnson:** No. I appreciate you being able to present this and basically this is the type of reorganization that retains some of our historical organization and then also we think it makes a lot more sense than the way that it was, so we would appreciate the board passing it. **Mastin:** Very good. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - INFO ONLY (passes)

Votes: 28
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 23

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

PROPOSAL 2. The Sphynx BC seeks to extend their outcross to the ASH breed for an additional 10 years. The Sphynx proposal reads as follows:

PROPOSAL: Remove the current date of 12/31/2023 for registering kittens from DRX/ASH/DSH outcross and extend for another 10 years for all approved outcrossing breeds to 12/31/2033. This is a change to the registration rules and an update to the wording following the color classes in the Standard.

PROPOSED: Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2023 December 31, 2033 may have only Sphynx parents. Coated Sphynx are registered for breeding only.

RATIONALE: The purpose of bringing in the outcross, was to broaden the Sphynx gene pool and improve stamina and health. We are asking for the deadline to be extended for 10 years. These outcrosses are still vital to the Sphynx breed and many breeding programs. With the recent identification of the ALMS1HCM gene in the breed, it's important to allow outcrossing so breeders can work through removing cats that carry the HCM gene slowly from their breeding program so that the gene pool remains diverse. The Sphynx gene pool is still limited due to the fact Sphynx are still considerably rare (there have only been a small handful of naturally born naked cats). A carefully designed outcross program introduces new gene pools and thereby will increase the overall health of the Sphynx breed.

Information Only.

Mastin: Annette, have you got another one? **Wilson:** Yes. The other one was informational, again to the Sphynx breed council. They asked to extend their outcross to the American Shorthair breed for an additional 10 years and the American Shorthair breeders voted to accept that. That would be 50% required, which would be 14, and 23 voted yes. **Mastin:** We don't need to vote on this because it's Information Only. Carol, do you have anything for the board? **Johnson:** No, I do not. **Mastin:** Thank you very much for joining us. **Johnson:** You're welcome.

BENGAL

Breed Council Secretary: Samantha Kerr – Cardington, Ohio

Total Members: 69

Ballots Received: 49

Wilson: For the Bengal is Sammi Kerr and Melody Boyd. **Tartaglia:** Melody Boyd is here and she is a panelist. **Wilson:** What about Sammi? **Tartaglia:** Sammi is not here. **Boyd:** I did message Sammi. She is planning on being here but I don't think she realized that we're ahead of schedule. **Wilson:** We can come back. **Mastin:** We're going to come back? **Wilson:** We'll come back. **Boyd:** She hasn't checked her messages yet. I'm trying to give her a call and get ahold of her, so you can move on to another breed and get back to the Bengals. **Mastin:** We're going to move on, OK? **Wilson:** We'll come back to you. **Boyd:** OK. **Wilson:** We'll see when she's on.

[From after Cornish Rex ballot] **Boyd:** Sammi is on, so we are ready to go to the Bengals whenever the board is ready. **Wilson:** OK, let's go to the Bengals. **Kerr:** I'm here. [Side discussions regarding proposal page number were not transcribed.] **Wilson:** Be patient. **Mastin:** We'll be right with you.

In regards to the Bengal ballot for this year and upcoming board vote, I wanted to draw your attention to pertinent details regarding the interpretation of the Tail Faults proposal.

Proposal:

1. PROPOSED: Clarify when a tail fault should be disqualified in the Disqualify Section; reorganize this section so pattern-related items follow structural items.

DISQUALIFY: Kinked, or otherwise deformed tail. Clearly visible tail kink or tail deformity. Cow Hocking. Crossed Eyes. Rosetted/Spotted Tabby, Marble Tabby, Charcoal Tabby, Snow Tabby Patterns - Belly not patterned. Any distinct locket on the neck, chest, abdomen, or

Proposal 2 addresses moving tail faults to the penalty section:

2. PROPOSED (If Proposal #1 Passes): Penalize tail faults appropriately in the Penalize Section and move Pattern-related items to the end, organize for easier reference.

PENALIZE: Kinked or otherwise deformed tail.

Differentiating Penalization vs. Disqualification:

To provide background for the further substantiation of need and to reconcile past review discrepancies, please allow us to start with recognizing common ground.

We concur with the board that completely stiff tails, foreshortened tails, fixed deviations / kinked tails should be disqualified, as all of these would be visible and therefore undisputable.

<https://cfa.org/breeds/body-structure/>

However, CFA's site also loosely defines a structural fault as a characteristic which causes discomfort or jeopardizes health and well-being of the cat. The subtle tail faults that the breed council has approved to move to the penalize section does not in any way mirror this definition. Structural faults are defined elsewhere as those faults which compromise the integrity of the structure itself. It has been suggested that a tail fault could be indicative of other potential serious skeletal issues such as spinal vertebral fault. In spite of this, our breed council has overwhelmingly agreed that there is no evidence to support this claim. The only spinal issues seen with any regularity in Bengals are those related to the deformities of the rib cage, such as FCK, and pectus excavatum. With the Board's direction, the Breed Council, will gladly add these finer clarifications to the ballot next year.

As you are well aware, Breed Councils are made up of experts in the breed they represent to serve as an advisory body to the board. Our Breed Council has voted with 85%+ approval over the last two years to a) continue to disqualify visible, severe tail abnormalities, while b.) moving the more subjective tail faults (slight stiffening, possible calcifications or bends on the coccygeal vertebrae) to the penalty section. Penalization vs. disqualification of a tail fault should also lead to less intense handling of the tail, keeping cats relaxed and maintaining a positive association of the show hall.

Finally, as Bengal breeders and exhibitors, our goal is not to weaken the conformational integrity of our breed, but rather to decrease instances where a minor, possibly tension related fault is automatically classified as a structural fault. This more narrow and severe consequence inherently damages the future evolution of the breed. These minor faults are not genetically dependent, may lead to a poor handling experience for the cat, and are a potential humiliating experience for the exhibitor. Conversely, incurring a penalty for a minor fault and having a judge pull aside the exhibitor to educate, is a much more useful tool for the goal of having a third party evaluation of quality or a breeding/ show specimen.

We hope that you will consider voting yes to approve the changes that the breed council has already passed for the previous two years.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Sami Kerr
Bengal Breed Council Secretary*

1 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 49

60% of Voting: 30

YES: 42

NO: 7

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Clarify when a tail fault should be disqualified in the Disqualify Section; reorganize this section so pattern-related items follow structural items.

DISQUALIFY: ~~Kinked, or otherwise deformed tail.~~ Clearly visible tail kink or tail deformity. Cow Hocking. Crossed Eyes. **Rosetted/Spotted Tabby, Marble Tabby, Charcoal Tabby, Snow Tabby Patterns** - Belly not patterned. Any distinct locket on neck, chest, abdomen, or anywhere else.

RATIONALE: CFA has many breeds which only disqualify visible tail kinks or faults. For example, the Tonkinese, Burmese, Siamese, Colorpoint Shorthair, European Burmese, Korat only disqualify visible tail kinks or faults in their standard. Therefore, there is already a precedent of disqualifying only visible tail kinks or faults in CFA.

The current language of disqualifying “kinked” or “otherwise deformed tail” leads to very subjective judging. Allowing the current language to stand may lead to overhandling or over manipulation of Bengal tails by judges to find or confirm a deformity in the tail, since any tail kink or deformity would be a disqualification. The concern is that some cats will be negatively impacted by the perceived overhandling.

Due to the muscular nature of their tails, Bengals are also prone to “stress faults,” where the cat is able to tensely hold the tail in a manner that could lead a judge to assume that the tail has a stiffening or fusion at the tip. A Bengal could also develop a non-visible tail fault at any time. It may not have a tail fault as a kitten and then develop a non-visible tail fault as an adult. However, the tail would still appear the same.

Furthermore, by allowing any kind of tail kinks and deformities to constitute a disqualification, this could also affect the genetic diversity of the Bengal breed, as some breeders may opt to not breed a Bengal with a non-visible tail fault, even though a tail fault is purely cosmetic, not a serious issue that impacts the health and function of a cat.

If a Bengal is to be disqualified for a tail fault, it should be only for visible tail faults. This is the only way to uniformly judge a Bengal tail.

Wilson: The first proposal changes the Disqualify section to include clearly visible tail faults. So, the Disqualify section would remove the sentence, *Kinked, or otherwise deformed tail* and replace it with *Clearly visible tail kink or tail deformity*. You can read the rationale and we got some input separately on this, also. So moved. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions? Does anybody have any comments?

DelaBar: For the major associations besides CFA in Europe – FIFe it’s an automatic disqualification. Doesn’t care whether it’s visible or palpable, it’s a disqualification. In WCF it’s a cannot earn a certificate for title. I don’t like dumbing down standards and that’s basically what I feel is going on here. **Morgan:** I won’t be as succinct as Pam, but I do agree with her. I’m disappointed to see this here again and I’m hopeful that we as a board won’t support the proposal which, quite clearly in my opinion, takes the standard backward in the wrong way. There’s a precedent for the board not supporting proposals that were approved by breed councils that, in

the opinion of the board, don't benefit the overall health and welfare of the breed, or put out an impression of our association that is favorable. Breed standards should be aspirational. We shouldn't devalue our standards and we shouldn't take them down to the cats we're breeding, we should take our cats up to the standards that they uphold. Registries, as Pam mentioned, like GCCF and many others include tail faults of any sort as a general disqualification because they are considered abnormalities that involve skeletal issues. CFA, like TICA, is breed specific in terms of how we address tail faults and we're some of the only associations worldwide that are like that. But, just because we have some breeds that allow no visible faults doesn't mean that it's beneficial to any breed, and I truly hope that we won't consider taking the standard back by supporting it. As an association, we should be sending the message that we are concerned about the health of all of our breeds above and beyond points, titles and showing. Making this adjustment sends the opposite message. I feel really strongly about that. I think we should strive to breed cats that meet the standards with the understanding that not every cat we produce will be a show cat. It doesn't mean they can't contribute to a breeding program if a breeder personally feels that they want to go forward with cats like that. However, once you start breeding cats with issues, you pretty much are guaranteed you won't eliminate the problem. If we start rewarding cats with structural issues in the show ring, we take away the incentive for people to raise the bar and we send a wrong message to breeders in the world at large. Sorry to go on so long, but I feel really strongly about this issue. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with everything Pam and Melanie said, and I think it's actually two steps backwards. They're not just adding *visible*, they are adding *clearly visible* which – even a visible kink isn't a DQ. It's got to be *clearly visible*, so it's two steps backward, not one.

Anger: I'm going to take a little bit of an opposite approach. To me, the breed council has clearly expressed their desire for what they want for their breed. I'm going to support that. They stress that the tail is not the essence of the breed. They would like to focus on the things that are important to them, which are the pattern, the structure – not a tail that is without fault. **Currie:** I am in agreement with you Rachel on this issue. It's an overwhelming vote yes. They want this in their standard. There was a lot of controversy between two groups when this breed came into CFA and it looks to me like they are all working together. We have other breeds that have visible tail faults and allowable to feel something crazy on the tail. I don't see where we're going to harm by doing this. I wouldn't call it a step backwards, I would call it something that they wanted to begin with but just didn't put everything into the standard that they initially had planned on doing. That's what they are doing – catch-up right now. I have spoken to many of them. **Shelton:** I just wanted to go back to something you said, Melanie, about standards being aspirational and I entirely agree with that, but they are not saying here that tail faults are something to be bred for. With the next proposal, they are still including them as a penalize. Yes, TICA also has breed-specific things like tail DQs. If I remember correctly – because I was showing a Bengal in TICA once – it is at the judge's discretion. It is not an automatic DQ in TICA.

Mastin: Additional questions or comments? **Morgan:** One last thing. We talk about precedent, and I'll speak from my own personal experience as a breeder of one of the breeds that is a parent breed to this breed, or one of the breeds that was used in its formulation, and that's the Egyptian Mau, who overwhelmingly passed a proposal to remove tail faults as a disqualify in the Egyptian Mau many years ago. The board, in their infinite wisdom, chose to over-ride our breed council, and good for them, because we really should be I think sending to the world at large and

all the other associations the message that we care about the health and overall vigor of our breeds, and we are not encouraging in any way skeletal abnormalities. **Mastin:** Additional comments?

Mastin: Samantha, do you want to comment? **Kerr:** I'm going to actually let Melody talk about this. We have gone over a lot of these points in great detail and I think she is pretty prepared to argue this. **Mastin:** Melody? **Boyd:** Ladies and gentleman of the board, I appreciate Melanie and Pam's position, but just so everybody knows, I was part of the original committee that drafted the Bengal standard with Marianne Byrne. I can tell everybody now that it was never our intention to have non-visible tail faults disqualified. Coming from TICA when we drafted it, bear in mind we had very little experience drafting standards and like many legislators, we made a drafting error. This is an obvious drafting error which the breed council has been trying in the last four years to get amended, so I think it's important to bear in mind the original intention of the people that drafted the standard. Secondly, I understand where Melanie and Pam say we are dumbing down the standard, but I don't agree with that, because as Mike Shelton pointed out we are still disqualifying visible tail faults and we're penalizing non-visible tail faults. If you look at this from a logical, reasonable perspective, there is no way that a non-visible tail fault is equivalent to a visible tail fault. We are not rewarding people for showing cats with non-visible tail faults, we are penalizing them. So, we are actually clarifying the standard so that it makes more sense and by this CFA will be leading the way for the associations to show that we realize that not all tail faults are created the same. Melanie has brought up several times that this leads to skeletal issues. We had research done and there was an article written in 2015, Leslie Lyons was a co-author. It was on Japanese Bobtails, and the conclusion was, kinked tails do not lead to spinal or skeletal deformities. We also ran a poll of the breed council members. Some of them have over 20 years of experience and when they have been breeding, although they have tail faults, nobody has reported spinal issues. We have issues like flat chests, like heart issues, cataracts, but there has never been a spinal issue reported or discussed among the Bengal breeders. We are the caretakers of the breed. Some of us have been doing this for over 20 years. I have been doing it for 16 years. I have cats with tail faults, and yes, I want to breed them out, but the board also needs to realize when you look at the standards of all the cats, only the Bengal calls for a rounded tail tip. The Egyptian Mau doesn't call for a rounded tail tip. What happens is, when you breed a cat that calls for a rounded tail tip, you get variations in the number of the vertebrae on the tail and this leads to more prevalence with tail kinks. Again, we have researched this in preparation for this meeting and there has been no evidence showing that this would lead to detrimental effects on the spine. So, when we're talking about promoting the health of the breed, tail faults do not lead to health issues. Let me go back to the point where, being a strong standard is being logical and reasonable, not only to exhibitors but also to the average lay person. I said before, not all tail faults are the same, so when a spectator goes to a show, they see a perfectly fine Bengal cat and suddenly the number is put down, the flats aren't hung and they are thinking, "what happened, why didn't the cat get anything?" A cat show is essentially a beauty contest. We are talking about aesthetics. Even the preface to the CFA standards, says, *What is a standard? It is not a cat. A standard is an abstract aesthetic ideal* – key word being "aesthetic". A non-visible tail fault doesn't affect the aesthetic of the cat, but we want it penalized. It needs to be penalized because nobody wants non-visible tail faults but it happens with the breed because we are breeding for rounded tails. Finally, if we start throwing out cats with non-visible tail faults, this will be detrimental to the breed because we are essentially narrowing down the gene pool and that doesn't help anybody. Actually, I have one more point. Right now, CFA is trying

to encourage more exhibitors, and I know that we have existing exhibitors now that have cats with non-visible tail faults that they would like to put in the ring without the risk and embarrassment of the cat being disqualified, but we want the cat penalized. Don't misunderstand us. We don't want tail faults to be rewarded, we want the cats with tail faults to be penalized. Make it harder for them to get finals, make it harder for them to get titles. The exhibitor, if he or she is an experienced breeder, knows, "that's probably why the cat didn't final, because it's got a tail fault, but at least it's not disqualified and I still have a chance to bring it up in another ring." When an exhibitor's cat is disqualified, it's very embarrassing. It has happened to me. When we were in Miscellaneous we had a couple of exhibitors that were mortified that their cats were disqualified because it had a non-visible tail fault. I can honestly say that since Bengals were introduced into CFA, we have never seen a cat with an obvious tail kink in the show hall, because we know that's not desirable. Ultimately, we're talking about the aesthetics of the cat. A non-visible tail fault doesn't affect the aesthetics, it doesn't affect the health of the cat, and by clarifying the standard we are making it stronger because we realize that not all tail faults are created the same. Like Kenny pointed out, this was voted on by an overwhelming majority of the breed council members. 85% of the breed council members voted to have this passed two years in a row. You are talking about breed council members that don't see eye to eye on a lot of things, but this is the one thing we agree on. This is the one thing we believe should have been written correctly to begin with, and I take responsibility for that because I missed it when we brought the standard to the board, and that's why we have been trying to correct it. While the board does have this discretion to deny this proposal, I would urge the board that the Bengal breed council in its advisory capacity, we are advising the board this is what the overwhelming majority of breed council members want – breed council members that have been breeding for over 20 years, who have the experience with the breed, who know the breed. It would be to our detriment if we weakened the standard by producing cats with tail faults, and that is not the case at all. So, I really hope that the board reconsiders its position from last year and allows this proposal to pass. **Mastin:** Thank you Melody. Sammi, do you want to say anything? **Kerr:** The only thing that I want to reiterate is that these are very muscular tails, as well. The Bengal is supposed to be a very muscular cat, and the subjective nature of evaluating variations of normal will always mean that not everyone agrees, but we are attempting to clarify the standard as to when a tail fault is so significant that it impacts the aesthetic. So, we still want the visible tail faults DQ'ed. We just want the more subjective tail faults to be penalized.

Mastin: You may have a closing statement if you have one. **Kerr:** That is my closing statement. **Boyd:** I'll just do a quick recap. Number one, we're not dumbing down the standard. **Mastin:** Melody – **Boyd:** You've got it. **Mastin:** Annette, you have the closing argument because this was your motion. **Wilson:** I'm moving the question with the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Thank you. I'm just going to call for the vote. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the vote. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Currle, Hannon, Krzanowski, Roy, Shelton and Webb voting yes. Dunham abstained.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currle, Carol Krzanowski, Mark Hannon, Sharon Roy, Russell Webb. All those opposed raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Paula Noble, Pam DelaBar, Yukiko Hayata. Any abstentions? Kathy Dunham. When you are ready. **Anger:** That's 7 yes, 9 no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

2 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 49
60% of Voting: 30

YES: 43

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 2 (If Proposal #1 Passes): Penalize tail faults appropriately in the Penalize Section and move Pattern-related items to the end, organize for easier reference.

PENALIZE: Kinked or otherwise deformed tail.

Rossetted/Spotted Tabby Pattern – Rosettes or spots running together vertically forming a mackerel tabby pattern.

Marble Tabby Pattern – Circular bull's eye pattern.

Snow Tabby Pattern – Substantially darker point color as compared to color of body markings.

RATIONALE: As breeders and exhibitors the goal is to breed for perfection. Any abnormality in the “feel” of a Bengal tail should be penalized, as this is undesirable.

Penalizing for kinked or otherwise deformed tails would be a fair treatment of tail faults because as discussed above, unless a tail fault is clearly visible, some judges will find the non-visible tail fault, but some judges may not. If a judge finds a non-visible tail fault, then the cat should be penalized accordingly. Penalizing vs. disqualifying a tail fault should also lead to less intense handling of the tail, keeping cats relaxed and maintaining a positive association of the show hall.

As Bengal breeders and exhibitors, our goal is not to weaken the conformational integrity of our breed by breeding and showing cats with tail faults. A non-visible tail fault, which does not impact the health of the cat, should not be such a severe fault that it warrants the disqualification of an otherwise show quality cat. But it does warrant a penalty, because ultimately we are striving to breed the perfect Bengal to show in CFA.

Wilson: So, we will skip Standard Change #2.

No Action.

3 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 48
60% of Voting: 29

YES: 46

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 3: Clarify profile description.

PROFILE: Gently curved forehead to nose bridge. Nose may have a slight range from straight to a slightly concave curve. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends smoothly to the nose tip.

RATIONALE: Our breed council was asked by the board last year to clarify the profile description when we voted to remove the term “No flat planes” from the head description. The proposed profile description should more clearly describe the head in profile.

Wilson: We will go to Standard Change #3 which clarifies the profile description. I believe this was actually changed last year to say that the nose may range from straight to a concave curve. So, what they are taking out is, *may have a slight range* and adding *a slightly concave curve. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends smoothly to the nose tip.* The breed council was asked by the board last year to clarify their profile description when we voted to remove the term “no flat planes” from the head description. The proposed profile description should more clearly describe the head in profile. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? No questions. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: Is Cyndy Byrd on yet? Or Carol Johnson? **Mastin:** Annette, is that it for the Bengals? **Wilson:** That's it for the Bengals. **Mastin:** Melody and Sammi, thank you. **Kerr:** Thank you. **Boyd:** Thank you.

BRITISH SHORTHAI

Total Members: 50
Ballots Received: 35

Wilson: Is Cyndy Byrd on? **Tartaglia:** No. **Wilson:** OK, skip the British Shorthairs.

[From after Scottish Fold discussion] **Mastin:** Annette? **Wilson:** Where are we? We have Cyndy Byrd for the British Shorthair, so scroll back up. **Mastin:** Hi Cyndy. Can you hear me? **Byrd:** I can. **Mastin:** We can hear you. Go ahead Annette. **Wilson:** Hi Cyndy. This is Annette. We can just go through these. We'll just talk about the past ones. Would you rather answer questions or if you want to speak to it first? **Byrd:** I have no need to speak to it. I'm appreciative of your work, so just go right ahead. I'll answer any questions.

1 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 35
60% of Voting: 21

YES: 35

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Revise the description of the coat to better describe coat texture.

COAT: short, very dense, well bodied, and firm to the touch, with a crisp texture. Not double coated or woolly.

RATIONALE: Some British Shorthairs with long soft coats are being rewarded in the show ring in Europe and Asia. Improving the wording on the coat will assist the judges in recognizing the appropriate coat type in British Shorthairs.

Wilson: The first Standard Change that passed the British Shorthair breed council was to add the words *with a crisp texture* to the coat. So, it will read, *short, very dense, well bodied, firm to the touch, with a crisp texture. Not double coated or woolly.* That passed the breed council. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions for Cyndy? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 34

60% of Voting: 21

YES: 31

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 2: Revise the color description of Cream to include tabby markings in cats younger than five years old.

CREAM: rich cream, lighter shades preferred, level in color, sound to the roots. Tabby markings are acceptable for cats under five years old. No white anywhere. Nose leather and paw pads: pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Disqualify: Penalize: heavy tabby markings.

RATIONALE: “Solid” cream Brits typically have tabby markings well into adulthood. We have registered them as tabbies since judges refuse to recognize cream Brits as “solid” cream cats, because they have tabby markings, even though they have no tabbies in their pedigree. Central Office has recently refused to register these cats as tabbies. Adding that tabby markings are acceptable in solid cream Brits under five years old should ease this issue.

Wilson: The second change revises the color description of Cream to include tabby markings in cats younger than five years old. So, it says, *Tabby markings are acceptable for cats under five years old* and instead of disqualifying for heavy tabby markings, it will penalize for heavy tabby markings. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 33

60% of Voting: 20

YES: 25

NO: 8

ABSTAIN: 2

PROPOSAL 3: Define our AOV class in the Standard, add this after OBSHC:

AOV: Colors and patterns listed in the AOV Color Class.

RATIONALE: As we consider adding colors and/or patterns currently not registerable, we should be clear on which can be shown (via the AOV Class). Any changes in registration or colors/patterns (either considered below or in the future) will therefore have a place to be exhibited. We should also be clear on what might be considered an AOV for exhibiting. By defining the AOV color class the Breed Council is clearly conveying our preference for the way these new colors are registered and exhibited until such time as they may meet the advancement requirements for championship status.

Wilson: The third passed Standard Change defines the AOV class in the standard after the Other British Shorthair Colors. It will say, *AOV: Colors and patterns listed in the AOV Color Class*. So, as they are considering during this process of adding colors and patterns currently not registerable, they want to be clear what actually can be shown in the AOV color class. I know all of us who judge cats appreciate that, so that way any changes in registration of colors and patterns now and in the future will have a place to be exhibited. Any questions on that? **Mastin:** No questions. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 – STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 35
60% of Voting: 21

YES: 20

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 4: Move nose stop from Penalize and add to Disqualify along with bias eye set, as follows:

PENALIZE: ~~definite nose stop~~. Overlong or light undercoat. Soft coat. Rangy body. Weak chin.*

DISQUALIFY: definite nose stop, eyes set on the bias, incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, cinnamon or fawn, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.*

*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

RATIONALE: Some British Shorthairs with definite nose stops are being rewarded in the show ring in Europe and Asia. Improving the wording on disqualifying of a definite nose stop will assist the judges in recognizing the appropriate type in British Shorthairs. Additionally, breeding toward brachiocephalic British Shorthairs must be stopped for the health of our Brits.

Wilson: #4 did not pass.

5 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 35

50% of Voting: 18

YES: 24

NO: 11

ABSTAIN: 0

IMPORTANT: The following proposals (#5 through #13 are the beginning steps in allowing the British Shorthair Breed Council the opportunity to accept the colors lilac and chocolate and all color series related to lilac and chocolate including but not limited to lilac tabby, chocolate tabby and these colors with white into our British Shorthair Standard under an AOV color class to be established with this ballot within the existing standard. Also for your consideration are the steps necessary to accept the ticked tabby pattern for registration and the longhair British for breeding only to be used as outcrosses to other (non British Shorthair) breeding programs. The colors cinnamon and fawn and the Himalayan pattern are still excluded from registration.

PROPOSAL 5. PROPOSED: Revise the British Shorthair Rules for Registration to accept chocolate, and lilac, establish these as AOV Colors for registration, revise the registration via pedigree,

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed ~~Chocolate~~ Lilac Longhair

Ticked tabby

AND...

REGISTER AS AOV:

AOV Colors:

Chocolate

Chocolate Smoke

Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke

Chocolate Calico Smoke

Chocolate Tabby

Chocolate Patched Tabby

Chocolate Tortoiseshell

Chocolate Calico

Lilac

Lilac Smoke

Lilac-Cream Smoke

Lilac Calico Smoke

Lilac Tabby

Lilac Patched Tabby

Lilac-Cream

Lilac Calico

Any of these colors in combination with white

No AOV colors/patterns
Date: Effective May 1, 2023

AND

Register By Pedigree/Do Not Accept Cats in Background:

*Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains ~~chocolate, lilac, or~~ the pointed pattern in the first five generations must include documentation that the cat has been microchipped for identification purposes and submit a DNA test proving the cat does not carry ~~chocolate, lilac or~~ the pointed pattern in order to be registered. All such cats will be identified by the addition of an "X" at the end of the registration prefix, indicating that the cat has ~~chocolate, lilac and/or~~ the pointed pattern in its five-generation pedigree.

RATIONALE: The removal of the exclusion of chocolate and lilac from our rules of registration, establishing the AOV color class and removing the exclusion from the registration via pedigree requirements will allow these colors to be registered and bred. Also note, we will be using the term 'lilac' rather than 'lavender' in all areas.

Wilson: We're going to jump to #5, which is a Registration Rule. This revises the British Shorthair Rules for Registration to accept chocolate and lilac as AOV colors for registration. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6 – STANDARD RULE (passes)

Votes: 35
60% of Voting: 21

YES: 25

NO: 10

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 6: (If Proposal #5 Passes): change the DISQUALIFY section of the standard to remove the exclusion of the colors chocolate and lavender; also update the OBSHC Description at the end of the BRITISH SHORTHAI COLORs accordingly. Over many years, the BSH Breed Council has discussed and proposed adding the colors chocolate and lilac. Health concerns for our Brits were the major issue. Now DNA testing allows breeders to test for health issues and determine for themselves whether or not they wish to work with these colors.

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors ~~chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan~~ himalayan pattern or these combinations with white.*

*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

AND

OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors): any other color or pattern with the exception of AOV Colors and Patterns and those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors ~~chocolate, lavender, cinnamon, or fawn, the Himalayan~~ Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.

RATIONALE: This will permit the chocolate and lilac (lavender) British SH to be shown in the AOV class. Minor updates of capitalization and a word correction.

Wilson: #6 changes the Disqualify section and the Other British Shorthair Colors to permit chocolate and lilac British Shorthairs to be shown in the AOV class. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 35

50% of Voting: 18

YES: 24

NO: 11

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 7 (If Proposals #5 and #6 Pass): include the chocolate and lilac AOV colors/patterns in the AOV Class in the Show Rules:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

AOV 2598 2599

*[Chocolate and lilac in the accepted BSH
patterns (tabby, patched tabby, smoke, parti-
color, calico, bicolor)]*

RATIONALE: Defines the AOV color class within the British Shorthair standard. Note: The registration of these colors will conform to the already established registration numbering system for solid, tabby, parti-color, bi-color and other British shorthair colors. Should these colors achieve the necessary levels of advancement for championship status, applications for advancement will be sent through the designated processes for review and acceptance. The AOV class numbers will only be used to classify these colors for judging purposes when exhibiting.

Wilson: #7 passed. It is a show rule, which means the color class numbers. If #5 and #6 pass, which they did, include chocolate and lilac AOV colors and patterns in the AOV class in the show rules. As you can see, the British Shorthair color class numbers, AOV 2598 and 2599, and it would say, *Chocolate and lilac in the accepted BSH patterns (tabby, patched tabby, smoke, parti-color, calico, bicolor)*. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8 – REGISTRATION RULE (fails)

Votes: 34

50% of Voting: 17

YES: 16

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 8: Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept the ticked tabby pattern as AOV for registration and breeding.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed Chocolate Lilac Longhair

~~Ticked tabby~~

RATIONALE: With the emergence of recent research data about the genetic nature of the expression of the tabby and golden phenotypes, it is evident that ticked tabby is not evidence of hybridization. Historically, the existence of “British Tick Cats” (aka “Bunny Cats”) pre-date the modern Abyssinian breed and these cats were used in the development of the Abyssinian breed.

No Action.

9 – SHOW RULE (fails)

Votes: 34

50% of Voting: 17

YES: 15

NO: 19

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 9 (If Proposal #8 Passes): include Ticked Tabby in the AOV Class for exhibition:

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British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

AOV 2598 2599
(Ticked Tabby)

RATIONALE: If accepted for registration, listing ticked tabby in the AOV class will provide a place for them to be exhibited.

No Action.

10 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 35

50% of Voting: 18

YES: 21

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 10: Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept registration (for other breeds) (only longhair British for use in Scottish Fold and/or Selkirk Rex) only of longhair British Shorthairs (only for use in outcrosses in accepted non-British Shorthair breeding programs) with specific registration codes to indicate that they are longhairs or have longhair in the 5 generations behind them.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed Chocolate Lilac Longhair

Ticked tabby

RATIONALE: The longhair gene is known to be present in the British Shorthair gene pool. Allowing these cats to be registered as British Shorthairs will allow them to be placed in the breeding programs of Scottish Folds and Selkirk Rex.

Wilson: #8 and #9 did not pass the breed council, so we go to #10 which is a registration rule revising the Rules for Registration to accept only registration of longhair British Shorthairs with specific registration codes to indicate they are longhairs or have longhairs in the 5 generations before them. This currently has been as a *Do Not Accept* in the registration of cats by pedigree. However, there was a type-o in this proposal and online ballot. Cyndy, do you want to speak to that? **Byrd:** Yes. You will notice in the first line there are two “only’s together, one in parenthesis and one just printed. What was left out was that these longhairs are to be used for breeding of non-British Shorthair cats only, such as Selkirks and Scottish Folds, and not to be considered for breeding within British programs. **Wilson:** My feeling is, we have a couple of options. We could reballot it with the correct wording or, since it’s a registration rule, the board could actually adopt what the wording should be. We could amend this. I guess a question I have, did your breed council members understand what it should have been? **Byrd:** Yes, they did. **Dunham:** I would like to move to add the appropriate wording to this, for longhair British Shorthairs to only be used for breeding purposes in Scottish Folds or Selkirk Rex. **Morgan:** Melanie seconds.

Anger: I am not sure what the revised wording of the motion is. **Mastin:** We’ll get clarification once we get into discussion. **Eigenhauser:** I have heard from British people, who really wish these cats were available to them, and I commend them for putting this in there and thinking of other breeds. I think it’s a very noble thing to do and I support this. **Wilson:** The only issue is, since I didn’t realize that there was something in there either, is that we don’t currently do this. We don’t have a way to do it, but we can think of a way somehow. We can register cats for breeding only within their breed, but I don’t believe we currently have a way to register cats for breeding only to other breeds. **Tartaglia:** We’ll have to figure it out. **Wilson:** We’ll figure it out. **Tartaglia:** There may be a work-around. This could be one type of registration that will never go through automatically because it’s very complicated and it’s – we’ll think about it. **Hannon:** So what do you want us to do? Do you want us to vote on it or not? **Mastin:** Yes. **Calhoun:** Wouldn’t it belong on the other breeds? Would this belong on the – for instance, for Selkirk as an allowable outcross, be a longhair British Shorthair. **Wilson:** We do have a breed that already can use longhair British Shorthairs as an outcross. We just don’t have a way to register longhair British Shorthairs. That’s the issue. **Dunham:** The Selkirks and Scottish Folds, the British Shorthairs allow them to use us as an outcross. **Wilson:** The Scottish Folds voted on that last year. **Dunham:** This is just a clarification of how we want a longhair British Shorthair used in a breeding program. **Wilson:** We want them to be CFA registered longhair British Shorthairs that they are using. **Hannon:** But you haven’t polled the affected breed council, right? **Dunham:** They already use us as an outcross. **Hannon:** She mentioned several breeds specifically. **Wilson:** No, they wouldn’t be able to use them unless they have already voted to use them. The Scottish Fold has, and if the Selkirk Rex wanted to, they would have to poll it, but this is making a way for the longhair British Shorthair, which is currently not showable or registerable in CFA, to be registered as longhair British Shorthair but not used in British

Shorthair breeding. **Hannon:** Whatever breed hasn't yet polled on it can't do it until they poll it. **Wilson:** Absolutely. **Dunham:** Right. **Wilson:** But we have a breed that does, and so they're using non-CFA registered cats. **Hannon:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** To answer Mark, nothing in the actual proposal involves any breed other than British Shorthair. It's in the rationale that they talk about the other breeds. The proposal is just to make it available to other breeds, then it's up to the other breeds to step forward and say, "we want to do it." **Hannon:** She made that clear, thank you. **Wilson:** Did we miss anything there, Cyndy? **Byrd:** I think we're good. I like Cathy's wording. **Anger:** Cathy, can we get your wording? **Dunham:** It was on the fly, so we'll try this again. **Anger:** Thanks. **Dunham:** *Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept registration (for other breeds) (only longhair British for use in Scottish Fold and/or Selkirk Rex programs) with specific registration codes to indicate they are longhairs or have longhairs in the 5 generations behind them.* **Hannon:** Where did you close the parenthesis? **Dunham:** Close parenthesis behind Selkirk Rex. I think. **Eigenhauser:** The first time this was mentioned it was simply other breeds. It didn't call out the specific breeds. **Dunham:** OK, I'm OK with that, *other breeds.* So, *Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept registration (for other breeds) of longhair British Shorthairs (only longhair British for use in Scottish Fold and/or Selkirk Rex programs) with specific registration codes to indicate they are longhairs or have longhairs in the 5 generations behind them.* Did I cover it, Cyndy? **Byrd:** Yes. I think what you want to say is, *only to be used for other breeds.* There was some kind of little glitchy word in there, I think. **Dunham:** You've got it. **Wilson:** Does Cyndy have the wording that was missed in here, the original wording? Maybe she could send it. **Mastin:** Cyndy? **Byrd:** Yes, I can do that – not this moment, but yes I can do it. **Wilson:** Like tomorrow morning? **Byrd:** Yes. **Wilson:** Can we re-address this? **Dunham:** Absolutely. I'll be happy to hold that motion until tomorrow morning. **Mastin:** Can I just get clarification? Can we actually proceed with this motion without bring it back to the breed council? **Eigenhauser:** Yes, because it's a registration rule and not the standard. **Mastin:** OK, very good. I heard you talk about it earlier. I just wanted to make sure that was clarified.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following transcript also appears under Unfinished Business, at which time it was taken off the table and voted on.]

Mastin: Additional unfinished business? **Anger:** I believe we had a change to come back from Annette regarding the optional two-year breed council membership. **Calhoun:** We did that. **Anger:** OK. I had a note in New Business. I think we went back and forth on that one. Next was #10 on the British Shorthair ballot regarding the language that was omitted from the proposal about using the longhair British in other breeds, registering them only for breeding in other breeds. We were supposed to get language from the Breed Council Secretary. **Wilson:** I did get language from Cyndy by email and then I made up some other things that I thought sounded better. She suggested a way to reword it using parenthesis which I'm going to use. She is the Breed Council Secretary. So, it would say – this instead of the type-o thing in Proposal #10. *Accept registration only of longhair British Shorthairs (only for use in outcrosses in accepted non-British Shorthair breeding programs) with specific registration codes to indicate that they are longhairs or have longhair in the 5 generations behind it.* **Mastin:** And that's your motion? **Wilson:** That's my motion. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Mastin:** Discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 34

50% of Voting: 17

YES: 29

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 11: Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to add cinnamon and fawn as unacceptable colors for registration; they are already excluded from exhibition.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed Chocolate Lilac Longhair

Ticked tabby Cinnamon Fawn

*Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains chocolate, lilac, or the pointed pattern in the first five generations must include documentation that the cat has been microchipped for identification purposes and submit a DNA test proving the cat does not carry chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn or the pointed pattern in order to be registered. All such cats will be identified by the addition of an “X” at the end of the registration prefix, indicating that the cat has chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn and/or the pointed pattern in its five-generation pedigree.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping item to list the additional colors the breed council does not want accepted for registration (and that are listed in the DISQUALIFY section of our standard).

Wilson: #11 is a Registration Rule to add cinnamon and fawn as unacceptable colors for registration. They already exclude them from exhibiting, so they want to add it to the registration rules, so they would not accept cats to be registered or with the cats in these background, cinnamon and fawn. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12 – STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 34

60% of Voting: 21

YES: 17

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 12: Accept as AOV the Flaxen Golden as a new British Shorthair color and since this is a newly defined color, add a section at the end of BRITISH SHORHAIR COLORS describing it (after OBSHC):

AOV - FLAXEN GOLDEN: the extreme wide-band version of the non-silver shaded/tipped British Shorthair in which the back, flanks, head, and tail should be lightly tipped with any recognized solid, tortoiseshell, blue-cream, chocolate tortoiseshell, or lilac-cream color. The undercoat in these areas is a pale honey to bright apricot. The chin, whisker pads, neck, chest, stomach, feet, inside legs, and ear tufts is ivory to white. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** to correspond with the coat color. **Eye color:** green or blue green.

RATIONALE: A new color variation has emerged in the British Shorthair breed (and other breeds). This color has been fully characterized genetically as the result of a unique mutation of the Corin gene. The color name “flaxen gold” is already used by WCF, a member of the World Cat Congress.

Wilson: The next one failed.

No Action.

13 – SHOW RULE (N/A*)

Votes: 34

50% of Voting: 17

YES: 17

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 1

* Proposal 12 did not pass

PROPOSAL 13: If Proposal #12 passes, include Flaxen Golden in the AOV Color Class (and add it to the BSH Registration Rules to register as AOV):

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

AOV 2598 2599
(Flaxen Golden)

RATIONALE: Adding Flaxen Golden to our AOV Color Class will make it clear that cats exhibiting this color have a place to be shown.

Wilson: The next one is N/A.

No Action.

14 – INFO/REGISTRATION (passes)

Votes: 32

50% of Voting: 16

YES: 32

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

PROPOSAL 14: Extend the Selkirk Rex use of British Shorthairs as an outcross to 12/31/2034. The existing end of the use of British Shorthairs as an outcross for Selkirk Rex is 12/31/2024.

RATIONALE: This proposal is from the Selkirk Rex Breed Council; they have this extension proposed on their ballot. Their goal is to have, “Selkirk Rex kittens born on or after January 1, 2025 2035 must have only Selkirk Rex parents.” (Selkirk Rex breed council ballot proposal for 2022.)

For Information Only. [See Selkirk Rex ballot]

Wilson: #14, the last one, is information only. It was regarding the Selkirk Rex request to extend the outcross to British Shorthairs to 12/31/2034. We'll talk about that. We're going to go to the Selkirk Rex shortly and we can speak to that, but it also passed the British Shorthair breed council. **Mastin:** OK, anything else? Cyndy, do you have anything for the board? **Byrd:** I would just like to thank Annette for her work helping me to do this, and thank you all for your consideration. **Mastin:** Cyndy, thank you for joining us today. **Byrd:** Thanks, bye.

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Art Graafmans

Total Members: 25

Ballots Received: 18

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 18

60% of Voting: 11

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Housekeeping 'clean up'. Remove the comma after 'round,' strike 'has' and add 'with'.

PAWS: Are round,~~has~~ with five toes in front and four behind.

RATIONALE: Corrected grammar. This correction was missed in proofing last year's ballot.

Wilson: They had one proposal, which was a housekeeping clean-up. It was a grammatical issue to remove the comma after *round* and add *with*, so that PAWS are now round with five toes in front and four behind, so it's just to correct grammar. So moved. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: Yay, I can check something off. **Hannon:** We like to see enthusiasm. **Wilson:** I have been waiting all day for this.

CORNISH REX

Breed Council Secretary: Thomas Michael Blees

Total Members: 27

Ballots Received: 16

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16

60% of Voting: 10

YES: 14

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Remove van color descriptions. Add a general description for a preferred minimum white for all calico/bi-colors at the beginning of the Calico and Bi-Colors section and remove the minimum preferred white from individual color descriptions.

CALICO & BI-COLORS

All calicos and bi-colors: As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides and chest. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed, with noted exception. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue eye and one gold eye with equal color depth. **Exception:** silver tabby and white, silver patched tabby and white, blue silver tabby and white and blue silver patched tabby and white may also have green or hazel eye color. These colors in odd-eyed shall have one blue and one green, hazel or gold eye with equal color depth. Pointed and white shall have blue eyes.

CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of black and red. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the red patches.

CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of black smoke and red smoke. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the red patches.

DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the cream patches.

DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of blue smoke and cream smoke. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the cream smoke patches.

VAN CALICO: white cat with unbrindled patches of black and red, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

VAN DILUTE CALICO: white cat with unbrindled patches of blue and cream, confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

VAN CALICO SMOKE: white cat with unbrindled patches of black smoke and red smoke confined to the extremities; head, tail, legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

VAN DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: white cat with unbrindled patches of blue smoke and cream smoke confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

CHOCOLATE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the red patches.

CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of chocolate smoke and red smoke. Patches to be clear and defined. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle.~~ Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the red smoke patches.

VAN CHOCOLATE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. ~~One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

VAN CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of chocolate smoke and red smoke, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. ~~One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

LAVENDER CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of lavender and cream. Patches to be clear and defined. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle.~~ Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the cream patches.

LAVENDER CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of lavender smoke and cream smoke. Patches to be clear and defined. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle.~~ Some evidence of tabby markings is allowed in the cream smoke patches.

VAN LAVENDER CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of lavender smoke and cream smoke, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. ~~One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

VAN LAVENDER CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of lavender and cream, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. ~~One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: (classic, mackerel, spotted) White with colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established patched tabby color standards. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately.~~

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, cream and white, chocolate and white, lavender and white, black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, red smoke and white, cream smoke and white, chocolate smoke and white, lavender smoke and white. Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted or ticked) and white (silver, blue-silver, red, brown, blue, cream, cameo, cream-silver, chocolate, lavender); and any pointed and white. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides and chest. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.~~

VAN BI-COLOR: white cat with color (as described in Bi-Color) confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. ~~One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

RATIONALE: Remove van color descriptions and make one description for the calico and bi-color pattern at the beginning of the Calico and Bi-Color section, rather than repeat it in every description.

Wilson: Next is the Cornish Rex. Breed Council Secretary Mike Blees is here in the audience. They have how many proposals? Five proposals. Mike, did you want to speak or did you want to be available for questions? **Blees:** Available for questions. **Mastin:** Mike, come on up to the table, please. Join us. **Blees:** Alright. **Wilson:** The first proposal clarifies the calico and bi-color pattern and removes all van pattern descriptions, or reference to the van pattern. The added wording is underscored and the removed wording is deleted [*sic*, stricken out]. It will

shorten up their color descriptions a little bit and save on paper. So, they are just basically taking out something and putting it in one place, instead of repeating it. Does anyone have any questions? So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15
60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 2: Add ticked tabby pattern to the Patched Tabby & White description.

PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked) White with colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established patched tabby color standards.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change as ticked tabby is allowed in all other tabby color classes in the Cornish Rex and so would also be acceptable in the patched tabby & white.

Wilson: Standard Change #2 adds the ticked tabby pattern to the patched tabby and white description. They do already allow ticked tabby in all their other tabby classes, so it's not a new color and pattern. It's merely adding the word *ticked* to the description after *patched tabby and white*. Does anyone have any questions? So moved? **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 15
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 3: Include chocolate tabby in the brown tabby class, lavender tabby in the blue tabby class, and add chocolate and lavender to the patched tabby classes.

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Cornish Rex Color Class Numbers

Brown Tabby	0944	0945
(classic, mackerel, spotted, <u>ticked</u>) (<u>chocolate</u>)		
Blue Tabby	0952	0953
(classic, mackerel, spotted, <u>ticked</u>) (<u>lavender</u>)		

Patched Tabby..... --

0973

[classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked (silver, brown, blue, chocolate, lavender)]

RATIONALE: Chocolate and lavender are included in the Solid Color and Tortoiseshell classes, but chocolate and lavender tabbies have been ORC. This would allow them to compete with other tabbies in the tabby class (which is where their color descriptions are currently published.)

Hannon: We are on a roll. **Wilson:** Proposal #3. This includes the chocolate tabby and the brown tabby class, and the lavender tabby and the blue tabby class, and adds chocolate and lavender to the patched tabby classes. So, it's moving them from the Other Rex Colors into classes where they probably should be in the first place, and then they will compete with other tabbies in the tabby class. Their color descriptions in that part of the standard are already there. This is actually a show rule change. It's not a standard change, because they're just changing where it goes in the color class. Any questions? **Mastin:** Melanie has a question. **Morgan:** I do. So, if you're going to include chocolate in the brown tabby class, are you going to change the title of what the brown tabby class is? The same thing with blue tabby. Patched tabby is open. It could be different kinds of that, but it just seems to me that it should be brown/chocolate, and blue/lavender, rather than having something that says one color and then putting a variation off of it. **Wilson:** I actually asked that question. He had some of his breed council members help with adding these, and they were actually right about their answer. There are other female things they need to do in their color class descriptions. It led to a whole bunch of other questions, if you look at their color classes. **Morgan:** Then I prefer to wait until they get those cleaned up.

Mastin: Any additional questions? OK, I'm going to have to call for the vote on this. **Morgan:** Sorry. **Mastin:** It's alright, don't apologize. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla and Morgan voting no.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currel, Pam DelaBar. You can lower your hand when I call your name. Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb. All those opposed raise your hand. Melanie Morgan, John Colilla. Any abstentions? Yukiko Hayata, are you in favor? **Hayata:** Yes, I am in favor. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Anger:** That's 15 yes votes, 2 no votes, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

4 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16

60% of Voting: 10

YES: 14

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 4: Remove the POINTED AND WHITE color description from the Pointed Colors section of the standard.

Pointed Colors

POINTED AND WHITE: a bi color cat with point color on the head, ears and tail with spots of point color on body and legs along with white. **Eye color:** blue.

RATIONALE: “Any pointed and white” is already included in the Bi-Color section, which is the proper competitive class. There is no need for a pointed and white bi-color description in the Pointed Colors.

Wilson: Standard change #4 removes the Pointed and White color description from the Pointed Colors section of the standard. It’s already included in the bi-color sections, which is where it needs to be. So, they are just moving the description from one place in the standard where it describes colors and patterns to the place where it belongs. So moved. **Mastin:** Questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSED: Include seal tortie and chocolate tortie in the Lynx Point color description. Correct the description of the mask markings to include the word “stripes.”

LYNX POINT: body color appropriate with point color (red, cream, seal, chocolate, blue, lavender, seal tortie, chocolate tortie, blue-cream, and lavender-cream). For example, seal-lynx point body color cream/pale fawn with seal brown stripes/bars on pointed areas - tail, mask, legs. Mask should have a clearly defined “M” marking on the forehead, horizontal stripes on cheeks with spotted whisker pads.

RATIONALE: The color “tortie” should specify both seal and chocolate. Adding the word “stripes” to the last sentence is needed to make the description clear.

Wilson: #5 includes seal tortie and chocolate tortie in the Lynx Point color description. It corrects the description of the mask markings to include the word “stripes.” The color “tortie” should specify both seal and chocolate. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Anything additional? **Wilson:** Not for them. **Mastin:** Mike, thank you. Thank you very much. **Blees:** It was worth the drive.

DEVON REX

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Peterson

Total Members: 25

Ballots Received: 23

[From after Bengal discussion] **Mastin:** Annette, I’m sorry. Is Cyndy Byrd here yet?

Wilson: No, not yet. Neither is Carol Johnson for the American Shorthairs, so we will move to the Devon Rex. Linda Peterson said she didn’t see any reason that she needed to be here.

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 20
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 18

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 3

PROPOSAL 1: Add descriptions of the use of Lavender, Platinum, Lilac, Champagne, Natural, Sable, and Seal colors at the end of the introduction to Devon Rex Colors in the Devon Rex Breed Standard.

DEVON REX COLORS

COAT COLOR: any genetically possible color and pattern and any combination of genetically possible color and pattern are allowed. ***For purposes of clarification and consistency, the following applies:**

LAVENDER: Used in place of Lilac in Solid, Tabby, Calico, Smoke, Silver, and Shaded colors and patterns.

PLATINUM: Used in place of Lavender in Mink and Sepia patterns.

LILAC: Used in place of Lavender in the Pointed pattern.

CHAMPAGNE: Used in place of Chocolate in Mink and Sepia patterns.

NATURAL: Used in place of Black in the Mink pattern.

SABLE: Used in place of Black in the Sepia pattern.

SEAL: Used in place of Black in the Pointed pattern.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping issue to provide clarification regarding the use of Lavender, Platinum, Lilac, Champagne, Natural, Sable, and Seal color descriptions in the Devon Rex Breed Standard.

Wilson: They have a standard change that adds descriptions of the use of Lavender, Platinum, Lilac, Champagne, Natural, Sable, and Seal. They are adding that to the end of their color descriptions for purposes of clarification and consistency. So, instead of Lilac they are going to use the term Lavender. Instead of Lavender in the Mink and Sepia pattern, they are using Platinum, so they are just adding that to their standard. They consider that a housekeeping issue to provide clarification and guidance in the use of those terms in their color descriptions. So moved. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Annette? Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – INFO/REGISTRATION (passes)

Votes: 23
50% of Voting: 12

YES: 22

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Extend the Devon Rex outcross to Sphynx to 12/31/2033 at the request of the Sphynx Breed Council.

PROPOSAL 2: Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after ~~December 31, 2023~~ December 31, 2033 may have only Sphynx parents. Coated Sphynx are registered for breeding only.

SPHYNX BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: The purpose of bringing in the outcross, was to broaden the Sphynx gene pool and improve stamina and health. We are asking for the deadline to be extended for 10 years. These outcrosses are still vital to the sphynx breed and many breeding programs. With the recent identification of the ALMS1 HCM gene in the breed, it's important to allow outcrossing so breeders can work through removing cats that carrying the HCM gene slowly from their breeding program so that the gene pool remains diverse. The Sphynx gene pool is still limited due to the fact Sphynx are still considerably rare (there have only been a small handful of naturally born naked cats). A carefully designed outcross program introduces new gene pools and thereby will increase the overall health of the Sphynx breed.

DEVON REX BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: The Devon Rex Breed Council voted as a majority to allow the Sphynx to use the Devon Rex as an outcross. As a breed that utilizes outcrosses to maintain genetic diversity, the Breed Council Secretary suggests support of this proposal.

Are you in favor of the proposed extension for another 10 years for all approved outcrossing breeds, DRX/ASH/DSH to 12/31/2033 by the Sphynx Breed Council?

Wilson: They had one other item on here that relates to the Sphynx outcross which we will discuss at the end, although we could discuss it now. The Sphynx have asked to extend the outcross to the Devon Rex to 12/31/2033. The Devon Rex voted on it and it passed 22 to 1 to continue that extension. So moved. **Mastin:** Questions for Annette? Any objections? **Wilson:** It's basically information for when we get to the Sphynx vote. I should not have moved. **Mastin:** There's no vote? **Anger:** It's information only. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Information only. **Wilson:** Sorry.

Information Only. [See Sphynx ballot]

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Lynn Cooke
Total Members: 59
Ballots Received: 45

1 – BREED COUNCIL INFO (passes)

Votes: 41
50% of Voting: 21

YES: 27

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 4

***** Informational Only to Exotic Breed Council Members *****

Current Registration Rules for Exotics assign a separate breed code for colorpoints and colorpoint carriers and separate registration codes. We are interested in a method to CHANGE the breed code/registration code on a cat designated a CPC (colorpoint carrier) after the cat is tested and determined to not be a colorpoint carrier. Each option that requires a pedigree will mean that a CFA certified pedigree would have to be purchased and submitted with the DNA test.

1. Would you be in favor of being able to re-register a currently designated “CPC” Exotic as its actual color/pattern with a DNA test showing it is not a colorpoint carrier?

Information Only.

2 – BREED COUNCIL INFO (range)

A: 4 B: 5 C: 3 D: 15

If you answered YES to the above, please indicate whether you would like to see a CFA certified pedigree accompany the re-registration request, along with a DNA test for the cat, by voting YES for **ONLY ONE** of these choices:

- A. A three (3) generation pedigree showing no colorpoint or pointed breedings
- B. A five (5) generation pedigree showing no colorpoint or pointed breedings
- C. An eight (8) generation pedigree showing no colorpoint or pointed breedings
- D. No pedigree need accompany the cat, just the DNA test

RATIONALE: The acronym CPC means colorpoint carrier. It's illogical to infinitely register and designate a cat something that it is not. It's very confusing to newer breeders that see a cat labeled as a CPC and believe that cat can produce pointed offspring when it cannot. Pointed and CPC cats should have different prefixes from cats that don't carry the gene and DNA testing can now help us do that. There are several databases available to research pedigrees going back as far as a breeder may choose to look, therefore, it should be up to the individual breeder to determine whether or not they want to use certain cats or colors in their breeding program.

Information Only.

Wilson: The next ballot is the Exotic ballot. This was informational to the breed council members. There's nothing for us to vote on here. It was to provide some information on identifying cats and reclassifying them. It's something that they will work on in Central Office if they want to go forward. If it turns out there needs to be something voted on, then we will bring that back. So, we can skip the Exotic. Was Lynn Cooke on? I don't think she was planning to speak.

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

Breed Council Secretary: Marianne Clark
Total Members: 20
Ballots Received: 15

1 – INFO TO BOD (passes)

Votes: 15
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 0

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 0

***** FOR INFORMATION ONLY TO CFA BOARD *****

1. The Toybob breed has requested advancement from MISCELLANEOUS to PROVISIONAL status. Do you agree with this request?

RATIONALE: The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council has concerns about waiving long standing rules for New Breed Advancement for Toybobs. Our main concern, as we already expressed when the Toybobs asked for Miscellaneous, is the lookalike factor.

When the Toybobs submitted their application for recognition, it was asserted the tail gene was different than the already recognized breeds of Japanese Bobtails, American Bobtails, and Manx. However, according to Dr. Leslie Lyons at University of Missouri (email dated 7/25/2021), the study is not complete, and no paper has been published to prove this. Dr. Lyons stated some Toybobs do have the Japanese Bobtail tail mutation, others do not. She also stated the breed does not want the JBT tail mutation. We ask that DNA testing be done on registered Toybobs and new registrations to eliminate any question of the tail mutation. Therefore, they should not be advanced until the tail mutation is proven to be different in all registered Toybobs.

It was a consensus of a non-official poll of the Japanese Bobtail breed council that there have not been enough Toybobs shown in the past two years to merit advancement IN ANY WAY. We recognize there have not been as many shows, but that is no reason to waive requirements. The lack of shows has caused issues affecting all breeds in many ways including titles and awards. We feel that advancing them at this time would be very unfair to every breed who has had to prove their merit.

The Toybob is supposed to be a small cat. Some of our members felt the Toybobs they have seen do not fit the term small but appear to be the same size as Japanese Bobtails, thereby making them more of a

lookalike. Even though breeding for a smaller Toybob may make them more distinct from Japanese Bobtails, the miniaturization of any breed should be a concern for the health of the breed.

No Action.

2 – INFO TO BOD (passes)

Votes: 15

50% of Voting: 8

YES: 0

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 0

***** FOR INFORMATION ONLY TO CFA BOARD *****

2. The Toybob breed has requested advancement from MISCELLANEOUS to CHAMPIONSHIP status (skipping PROVISIONAL). Do you agree with this request?

RATIONALE (same as for question #1): The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council has concerns about waiving long standing rules for New Breed Advancement for Toybobs. Our main concern, as we already expressed when the Toybobs asked for Miscellaneous, is the lookalike factor.

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No Action.

Wilson: Alright, we have gone through everything except our advancing breeds, although we do have for the Toybob – oh, the Japanese Bobtail. OK, we're going to go up there. Is Marianne Clark on? I don't think she was going to join. I promised I would read this for her because it's important to the breeders. They are actually registering an objection to the advancement request by the Toybob. Because she isn't here yet, we might as well do this. It's for information to the board and it's a reverse vote, so 100% of the people voted no on the request by the Toybobs to advance. This follows the same objection they had when the breed was

accepted. [reads] So, that is just read in, and you can take it into consideration when considering the advancement of the Toybobs. That is the Japanese Bobtail.

LAPERM

Breed Council Secretary: Dennis J. Ganoe

Total Members: 2

Ballots Received: 2

Wilson: Actually, Dennis is on. Why don't we do the LaPerms? **Mastin:** OK. **Wilson:** OK, so. **Tartaglia:** He is in. **Mastin:** You've got him in? **Ganoe:** What do you want me to do, Annette? **Wilson:** I'll tell you when to talk. **Ganoe:** OK. **Wilson:** It's my favorite thing to do. I just want to explain a little bit about how this is going to work. So, the LaPerm outcrosses to domestic cats of either a longhair or shorthair variety. They also allow any color and pattern in their standard. So, there's a pattern that has been identified. It occurred somewhere in the Karpathian mountains or something like that. Dennis can give us a little more history of it, and it's called Karpati and it's a recognized pattern of which I have only ever seen one, but it was striking when I saw it. Since they want to add it to their standard, I asked him to do a little presentation like this. If the board accepts this for the LaPerm standard and we pass their request to add it to their colors and patterns, then in my opinion other breeds that also don't restrict their cats to specific colors and patterns would then also have it as an acceptable color without having to go through the new color and pattern advancement matrix. Now, breeds that restrict their cats to certain colors and patterns, or say they don't accept every color and pattern, if they wanted to add it we would still have to do that, but it would seem to me that if we took a look at this now, we can have an understanding and see what the cats are going to look like, then should we pass it from the LaPerm proposal, it would kind of give us a more global opportunity in the future. OK, so, Dennis prepared a very nice presentation here, so I will turn it over to him. **Mastin:** OK, Dennis.

Karpati Pattern

LaPerm Breed Council Proposal

February 2023

Ganoe: Thank you Annette. The Karpati pattern is from the Karpathian mountain region. In the proposal here, that includes Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Serbia and that area. The LaPerm has a domestic outcross until 2025 and breeders in that area and in Europe in particular fell in love with this pattern and incorporated it into the LaPerm breed. It was always the

intention of the LaPerm breed that color really doesn't matter or pattern really doesn't matter because the breed is based on the coat and the type. That's why we only have 1 point on color and pattern.

Introducing the Karpati Pattern



Tigra:
The Cat That Introduced
the Karpati Pattern to
the World

Overexposed photo of
Tigra not showing white
body hairs

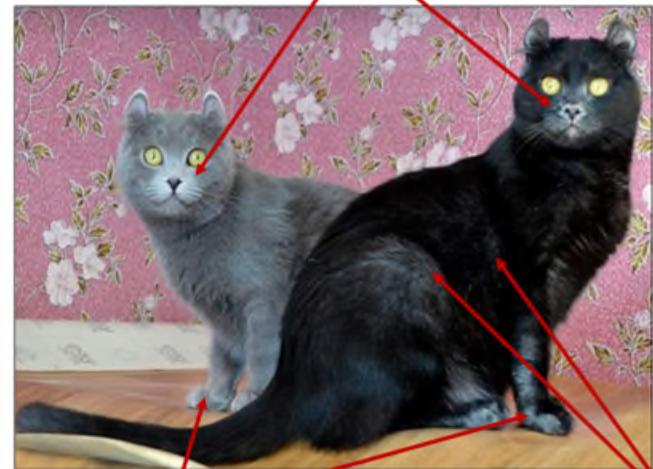


Concentrated white
hairs on nose &
muzzle

Concentrated white
hairs on feet & legs

White backs to ears

Concentrated white
hairs on nose & muzzle



Concentrated white
hairs on feet & legs

White hairs on body

Proposal: Add the Karpati Pattern to CFA LaPerm Standard

Karpati is a unique pattern found in the domestic population in the Carpathian Mountain region that delays or restricts the development of pigment in the hair shaft. It occurs in combination with all colors and patterns and is inherited as a dominant trait, independent of any other color or pattern.

Karpati has three unique aspects: white (amelanistic) hairs in the coat, lighter points, and shading. The body has white hairs interspersed with normal pigmented hairs throughout the cat's coat. The further away from the spine, the greater the percentage of white hairs resulting in the lighter appearance of the points. The shading is significantly lighter than the base coat covering up to 50% of the hair shaft and contains fully colored hairs and fully white hairs, from tip to root. It should not be confused with a bad smoke or unsound color. The red/cream colors are slower to develop. Allowance should be made for kittens to have white shading due to delayed color development.

The Karpati pattern exists on a cat *in addition* to any other color or pattern. It is inherited separately. So far, the breed has developed this pattern on solid colored cats, tabby pattern and pointed pattern cats. In order to distinguish Karpati from 'and white' patterns, the nose leather and paw pad color is in accordance to the base color of the cat.

As this is naturally occurring dominant trait found in domestic cats and the domestic outcross for LaPerm is valid until 2025, the LaPerm Breed Council is proposing this addition to the breed standard.

Karpati White Hairs Interspersed with Regular Coat

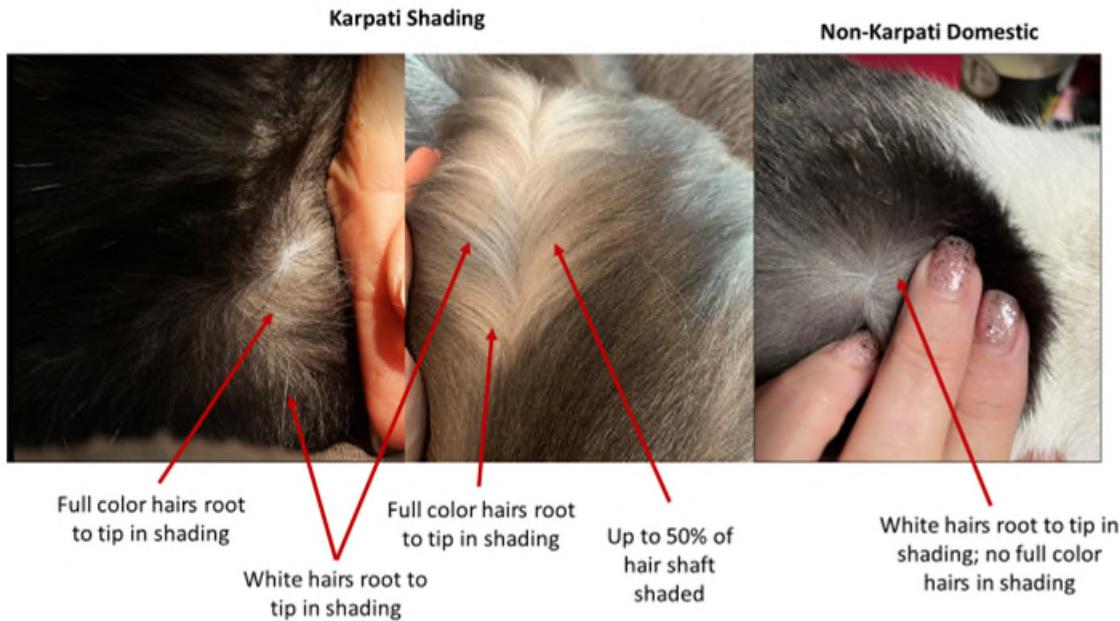


Close-up of white hairs interspersed with the normal pigmented hairs

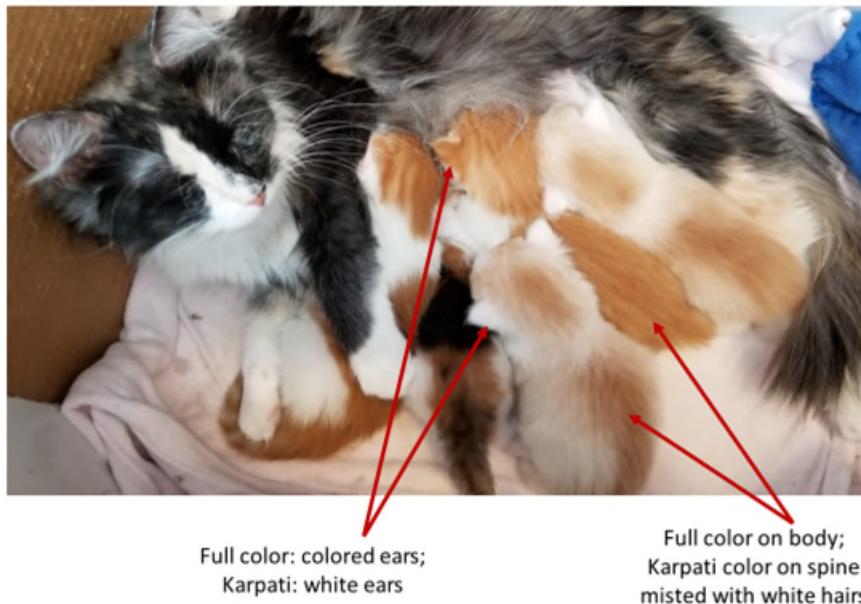
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Concentrated white hairs on muzzle & nose

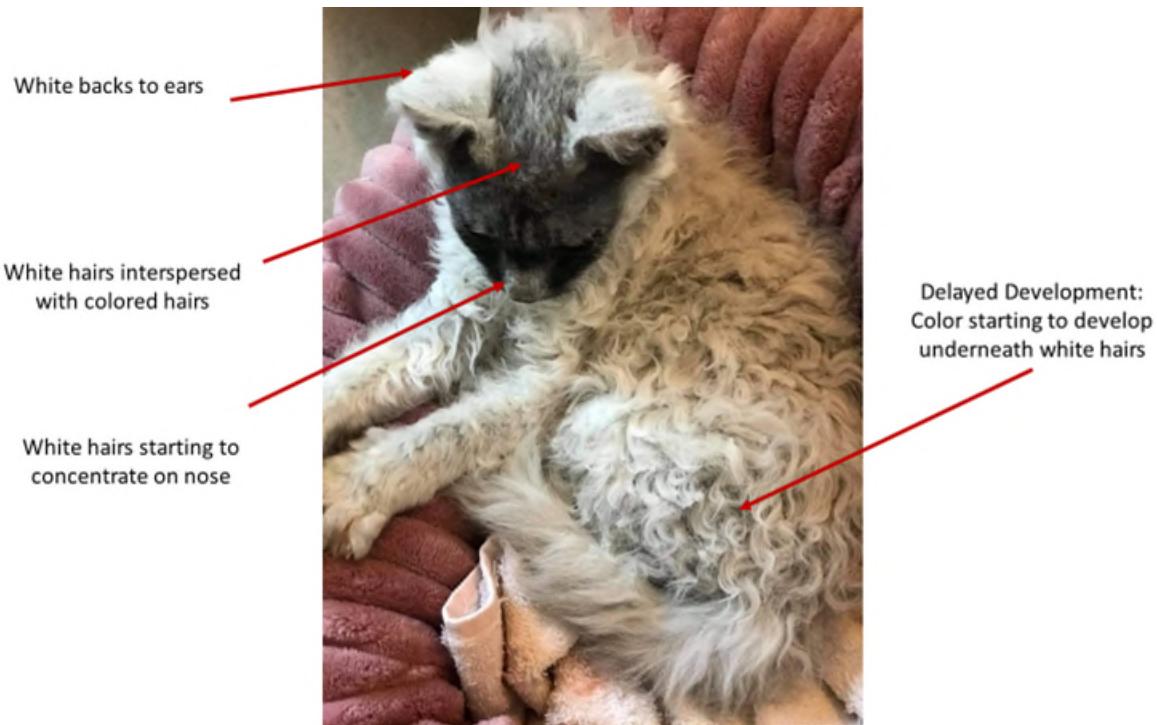
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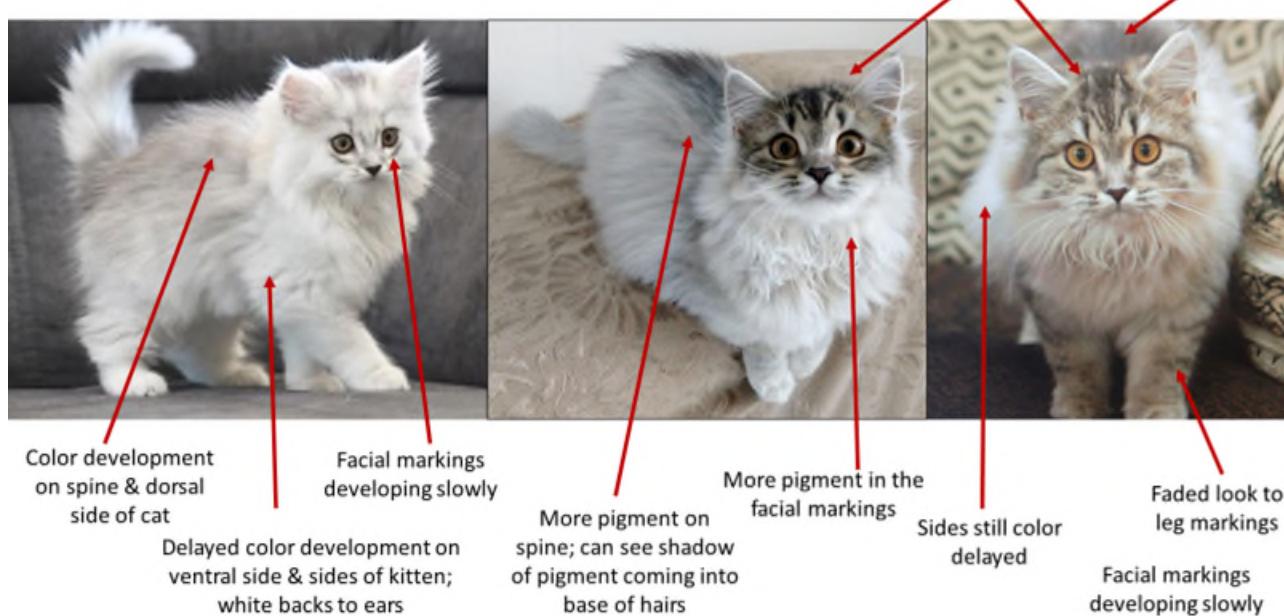
Difference between Karpati & Non-Karpati Kittens



Ganoe: The presentation shows what this one we're seeing right now, how you can tell Karpati pattern. That one red one down there in the center in the middle has white on the back of its ears. That's the easy tell for a Karpati kitten. They end up with white ears.



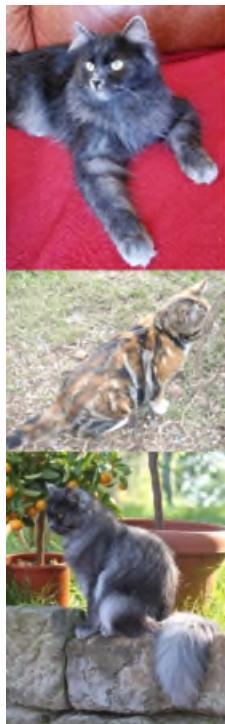
Kitten Development: Blue Classic Tabby





Development From
Kitten to Adult

Ganoe: The development you can see further down. There was a blue tabby we have pictures of all the way through growth, and you can see the shading coming in on this LaPerm here. We're asking for the Karpati pattern to be accepted because we want to describe every possible color and pattern, because that was the basis. This is the blue tabby through age as you see him develop.



Difference Between Karpati Pattern & Lykoi Roan

Karpati Pattern	Lykoi Roan
Dominant	Recessive – allele of Hairless (HR)
No hypotrichia (hair loss)	Form of hypotrichia (hair loss)
Color development delayed	Color development not delayed
Undercoat present by breed	Undercoat absent
Normal coat (see picture b)	Abnormal sparse coat (see picture a)
Normal skin for the breed	Abnormal skin: reduced number of hair follicles, miniaturized, dysplastic
Full color & white hair shafts; white hairs interspersed with pigmented hairs, not necessarily evenly	Full color & white hair shafts; white hairs interspersed evenly with pigmented hairs
White concentrations on points	No white concentrations
Shading on hair shaft – up to 50%	No shading on hair shaft



Ganoe: The proposal that we've got has been accepted by TICA as one of their accepted patterns, but due to their rules the LaPerm breed needs to go through the New Traits process to get them on the bench. CFA can get this pattern right away, and I know we suffer from a lot of people not showing and I think this would help us. One of the questions that came up was, what's the difference between the Karpati pattern and the roaning of the Lykoi, so I put in a table here to describe the differences between the two. The Karpati is mostly a dominant inheritance, so we're not introducing recessives and having to concentrate down. The curl for the LaPerm is also dominant, so we're basing the breed on dominant characteristics. We don't have the loss of hair that occurs on the Lykoi and the other differences are noted there.



Supporting Information:

The Karpati pattern was initially developed in Europe from using the domestic outcross allowance for LaPerms from the Karpathia region in Europe. This area includes parts of the countries of Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania and Serbia. Karpathia has had cats of this pattern for many years (decades) The pattern appears in the folk art of the area.

It was breeders in these areas that saw the uniqueness of this pattern and brought it into our breed. They have exported Karpati pattern cats around the world where they are being used to bring the unique pattern to multiple breeds.

The LaPerm Standard allots one point for color and pattern, preferring to focus on the structure and coat of the breed.

We are asking for the Karpati pattern to be added to the LaPerm Standard as a described and accepted



[Secretary's Note: Permission was granted by the human subjects in the above picture to use their images in these minutes.]

Ganoe: Rather than go through the entire presentation, I would like to hear what the board thinks and answer any questions. One thing I will say is, this pattern has been in existence in random-bred cats in the Karpathian region for decades, so it's not a new mutation. It has been around for a while. It just got incorporated into the LaPerm breed due to people wanting the, for a lack of a better term, "flash" of the presentation. **Mastin:** Yukiko, do you have a question for Dennis? Yukiko, can you hear me? **Hayata:** Yes I can hear you. **Mastin:** Do you have a question for Dennis? **Hayata:** No questions, sorry.

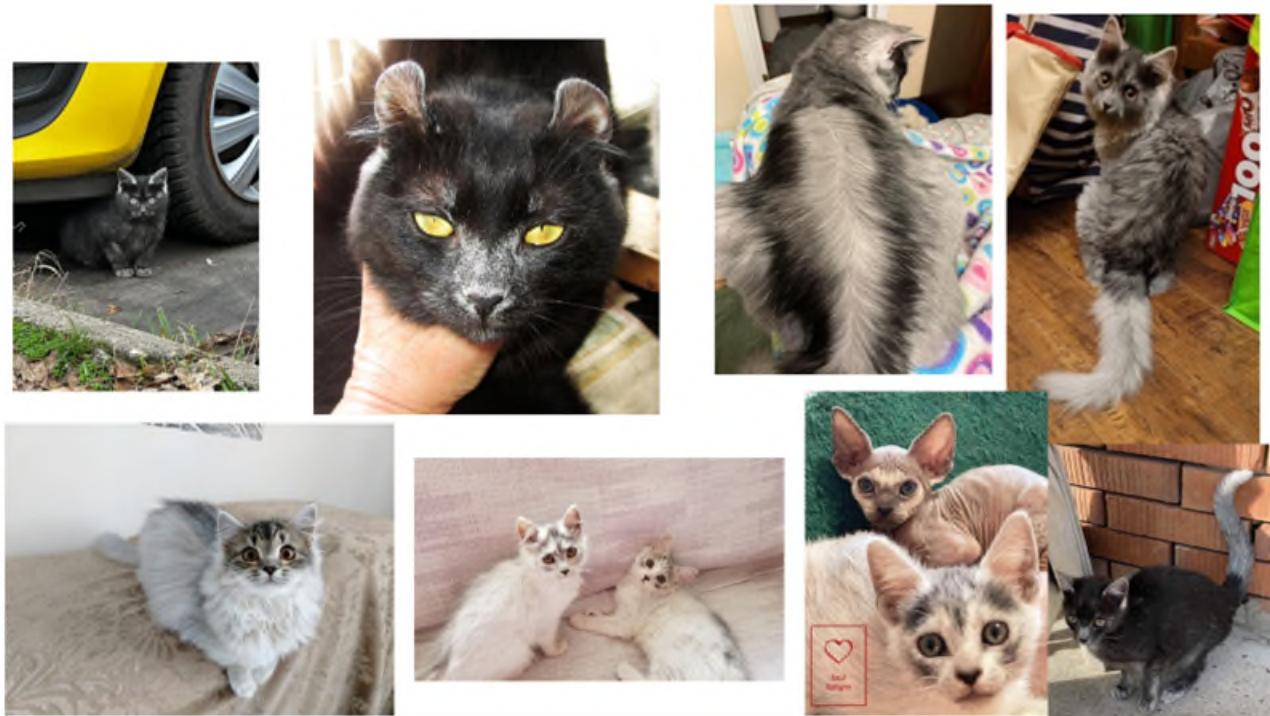
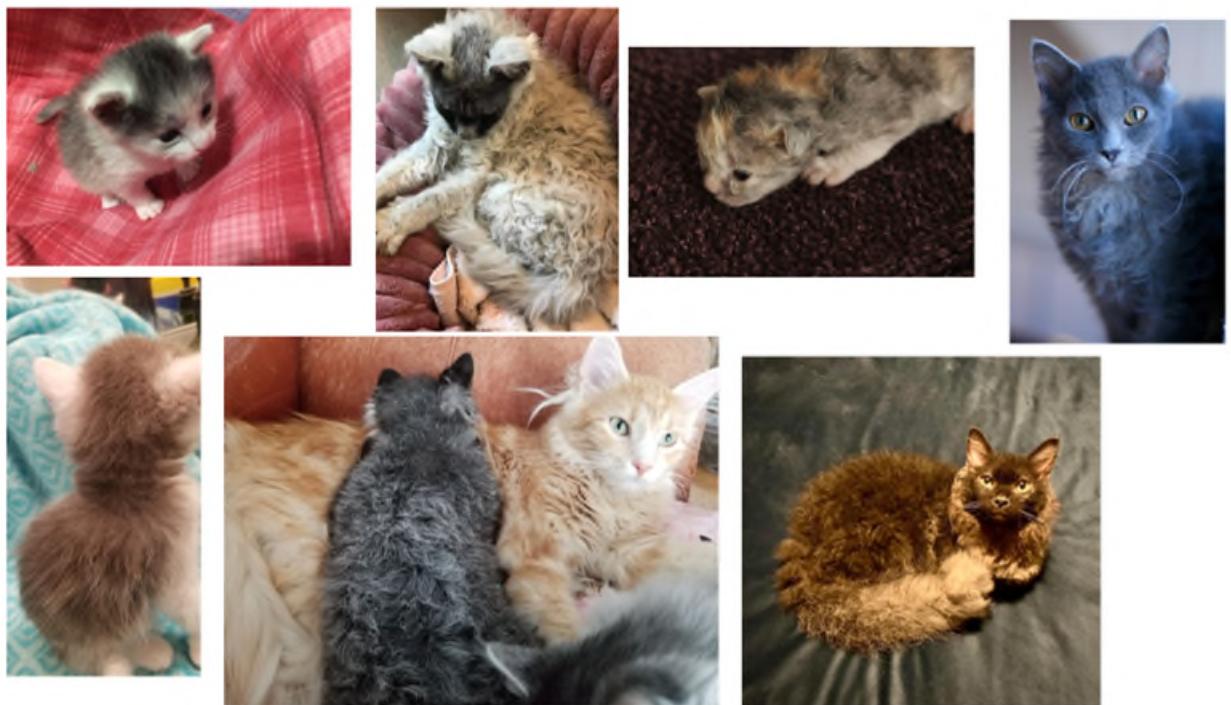
Morgan: First of all, I want to thank Annette for explaining to me clearly. I think this is a great way of handling our color matrix, etc. I like the reasoning behind having this come in for those breeds that accept everything, and it's a great way to introduce something and to educate us. Dennis, I want to thank you for the presentation. I find it fascinating and just amazing with the pictures that you have there. I'm looking forward to seeing actual real, live examples of them

but this presentation did a really good job of at least introducing me to the concept and I think this is a really great start for basically updating all of our standards to provide descriptions on what we may or may not see there in the ring, so I support this. **Hannon:** There are only two members of the breed council, there are very few registered, there are very few shown, and I'm all in favor of anything that is going to help them get more of these out. **Mastin:** Desiree, they brought up one of your breeds. Do you want to speak on this? **Bobby:** Yes. The Karpati pattern is not related to Lykoi at all. It actually presents itself quite different. It has more to do with the presentation and how it appears. I don't know specifically if it's the same type of roaning as the Lykoi but I have no issue at all with the Karpati. **Mastin:** According to this, it's a dominant versus a recessive gene. Fascinating. **Ganoe:** If you look there in the picture in the lower right corner, the one with the green background. Those are actually Sphynx. There's a Sphynx breeder who has incorporated this. On this page is also an American Curl, that black one, the second one over on the top row.



Thank You for your time and consideration.

Mastin: Are there any additional questions for Dennis? **DelaBar:** Dennis, I don't have any additional questions for you. I just want to say, I really like your presentation. I was introduced to these cats through friends of mine in Romania and I love this pattern. I just dearly love this pattern. **Ganoe:** I did want to make one thing clear about this pattern. It's in the proposal. This pattern overlays any other color or pattern the cat may have. It is inherited entirely differently from our normal tabby colors and dilutes and the inhibitor gene. All that stuff, this is on an entirely different area of the genome. **Mastin:** Annette, any closing comments? **Wilson:** I do want to thank Dennis for doing this. When he brought it up I was like, "oh, think about doing this another way." He really did put together a nice report. I have to say, there's a little kitten under the wheel well of a car here. I saw a Household Pet kitten like that in Australia. Ever since then I have been entranced by this pattern, because I have never seen anything like it before or since, so I hope we see some LaPerms in the show ring with this.



1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 2

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 2

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL: Add the Karpati pattern to the LaPerm standard as follows (after Platinum Sepia and before OLC):

PLATINUM SEPIA: pale, silvery grey with pale fawn undertones, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the underparts, but otherwise without shading, barring or markings of any kind.

Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink.

KARPATI PATTERN: Karpati is a unique pattern that delays or restricts the development of pigment in the hair shaft. It occurs in combination with all other colors and patterns and is independent of any other color or pattern. Karpati has 3 unique aspects: white hairs in the coat, lighter points, and shading. The body has white hairs interspersed with normal pigmented hairs throughout the cat's coat. The further away from the spine, the greater the percentage of white hairs resulting in the lighter appearance of the points. Shading is when the base of some of the pigmented hairs are significantly lighter than the tips. Shading should not be confused with a bad smoke or unsound color. Color is strongest along the spine and fades out down the legs. The area of increased white hairs on the tail starts about approximately an inch up from the base. Red/Cream colors are slower to develop the pattern. Allowance for white at the base of pigmented hairs on kittens due to delayed color development. Ear furnishings are white, and whiskers are both white and pigmented. **Nose leather and paw pads:** consistent with those of the base color.

Wilson: Just under his proposal is the actual standard change for the LaPerms, which adds the Karpati pattern, and you can read the description of it there. I just wondered if anybody had any questions about the actual description that would be in the standard. **Mastin:** Yukiko, do you have a question? **Hayata:** No. **Mastin:** I don't see any questions, Annette. Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Dennis, thank you and great job on this. **Ganoe:** Thank you and thank you to the board. **DelaBar:** Through the Chair to Annette, as I understand it, for those breeds such as the American Curl that accept cats in all described colors throughout the standards, that this now would be acceptable in those breeds such as the American Curl. **Wilson:** They would have to ballot it and we would have to vote on it, but now that we have accepted a description of the pattern, yes they would have to go through the matrix. **DelaBar:** But they do not have to have it in their standard if they have stated in their standard, *all colors accepted even in other standards*. **Wilson:** But they do. They list colors and descriptions there [inaudible, multiple speakers].

MAINE COON

Breed Council Secretary: Bethany Colilla

Total Members: 69

Ballots Received: 56

1 - REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 55

50% of Voting: 28

YES: 37

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 2

The purpose of this ballot is to inform Breed Council members that several organizations (including WCF) now have a separate code for polydactyl Maine Coon Cats: MCP is the code for Polydactyl Maine Coons while MCO remains the code for Maine Coon Cats.

Historically, there has not been a way to determine if a Maine Coon presented to CFA to register by pedigree is polydactyl or has polydactyl cats in the required 5 generations behind it. Since that may now be changing, the Maine Coon Breed Council must decide how CFA should handle these registrations. (Note: no other changes to the registration rules to be made)

Polydactyl Maine Coon Cats cannot be shown in CFA and any registration rule changes considered below will not change that. Polydactyly in Maine Coon Cats is inherited as an autosomal dominant trait with incomplete penetrance and variable expressivity.

PROPOSAL 1: Continue registering all eligible Maine Coon Cats regardless of whether the certified pedigree indicates the cat to be registered is MCP or if there are any cats in the five preceding generations that indicate a cat is MCP.

RATIONALE: Voting for this proposal would maintain the status quo.

Wilson: Is Bethany Colilla on? **Colilla:** No, she's not. **Wilson:** Is she going to be John? Do you know? **Colilla:** I don't know. I can find out.

No Action.

2 - REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 56

50% of Voting: 28

YES: 39

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 2: Continue registering all eligible Maine Coon Cats but if the certified pedigree indicates the cat to be registered is polydactyl, add an identifier to that cat's CFA registration prefix.

RATIONALE: Voting YES for this proposal would identify the cat to be registered as polydactyl if the certified registration presented indicates the cat has an EMS code of MCP instead of MCO.

[From after Scottish Fold discussion] **Colilla:** Bethany is on. **Wilson:** OK, we can go back to the Maine Coon, with a lot of jumping around. **Mastin:** Bethany, can you hear us? **B. Colilla:** I can. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** Yes, we can. **B. Colilla:** OK. **Wilson:** First of all, I'm going to apologize, both to Bethany and to all of you, because we put this together without thinking that people were going to vote multiple times on the same thing and maybe vote for two conflicting things. Depending on how Bethany wants to proceed with this, we may want to reballot this. **B. Colilla:** I think what we're going to go ahead and opt to do is take the one that received the most number of votes and go with the #2 option if the board is OK with that, so go ahead and *Continue registering all eligible Maine Coon Cats but if the certified pedigree indicates the cat to be registered is polydactyl, add an identifier to that cat's CFA registration prefix.* Give that the MCP instead of the MCO so that it is recognizable, since that seemed to have the most yes votes of the members that voted in my breed council. That seemed to be the most popular option of the four choices that they were given. **Wilson:** It certainly got the most number of votes, but other things got over 30 votes also, but if you think that's what you all want to do, this is a registration issue. It's basically a registration by pedigree issue, and let me just give you a little background. Currently, CFA registers polydactyl Maine Coons. They just don't ask the question, and most pedigrees don't indicate it. They are disqualified from being shown. However, they can be registered and there has been no identifier because no one necessarily identifies it, but now there is at least one association that has an EMS code for a polydactyl Maine Coon. So, now when we get a registration by pedigree, some cats get it or the cat to be registered may have that identifier, and the question was, what would the Maine Coon breed council want to do? The options were status quo – do what we're doing now and just ignore it, or identify the cat to be registered in some manner, with a couple of options on how to do that; or, don't register those cats at all. What Bethany is saying is that #2 got the most number of votes. It's 39 out of how many members voting – 56. So, it's a decent percentage. Since it's a registration rule, it only requires 50% which would be 28 votes. So, what they would do is register all eligible Maine Coons, but if the certified pedigree when they are registering by pedigree indicates the cat itself that's being registered is polydactyl, or a grandfather or great-grandmother, the cat to be registered is polydactyl, add an identifier to that cat's CFA registration prefix, which would be something Central Office would now do. **Tartaglia:** It may not be part of the prefix. It may just be part of the color description. T already stands for patched tabby, is it? **Wilson:** If you had a little emogee that had like six toes. Anyway, perhaps you could work that out with Bethany on how that would work. **B. Colilla:** So basically it's keeping the status quo minus giving it now an identifier. The majority were OK with keeping the status quo; which is, we are already registering them as it is. **Wilson:** You're right, we should vote on this. **Mastin:** So, we're voting on #2, correct? **Wilson:** Yes. **B. Colilla:** Yes. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions on Proposal #2? Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: So, does that mean we're not even entertaining #1 at all, correct? **Wilson:** That's correct. None of the others. **Mastin:** None of the others. **B. Colilla:** None of the others.

3 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 55
50% of Voting: 28

YES: 32

NO: 23

ABSTAIN: 2

PROPOSAL 3: Continue registering all eligible Maine Coon Cats but if the certified pedigree indicates the cat to be registered is polydactyl OR if any of the cats within the 5 preceding generations are polydactyl, add an identifier to the CFA registration prefix.

RATIONALE: Voting YES for this proposal would indicate via a cat's registration prefix whether the cat or one of its ancestors (within 5 generations) was identified (by certified pedigree) to be polydactyl.

No Action.

4 – REGISTRATION RULE (fails)

Votes: 51
50% of Voting: 26

YES: 17

NO: 34

ABSTAIN: 6

PROPOSAL 4: Discontinue registering ANY Maine Coon Cats where the cat to be registered has the breed code MCP or the five preceding generations indicate any polydactyl cats in the pedigree.

RATIONALE: This will not entirely stop registration of polydactyl Maine Coons and may limit our gene pool. In addition, not every foreign registry may be using the MCP breed code. Since we disqualify for any Maine Coon with “incorrect number of toes,” polydactyl cats cannot be shown in CFA.

No Action.

Mastin: Bethany, thank you. **B. Colilla:** Thank you. You all have a wonderful rest of your meeting.

Mastin: Annette, before you continue, Shelly has left, Ed is now on the clock and if there's any way we can plan a break within the next 5-10 minutes. **Wilson:** Now would be good. **Mastin:** OK? Then let's do a 10 minute break and come back at 3:16.

BREAK.

RAGAMUFFIN

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Laura Gregory
Total Members: 13
Ballots Received: 8

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Add the word “kink” to the tail reference in DISQUALIFY.

RATIONALE: “kink” dropped out when “fault” was put in and it has been suggested to be put back in to clear up any confusion.

Wilson: If Laura Gregory is not on, then we're going to go up to the Ragamuffin and I will go through these. If there's questions, I will get answers to the questions. Most of them are color. **Hannon:** What breed are you going to? **Wilson:** R for Ragamuffin. It's after the Maine Coon. They are actually adding the word "kink" to the tail reference in Disqualify. I know, so Disqualify would be crossed eyes, tail kink or fault. When they added "fault" they dropped off "kink" and they didn't mean to, so they are putting it back in. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

PROPOSAL 2: Housekeeping in P

PENALIZE: ...pointed ears, Ecobby...

RATIONALE: grammatical correction (should be a comma after “ears,” not a period.)

Wilson: Proposal #2 is a standard change. It’s a housekeeping issue in their Penalize section. It’s just a grammatical correction, putting a comma after “ears,” not a period. So moved.

Mastin: Any questions? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 3: Housekeeping in SOLID COLORS section; punctuation correction.

RED: ...brilliant red $\frac{1}{2}$ without markings.

RATIONALE: punctuation correction (change semi-colon to a comma).

Wilson: #3 is a standard change, a punctuation correction changing a semi-colon to a comma. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 4: Change order of words describing two colors in SHADED COLORS/ PATTERNS

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA GOLDEN:...

GOLDEN SHADED GOLDEN:...

RATIONALE: color corrections missed that are consistent with the recent changes.

Wilson: Standard Change #4 changes the order of words describing two colors in the Shaded Colors/Patterns, so instead of calling them “Chinchilla Golden” and “Shaded Golden” they are going to be Golden Chinchilla and Golden Shaded, which are consistent with the changes they made last year in their color names. She did extensive work last year in standardizing color names and patterns in certain order. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 5: Update the tortoiseshell smoke color in the SMOKE COLORS to be consistent with tortoiseshell under the Parti Colors.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE COLORS (black tortoiseshell smoke, ...)

RATIONALE: Update the tortoiseshell smoke color to be consistent with tortoiseshell under the Parti Colors (remove the reference to black tortoiseshell).

Wilson: #5 is a standard change. It updates the tortoiseshell smoke color under Smoke Colors to be consistent with the tortoiseshell under the Parti Colors. It removes the reference to black tortoiseshell. It takes the word “black” out. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 6: Maintain consistency of colors listed in the MINK COLORS and SEPIA COLORS sections by listing chinchilla before shaded for the red mink and cream mink colors:

MINK & TORTOISESHELL MINK SHADED: ...red mink chinchilla shaded, red mink shaded chinchilla, cream mink chinchilla shaded, cream mink shaded chinchilla).

RATIONALE: Consistency of color order throughout the standard (this just puts the chinchilla colors before the shaded colors for red mink and cream mink). The names will read: red mink chinchilla, red mink shaded, cream mink chinchilla, cream mink shaded.

Wilson: Standard Change #6 maintains the consistency of colors under the Mike Colors and Sepia Colors by listing chinchilla before shaded for the red and cream mink colors. So again red mink chinchilla, red mink shaded, cream mink chinchilla. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 7: For consistency, under the SEPIA COLORS/PATTERN section, remove the word “COLORS” after these two subheadings:

SEPIA & TORTOISESHELL SEPIA SHADED:COLORS ...

SEPIA & TORTOISESHELL SEPIA SMOKE COLORS: ...

RATIONALE: Consistency and a punctuation correction (add a colon after the subheading similar to the other colors).

Wilson: Standard Change #7, for consistency under the Sepia Colors/Patterns, remove the word “Colors” after these two subheadings. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 8
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 8: Add colors missed with 2021 change, to CALICO & BI-COLOR COLORS/PATTERNS Section.

CALICO CHINCHILLA & SHADED COLORS (...fawn calico sepia shaded, golden calico chinchilla, golden calico shaded, blue golden calico chinchilla, blue golden calico shaded.)

RATIONALE: Missed colors when listing colors with last year’s changes.

Wilson: #8 passed. Add colors missed with the 2021 change, to Calico & Bi-Color Colors/Patterns section, and so it’s adding golden calico chinchilla, golden calico shaded, blue golden calico chinchilla, blue golden calico shaded. So moved. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: I just want to mention something about the work she has done last year and this year, and all these color names. I asked her why you have to name all these colors, and she said it really helps people who are registering their cats to get the name right and get it in a certain order, hopefully the same order they registered the cat with – you know, the color, then the pattern and so on. She has really done a ton of work on that, and it is a really good reference to use in the standard. The Ragamuffin color names are a good reference.

SCOTTISH FOLD

Breed Council Secretary: Marilee Griswold

Total Members: 23

Ballots Received: 15

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Add a statement about straight ears to the General Section of the breed standard.

GENERAL: The Scottish Fold cat occurred as a spontaneous mutation in farm cats in Scotland. The breed has been established by crosses to British Shorthair and domestic cats in Scotland and England. In America, the outcross is the American and British Shorthair. All bona fide Scottish Fold cats trace their pedigree to Susie, the first fold-ear cat discovered by the founders of the breed, William and Mary Ross. The Scottish Fold cat can be shown with Folded Ears, Straight Ears and with either longhair or shorthair; in the appropriate class and division.

RATIONALE: Straight-ear Scottish Folds are now shown in Championship status around the world. Adding this statement to the General sections acknowledges we have these varieties.

Wilson: We do have Marilee Griswold on from half way around the world, if you want to skip down to the Scottish Fold. Is Marilee on? Is she here? **Mastin:** Marilee, are you with us? **Griswold:** Yes, I'm here. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining us. OK Annette. **Wilson:** OK Marilee, we'll just go through these changes. I'll just briefly describe them and then you can either speak to them or just say you will answer any questions the board members have, OK? **Griswold:** OK. **Wilson:** Proposal #1 for the Scottish is to add a statement about straight ears to the General section of the breed standard. So, the General section, which comes right under the point section will now have a sentence that *The Scottish Fold cat can be shown with Folded Ears, Straight Ears and with either longhair or shorthair; in the appropriate class and division.* So moved. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you have a comment or do you just want to take questions? **Griswold:** I'll just take questions on that one. **Mastin:** Do you have any questions? No questions. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 2: Remove, as housekeeping, the notation of AOV as straight ear in the body of the standard (after COAT and before PENALIZE).

AOV: straight ear

RATIONALE: When straight ears were moved to a color class, the AOV color class numbers were removed. However, in the body of the standard, the “AOV: Straight ear” was overlooked for this change.

Wilson: Standard Change #2 would remove the notation of AOV as straight ear, so in the body of the standard after Coat and before Penalize, they previously had an AOV class and they defined it by, AOV is straight ear. Well, now they have straight ear and the class is no longer AOV, so they are removing that as a housekeeping matter. **Mastin:** Do you want to speak on this or just questions, Marilee? **Griswold:** Just questions for that one. **Mastin:** OK, any questions? No questions. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 15

50% of Voting: 8

YES: 12

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 3: Create different divisions for the Scottish-Straight ear longhair and the Scottish-Straight Ear Shorthair.

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Scottish Fold Color Class Numbers

STRAIGHT EAR DIVISION

Straight Ear Longhair	8468	8469
Straight Ear Shorthair	8868	8869

SCOTTISH STRAIGHT EAR – LONGHAIR DIVISION

Straight Ear Longhair	8468	8469
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SCOTTISH STRAIGHT EAR – SHORTHAIRED DIVISION

Straight Ear Shorthair	8868	8869
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RATIONALE: For the last 2 years Scottish straights have been shown all over the world/regions and in many numbers. The numbers warrant that they can sustain their own division and brings us in line with the Folded Ear cats, which already have separate divisions for long and short hair versions.

Wilson: The next ones are Show Rules. Proposal #3 would create divisions for Scottish Straight Ear – Longhair and Scottish Straight Ear – Shorthair. Currently the Scottish breed has a class for Scottish Fold Longhair and Scottish Fold Shorthair and Scottish Straight Ear. This will add the Straight Ear division into two divisions. There will now be four divisions for Scottish.

Mastin: Marilee, comments? **Griswold:** Yes, I'll comment. I got some numbers from James Simbro, who is great by the way. I wanted to just bring up some of those numbers for us today. The Scottish Straight now has been able to be shown for about a year and 8 months. In that time they have been shown in literally every region on the face of the planet. So, they have been shown 440 times, with 227 of those being individual cats. For this particular one, breaking them into long- and shorthairs, going through and tallying up what we have, we had 81 longhair Scottish Straights shown and 107 shorthair Scottish Straights shown. There are a few in there that had 0000 for registration numbers or had TRNs that I can't tell what their hair length was, but in general we have quite a bit shown in the longhair and the shorthair version of this breed, so I think we have the numbers to support breaking them into those long- and shorthair divisions. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 15
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 12

NO:3

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 4: If proposal number 3 passes, create color classes for the Straight ear that mimic the Folded ear cats.

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Scottish Fold Color Class Numbers

STRAIGHT EAR DIVISION

Straight Ear Longhair	8468	8469
Straight Ear Shorthair	8868	8869

SCOTTISH STRAIGHT EAR – LONGHAIR DIVISION

Solid Color	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn)</i>		
Tabby	xxxx	xxxx
<i>[All colors and combinations of colors with the addition of a Tabby Pattern (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked and patched)]</i>		
Tabby & White	xxxx	xxxx
<i>[All Tabby Colors and Combinations of Colors in any Tabby Pattern (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked and patched)] with the addition of white)</i>		

Parti-Color & Bi-Color	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell & White, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell & White, Cinnamon Tortoiseshell, Cinnamon Tortoiseshell & White, Calico, Dilute Calico, Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream & White, Lilac-Cream, Lilac- Cream & White, Fawn-Cream, Fawn-Cream & White, Pointed & White, and all established solid colors with the addition of white)</i>			
Pointed	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(All colors and patterns combined with the Pointed Pattern, excluding Pointed & White)</i>			
Other Scottish Fold Colors	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(Any Other Color or Combination of Colors and Patterns)</i>			
AOV	.....	None	None

SCOTTISH STRAIGHT EAR – SHORTHAIRED DIVISION

Solid Color	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn)</i>			
Tabby	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>[All colors and combinations of colors with the addition of a Tabby Pattern (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked and patched)]</i>			
Tabby & White	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>[All Tabby Colors and Combinations of Colors in any Tabby Pattern (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked and patched)] with the addition of white)]</i>			
Parti-Color & Bi-Color	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell & White, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell & White, Cinnamon Tortoiseshell, Cinnamon Tortoiseshell & White, Calico, Dilute Calico, Blue-Cream, Blue-Cream & White, Lilac-Cream, Lilac- Cream & White, Fawn-Cream, Fawn-Cream & White, Pointed & White, and all established solid colors with the addition of white)</i>			
Pointed	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(All colors and patterns combined with the Pointed Pattern, excluding Pointed & White)</i>			
Other Scottish Fold Colors	.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(Any Other Color or Combination of Colors and Patterns)</i>			
AOV	.....	None	None

RATIONALE: For the last 2 years Scottish straights have been shown all over the world/regions and in many numbers and in various color classes. They have become a popular addition to the CFA judging bench and are supported by registration numbers as well as numbers shown. By separating them into color classes, this brings us in line with the Folded Ear cats, which already have separate color classes defined.

Wilson: #4, also a show rule, would create color classes for the Straight Eared division mimicking the Folded Ear division, so it would be the Solid Color, Tabby, Tabby and White, Parti-Color and Bi-Color, Pointed, Other Scottish Fold Colors and they don't want to have an AOV class. So, the Scottish Longhair Straight Ears would have the same color class divisions as the Scottish Fold Longhairs, and the same for the shorthair Straight Eared and Folded Ear.

Mastin: Marilee, any comments? **Griswold:** Yes. The numbers for these, I had to go through and pick them out myself, one by one, because they aren't broken into color classes obviously so far. We had 20 shown in the Solid Color division, 33 in the Tabby division, 123 in the Tabby & White division, the Parti-Color/Bi-Color was 41. We had 8 Pointed Straights shown and then in the Other Scottish Fold Colors we had 29. So, I think we show that we have enough to support the color classes. Essentially what we're doing is just taking the Scottish Straight, mimicking the divisions and the color classes of the Folded Ear. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Marilee, do you have any closing comments at all to the board? **Griswold:** No, that's it. I do appreciate it. I hope that you guys can support the Straights. They have been out in droves over the last year and a half or so and I've been pretty excited about it, so thank you very much. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining us. **Wilson:** One thing I would like to bring up is, maybe we need to stop calling the Straight Ears "Scottish Folds". Is there any way the breed council can come up with a name for the breed that isn't "Scottish Fold Straight"? **Griswold:** That's an interesting question. I think probably the breed council would support it, but I don't know, would it actually be a different breed? I mean, how would we go about accomplishing that? **Wilson:** For example, in your new division Scottish Straight Ear – Shorthair Division, you have Other Scottish Fold Colors as a color class, so there's a conflict there and you should probably fix that next time. You would just discuss it amongst yourselves, ballot it next year. If it passes, it would come to the board and we would be here again discussing it, but what do you call them, Scottish? **Griswold:** I know in the other organizations they call them Scottish Straights. It's kind of it's own little separate breed. **Wilson:** That's better than "Scottish Fold Straight Ear", which is a big oxymoron, so something to think about for next year's ballot. **Griswold:** OK, sounds great.

SELKIRK REX

Breed Council Secretary: Laura Barber

Total Members: 10

Ballots Received: 9

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 9

50% of Voting: 5

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSED: Remove the current date of 12/31/2024 for registering kittens from British Shorthair outcrosses and extend for another 10 years to 12/31/2034. This is a change to the registration rules and an update to the wording following the color classes in the Standard.

Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds: Persian for kittens born before January 1, 2020; British Shorthair or Exotic for kittens born before January 1, 2025; British Shorthair for kittens born before January 1, 2035. Selkirk Rex kittens born on or after January 1, 2025 2035 must have only Selkirk Rex parents.

RATIONALE: The purpose of extending the British Shorthair outcross is to continue to expand the Selkirk Rex gene pool and to encourage international participation in propagating and exhibiting this breed. Outcrossing to Exotics is no longer needed, as these crosses were only used initially to develop elements of type in the breed. We are asking for the deadline to outcross to British Shorthair to be extended for an additional ten (10) years. Worldwide, CFA registers the largest number of Selkirk Rex, with a spike in registrations for 2021 of 68% year-over-year. However, even with this recent increase, less than 500 individual cats are registered each year (less than 300 a year prior to 2021). The Selkirk Rex has been recently accepted for Championship status by GCCF and FIFE (2009 and 2017, respectively) and the British Shorthair (and British Longhair) are allowable outcrosses in those associations. Extending this outcross would encourage registration and exhibition of this internationally rapidly growing breed in CFA.

Wilson: We have Laura Barber. **Tartaglia:** We have Laura Barber. We do not have Laura Gregory. **Wilson:** OK, let's go to the Selkirk then. There is only one proposal, then we'll go back to the Ragamuffin. We're going to do Selkirk. **Mastin:** Who is on with us? **Wilson:** Laura Barber. **Mastin:** Laura Barber, can you hear us? **Tartaglia:** She must have dropped off. Oh, here she is. I'm sorry. **Mastin:** Laura, can you hear us? **Tartaglia:** She's on mute. **Mastin:** Laura, you're on mute. **Barber:** OK, I'm unmuted. Hello, how is everybody? I appreciate the British Shorthair people including us in their thought process earlier on that Proposal #10. That has been very, very kind. Thank you Cyndy, thank you breed council, thank you board. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining us. **Annette?** **Wilson:** Yes. The Selkirk Rex passed one registration rule and it is to extend the outcross to the British Shorthairs for another 10 years, to 12/31/2034. **Barber:** 2035. **Wilson:** 2034. **Dunham:** There's a conflict in that. It says 2034 in one place and 2035 in another. **Shelton:** The current date for the extension ends in 2025 [inaudible, multiple speakers]. **[Secretary's Note:** The cut-off ends one minute after midnight, January 1, 2035.] **Wilson:** The British Shorthair, as we just heard, agreed to it. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions?

Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. **Barber:** Thank you very much for this. **Mastin:** Thank you for attending. **Barber:** You're welcome. It's very important.

SIBERIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Iris Zinck

Total Members: 14

Ballots Received: 11

[from after Japanese Bobtail Breed Council Ballot] **Wilson:** So, we will go to the Lykoi. Oh, were we going to talk about how we are going to advance them? **Morgan:** What about Siberians? **Wilson:** We have to wait for Iris to be on. She will be on at 5:00. **Hannon:** We may not be here at 5:00. **Wilson:** I know, but if they set up the Toybobs, we can jump to that. **Hannon:** And then go to dinner. **Wilson:** I am comfortable presenting it, but she was adamant she wanted to present it. **Roy:** Can somebody call her and see if she is available earlier? **Wilson:** She is in Malaysia. I mean, I can try messaging her. Yes, we can do other things.



Mastin: Iris, can you hear me? We cannot hear you, Iris. **Zinck:** There, how about now? **Mastin:** We can now. Thank you for joining us. **Zinck:** Good morning from Malaysia. I realize that you have all been through a very long day with a lot of things to consider. I'm not going to go over every detail of this presentation, but we are going to run through it so you get a look at

these cats before we discuss the wording of the proposed color description for the standard. So, we had to discuss both goldens and Bimetallics, even though it's the Bimetallics that are new, because it's necessary to understand that we're dealing with a different gene on the goldens than what had previously been thought. So, do you want to advance it, Allene?

THE GOLDEN TABBY SIBERIAN



- In 2021 and 2022, researchers identified 3 recessive variants of the CORIN gene that produce golden or coppery colors in cats. Two of these variants, *wb⁵⁰* and *wb⁵¹*, correlate with the Siberian colors identified by other registries as "sunshine" and "extreme sunshine."
- We now know that the golden color in most Siberians is produced by these CORIN variants, which makes them genetically different from the golden colors seen in other breeds, such as Persians. The sunshine goldens have tabby markings that are a rich, golden brown – NOT black.
- Since the Siberian color description for golden variants was based on the golden-coated Persians, who have black tabby markings, the current golden description does not accurately describe the majority of golden Siberians.

Zinck: What you see there are two slightly different variants of this golden gene which was only isolated in 2021 and is distinctly different from the golden gene that we see in the Persian. It's important to understand that the original golden tabby description that went into the Siberian standard was adapted from the Persian, as so many color descriptions are, and we discovered to our surprise at a show where there were 4 different golden tabbies from different lines being shown, that not a single one of them had black markings. They were all a rich brown, and so that's the genesis of this proposed change. The Corin gene or sunshine gene also produces a cat that does not have nose liner. If you go to the next slide, you will see that.

OTHER KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Nose leather is rose, and typically does not have black outlining, however, it MIGHT possibly occur in a cat with Persian ancestry

Paw pads are black

Tabby markings become less prominent as cats mature; this is a characteristic of the CORIN gene. While the standard states "Strong colors and clear patterns are desirable" the less intense markings on older golden tabbies should not be considered a "penalize." (Color is only 2 points in the Siberian standard.)



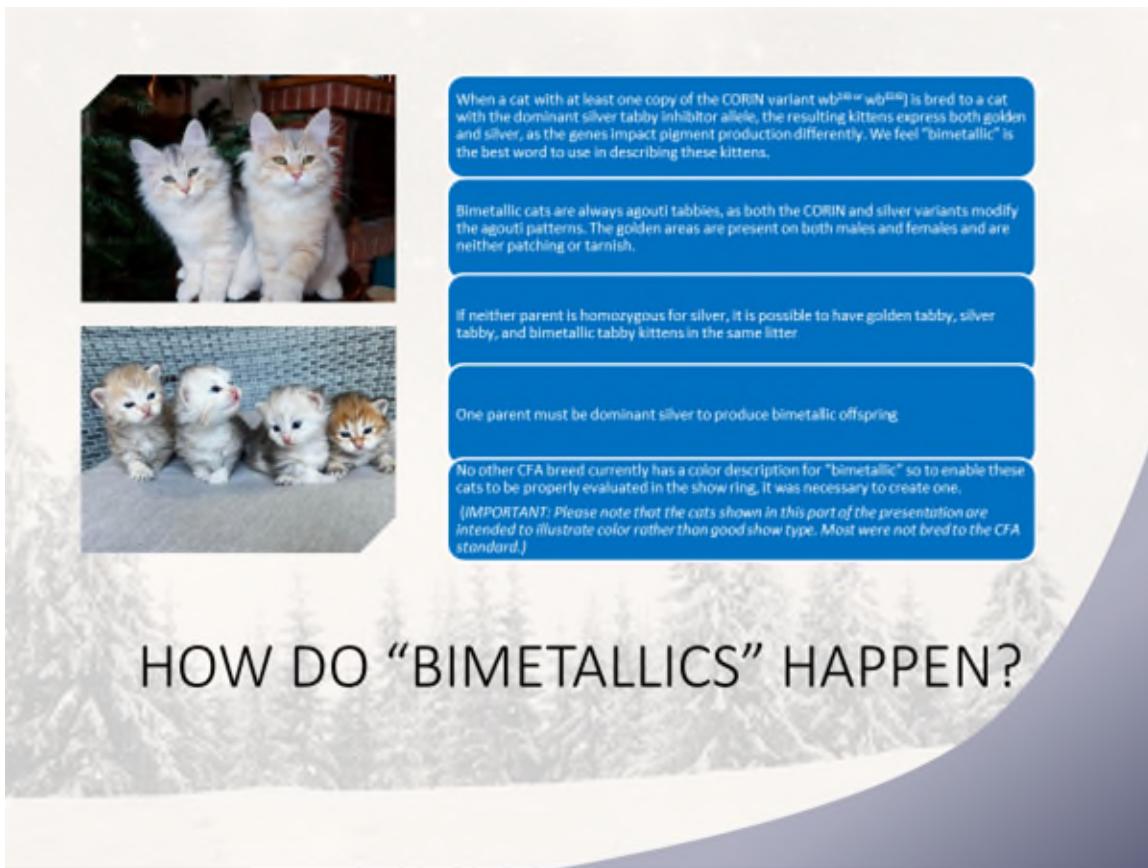
PROPOSED GOLDEN TABBY DESCRIPTION

- Because only a 3-generation pedigree of allowed colors is required for Siberians, other golden variants are likely present in the Siberian gene pool, including the black-tipped variant found in Persians and Persian outcrosses. We have chosen to be inclusive with an EXPANDED golden description that covers all golden variants and not create multiple descriptions:
- GOLDEN TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ground color rich golden. Undercoat pale honey to bright apricot. Markings **dense black** **may range from rich brown to black**, affording a good contrast with ground color, and vary in intensity as the cat matures. **Nose leather: rose, with or without darker outlining.** **Paw pads: black.**



Zinck: These cats have distinct pink noses without the black outlining, and their markings tend to become less distinct as the cat matures. It's a characteristic of the gene. It's not a fault. So, what we've done, because of the fact that we only have a 3 generation requirement and that does give us room for a lot of foundation cats in the further generations back, it is very

possible that we could see a golden tabby Siberian that does have black markings, that does have nose liners. I personally have not seen any but I don't want to exclude them. We wanted to simply adapt the wording that we had so that it correctly described the majority of the cats that are being shown. We are getting quite a lot of golden tabbies being shown now. That's basically all there is to this part of the presentation, so we can move on.



When a cat with at least one copy of the CORIN variant $wb^{200}wb^{200}$ is bred to a cat with the dominant silver tabby inhibitor allele, the resulting kittens express both golden and silver, as the genes impact pigment production differently. We feel "bimetallic" is the best word to use in describing these kittens.

Bimetallic cats are always agouti tabbies, as both the CORIN and silver variants modify the agouti patterns. The golden areas are present on both males and females and are neither patching or tarnish.

If neither parent is homozygous for silver, it is possible to have golden tabby, silver tabby, and bimetallic tabby kittens in the same litter.

One parent must be dominant silver to produce bimetallic offspring.

No other CFA breed currently has a color description for "bimetallic" so to enable these cats to be properly evaluated in the show ring, it was necessary to create one.

(IMPORTANT: Please note that the cats shown in this part of the presentation are intended to illustrate color rather than good show type. Most were not bred to the CFA standard.)

HOW DO “BIMETALLICS” HAPPEN?

Zinck: You all have copies of this presentation so you can read it in depth if there are any concerns, but once you understand that there is this different gene involved, it then becomes apparent that it's not a variant of the silver gene at all, and so it can coexist in the same cat with the silver gene, and that's where we get a Bimetallic. If we could move on to the next slide, this gives you the genetic background of how a Bimetallic happens. They are not new to the breed. I actually got one myself in the middle of COVID and I didn't know what it was. I thought it was a very bad, very tarnished shaded silver, despite the fact that it had distinct golden tabby markings, but we didn't have the information. The gene hadn't been isolated yet. I just registered it as a shaded silver and petted it out. We do have in our current standard a note that there is no penalty for tarnishing, which I attribute to the fact that these cats have actually been around for quite a long time without anyone understanding exactly what they were. It does mean there's a lot of pedigrees out there that have incorrect color descriptions because people wanted to get their cats registered and they didn't quite know what to call them, but if you understand that we have this new and different golden gene that can coexist with silver and produce golden and silver together in the same cat, then hopefully it all makes sense.

Silver bimetallic mackerel tabby mother on top, age 1 ½, with silver bimetallic spotted tabby son, age 4 mos., on bottom. These cats typically have silver markings on their top heads and backs, which transition to golden on the lower part of the head, chest and underside. The golden coloration becomes deeper and richer with age.



WHAT DO BIMETALLICS LOOK LIKE?

Zinck: In the next slide you see a mother and son of Bimetallics. The tabby markings in the mother, who is obviously older, are less distinct. The son has much more pronounced tabby markings, but in that picture he is only 4 months old and his markings are already becoming less distinct. So, we can move on.

PROPOSED BIMETALLIC DESCRIPTION



BIMETALLIC COLORS: a unique expression of the agouti gene that gives the appearance of a silver and gold combination with darker tipping (shaded) or tabby markings in all recognized patterns (shaded, tabby, bicolors, pointed). All bimetallic cats have a white to off-white undercoat and appear primarily silver with distinct areas of pale gold. Tipping or tabby markings will range from black in the silver areas of the coat to rich brown within the golden areas. Body markings tend to become less prominent with age and a mature tabby may appear shaded; head and facial markings should be the deciding factor. **Nose/leather:** pink to rose with no outlining. **Paw pads:** black desirable.



MORE BIMETALLICS. . .

Zinck: I do want to make the point that most of the cats that you're seeing in this part of the presentation are chosen to show you the variety of colors that fall under the Bimetallic description, rather than examples of good show type, because most of them are not bred to the CFA standard. Most of them are from overseas. The important part of the standard wording is that we have two different pieces of tabby markings; one with the black tabby markings that you get in a silver and one with the rich brown markings that you get in the previously-mentioned golden. So, I just wanted to show you some pictures.

BIMETALLICS in OTHER “FLAVORS”

Blue shaded silver bimetallic



Seal silver bimetallic lynx point



Silver bimetallic mackerel tabby with white



Zinck: We also have Bimetallics with white, with dilute and with the pointed gene.

Chinchilla Silver Bimetallic	Chinchilla Blue-Silver Bimetallic	Shaded Silver Bimetallic	Shaded Blue-Silver Bimetallic	Silver Bimetallic Classic Tabby
Silver Bimetallic Mackerel Tabby	Silver Bimetallic Spotted Tabby	Silver Bimetallic Ticked Tabby	Blue-Silver Bimetallic Classic Tabby	Blue-Silver Bimetallic Mackerel Tabby
Blue-Silver Bimetallic Spotted Tabby	Blue-Silver Bimetallic Ticked Tabby	Seal Silver Bimetallic Lynx Point [including silver & shaded],	Blue Silver Bimetallic Lynx Point [including silver & shaded]	

All of the above may occur with or without white

BIMETALLIC COLOR POSSIBILITIES

Zinck: Annette and Paul Patton and Allene and I worked through all the colors that we felt were currently acceptable. There are some other color possibilities that we think could happen, but nobody has seen them, nobody has seen any examples of them yet, so this list may be expanded.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

- The colors under discussion, golden and bimetallic, are NOT “new colors” but have been present in Siberians since they were first accepted in CFA. Because accurate color descriptions did not exist, they have been registered – and in some cases, shown – with inaccurate color descriptions. Consequently, “impossible” colored offspring may call into question a kitten’s pedigree when the pedigree is accurate and only the color description is incorrect.
- These colors are not EXCLUDED by the Siberian standard, which allows “any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing hybridization” (i.e. chocolate or lilac/lavender). Recent research into the CORIN golden variants clearly demonstrates that these colors are not the result of recent hybridization. Please note also the Siberian standard allocates only 2 points for color.
- The discovery of the CORIN gene and its variants has led to recognition and color change descriptions in WCF, FIFE, and TICA thus far.

Zinck: Our rationale for this change is simply, it’s a unique color, unique to the breed. I have looked everywhere that I could, and I could not find another association that had a written description for Bimetallic. The cats are out there, they are being shown and we needed to provide something to help judges figure out what they were supposed to be seeing. The proposed standard has been tested.

Male Bi-Metallic Siberian



Zinck: I have been showing to judges as I've been showing one particular Bimetallic cat and I've gotten a lot of positive feedback on it, and here we have the cat.

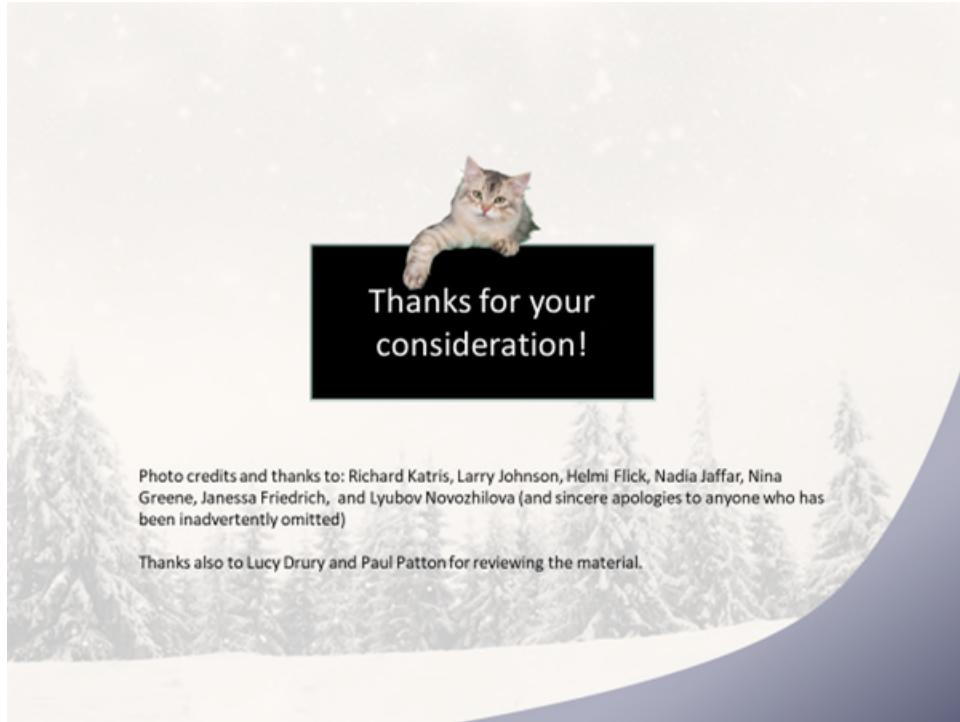


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Thanks also to Lucy Drury and Paul Patton for reviewing the material.

Zinck: That is basically all we have to the presentation. I want to thank everybody that helped me out with pictures and thank you all for your attention and consideration. **Mastin:** Thank you Iris. I'm going to turn this over to Annette. **Wilson:** Thank you Iris, not just for the presentation but for being up in the middle of the night to present this.

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 11

60% of Voting: 7

YES: 11

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

PROPOSAL 1: Adjust wording of the Golden Tabby color description to reflect the look of these cats more accurately, which were extremely rare when the description was drafted but are now becoming more common.

GOLDEN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked): ground color rich golden. Undercoat pale honey to bright apricot. Markings ~~dense black~~ may range from rich brown to black, affording a good contrast with ground color, and vary in intensity as the cat matures. **Nose leather:** rose, with or without darker outlining. **Paw pads:** black.

RATIONALE: The discovery of the “sunshine” or Corin gene two years ago has established that golden tabby Siberians may have two different genetic profiles. The “sunshine” goldens are distinguished by markings that are brown rather than black, and they do not have nose liner. Traditional golden tabbies do have black markings and nose liner.

The ground color and undercoat for both types of golden tabby are similar, and the patterns on both tend to become less intense on more mature cats. CFA is not a genetic registry and we do not consider it necessary to break out the “sunshine” cats into a separate color description or class when they have so much in common in terms of phenotype. With these adjustments, the Golden Tabby description will apply to both types of golden tabby and prevent the “sunshine” tabbies from being penalized for their lighter markings.

Wilson: The first Standard Change then, which passed the breed council, is to change the wording of Golden Tabby to reflect the effect that the sunshine or Corin gene has on the Golden Tabbies. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? **Morgan:** Just a comment. I had the opportunity to see the Bimetallic Siberian that has been out, I think primarily in Region 1. I loved reading this presentation. I thought it was really nicely put together. I find the whole thing fascinating. I finally feel better about the fact that the Siberian standard says that tarnish is allowed. It has always bugged me as a silver breeder, but now I think this is cool. It's really beautiful. Again, I like the fact that this gives us an opportunity to provide a description and lets us know what we are seeing is allowed and gives us a feel of what we should be looking for. I think they have done a really great job here. **Zinck:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Other questions or comments? **Wilson:** First we are talking about the Golden Tabby. **Morgan:** Yeah, but it brings in the Corin effect, as well, so I'm just talking about the whole thing. **Roy:** I'm going to agree with Melanie. It's amazing, if you have a chance to see that Bimetallic. We had it in the Vermont show in the breed showcase. It's like nothing you have ever seen, and it's gorgeous. **DelaBar:** I have judged the Bimetallics in the Czech Republic. They have breeders who are trying for homozygous Bimetallics in the Siberians. It's very, very attractive. **Wilson:** Can I move that we pass the standard change for the Golden Tabby? **Mastin:** That's what we're working on, right? **Wilson:** But we're not working on it. **Mastin:** It's your motion. Any other questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 10
60% of Voting: 6

YES: 10

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

PROPOSAL 2: Insert a new color heading and description (at end after the Blue Silver Lynx Point color description) to represent the Bimetallics. Cats of this color are currently being shown without a description.

BIMETALLIC COLORS: a unique expression of the agouti gene that gives the appearance of a silver and gold combination with darker tipping (shaded) or tabby markings in all recognized patterns (shaded, tabby, bi-colors, pointed). All Bimetallic cats have a white to off-white undercoat and appear primarily silver with distinct areas of pale gold. Tipping or tabby markings will range from black in the silver areas of the coat to rich brown within the golden areas. Body markings tend to become less prominent with age and a mature tabby may appear shaded; head and facial markings should be the deciding factor. **Nose leather:** pink to rose with no outlining. **Paw pads:** black desirable.

RATIONALE: Exhibitors have encountered many questions from judges. It appears that judges would benefit from a written description to aid them in visualizing and appreciating the Bimetallic cats; in fact, some have tried to disqualify these cats because the standard did NOT include a description. We realize the number of Bimetallics is still relatively small, but their popularity is growing because they are so unique and we would like to have a more welcoming environment awaiting them in the show ring. A written description would help accomplish this.

Wilson: And now – now – Standard Change #2 which also passed the breed council by 60% is the color description for the Bimetallics, which I agree are unique, interesting and very cool. So moved. **Currie:** Second. **Mastin:** We have a standing second, so we already have it. Any more comments? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Iris, congratulations and thank you for attending. **Zinck:** Thank you, and thanks to Annette for all of her hard work on all of these breeds. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Iris.

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Cyndee Hill

Total Members: 11

Ballots Received: 8

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 8

50% of Voting: 4

YES: 7

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Remove the current date of 12/31/2023 for registering kittens from DRX/ASH/DSH outcross and extend for another 10 years for all approved outcrossing breeds to 12/31/2033. This is a change to the registration rules and an update to the wording following the color classes in the Standard.

PROPOSED: Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after ~~December 31, 2023~~ December 31, 2033 may have only Sphynx parents. Coated Sphynx are registered for breeding only.

RATIONALE: The purpose of bringing in the outcross, was to broaden the Sphynx gene pool and improve stamina and health. We are asking for the deadline to be extended for 10 years. These outcrosses are still vital to the sphynx breed and many breeding programs. With the recent identification of the ALMS1 HCM gene in the breed, it's important to allow outcrossing so breeders can work through removing cats that carry the HCM gene slowly from their breeding program so that the gene pool remains diverse. The Sphynx gene pool is still limited due to the fact Sphynx are still considerably rare (there have only been a small handful of naturally born naked cats). A carefully designed outcross program introduces new gene pools and thereby will increase the overall health of the Sphynx breed.

Wilson: Cyndee Hill is not going to be on the call and I will present it. This is a Registration Rule that passed the Sphynx breed council extending the outcross for 10 years for Devon Rex, American Shorthair and domestic shorthair. As we heard earlier, the Devon Rex and the American Shorthairs voted to approve this. So moved. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

TOYBOB (MISCELLANEOUS)

Breed Committee Chair: Giselle Guerriero

Total Members: 3

Ballots Received: 3

Mastin: We are going to go back to Annette. **Wilson:** Can I have a few minutes to chat with them? **Mastin:** You want to chat with them? **Wilson:** Yes, just to see what – **Mastin:** Go ahead. [A brief break ensued.] Are you ready? **Wilson:** Yes. So, what we're going to do is, we're going to go through the Toybob standard changes with Gigi, the committee chair, and then if we have time we will go down and see the cats. She can do her presentation, but we have to be back here then – they are down in the Erie Room – at 5:00 for the Siberian presentation. If it doesn't look like we're going to have time to go down there, see the cats and get a presentation, then we can cycle back there for that after. **Mastin:** After the Siberian presentation. **Wilson:** Right, sorry. **Mastin:** And also when we present the advancement, we have to go into executive session. **Wilson:** After we see the cats. **Mastin:** Right, after we see them. That's correct. **Wilson:** This is Gigi Guerriero. She is the committee chair for the Toybob. Margo Hill was the previous committee chair and she is the president of the Toybob club. OK, so we're going to go through your standard changes first, if you want to come up here Gigi. **Mastin:** Please come to the table. **Wilson:** The way it will work is, we will go through each change to the standard, and then the board if they have any questions will ask questions and maybe discuss it, and we will vote on each one individually. Scroll down to Toybob (Miscellaneous) in the standard changes. **Anger:** Around page 140.

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 2

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 1: Update the Point Score for Eyes, Ears, Profile, and Neck. Update and remove the repetitive sentence in the General Description.

HEAD (40)

Shape.....	10
Eyes.....	<u>9-10</u>
Ears	<u>5-4</u>
Chin.....	3

Muzzle	3
Nose	1
Profile	<u>7-6</u>
Neck.....	3

BODY (40)

Torso.....	10
Legs.....	4
Feet	2
Tail.....	10
Boning.....	7
Musculature	7

COAT (20)

Length.....	8
Texture.....	10
Color of Coat and Eyes.....	2

GENERAL: The Toybob is a naturally small, bobtailed cat primarily developed in Russia. The Toybob name is derived from two words, where “Toy” is meant to describe a playful small-sized cat breed, and “bob” refers to a bobbed tail. Toybobs have compact, muscular bodies with short bobbed tails consisting of several one or more kinked vertebrae. The Toybob body should not look nor feel refined or delicate. The cat's bobbed tail is unique to the breed and due to a spontaneous natural mutation(s) that appeared in feral cats native to Russia. Despite their small size, they are active and playful. Toybobs reach full maturity at 1.5 years, with little to no size difference between both sexes, and ideally should retain a kitten-like appearance as adults.

~~The Toybob is a small cat with proportionally balanced features, medium muscularity, and bone structure. The cat's bobbed tail is owed to a natural mutation(s) found in native cats from Russia.~~

RATIONALE: Remove the duplicate wording (2nd paragraph) from the General Description and combine into one sentence; clarify tail, add sentence regarding size and appearance.

Wilson: The first change is to update the point score for Eyes, Ears, Profile and Neck. Update and remove the repetitive sentence in the General Description. So, the Toybob has broken down the point score, which is at the top of the standard, in the usual Head, Body and so on, but they have taken each subheading and broken it down further. So, they are making some slight changes. They are adding a point to Eyes, they are taking a point from Ears, from Profile, and then in the General description, there was a repetitive paragraph in there so they are removing that and adding that the Toybob tail consist of, instead of several kinked vertebrae, *one or more kinked vertebrae* and adding that they *reach full maturity at 1.5 years, with little to no size difference between both sexes, and ideally should retain a kitten-like appearance as adults.* So moved. **Mastin:** OK, questions? Discussion or comments? Do you want to add any comments? **Hill:** Yes, just to clarify some items because as we transferred the standards originally from WCF, it was really broken down into very simple way of defining the points and not always, I should say leaving a lot of room for discussion and interpretation of the standard, so our way to update the standard is to really clarify some issues or feedback that the judges had. So, we actually collected the entire feedback by showing the cats over the four years and implementing them into the standards to make them more clear and understandable, to be able

for the judges to judge and address those important issues or important future of the cat. It wasn't really changes to the standard. I think some judges had the perception it was just adding more clarification to the points and the specific features of every single part of the body of the cat.

Mastin: Thank you for that information. Annette, do you have any comments or questions?

Wilson: No, but it's considered a change to the standard, so we have to vote on this. **Hill:** Yes.

Mastin: OK, so just as a reminder, Annette you have a standing motion on all of these and Rachel has a standing second. **Wilson:** Right. **Mastin:** Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously. Congratulations.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 2: Update Head Shape and Muzzle sections.

Head Shape: medium-sized modified wedge with rounded contours and a flat plane above the eyebrows. Head is slightly longer than broader with rounded cheekbones curved inward to mid-muzzle, to create a slight whisker pinch and ending in a short, gently rounded square muzzle. Jowls are often prominent in adult males.

Muzzle: relatively short, square-shaped in appearance rounded with gentle gently rounded contours following the wedge line in proportion to the face.

Wilson: Standard Change #2 updates the Head Shape and Muzzle sections. It added the word *square* in front of muzzle and after gently rounded, so *ending in a short, gently rounded square muzzle* and says that *Jowls are often prominent in adult males*. So, it adds the word *often*. Then for Muzzle which is also separately identified, it was called out. It says, *relatively short, square-shaped in appearance with gently rounded contours*, so it takes out *rounded with gentle contours* and adds *square shaped in appearance with gently rounded contours*. So moved.

Morgan: I appreciate the fact that putting together a standard that makes sense for all of us, especially when you're getting all sorts of sometimes-conflicting input, is a labor of love and I thank you for all of that. I am not sure that this clarifies what I would be looking for in Head Shape or Muzzle. In fact, for me it's more confusing. I've never seen a square that was round, and using words like *relatively*, to me, makes me uncomfortable, so I'm not real comfortable with this revision in terms of the fact that it's actually clarifying what I'm supposed to be seeing when I turn around and look in a cage at head structure. **Wilson:** I agree. Gigi and I talked about this, that round and square are two opposite ends of geometry. **Guerriero:** I'm sorry, but you can have a square head from – **Wilson:** OK, let me finish. So, while I don't have as much of an issue with the whole heading being maybe square shaped in appearance – although that's not what I'm seeing. I'm seeing rounded muzzles – not round muzzles, but rounded muzzles – and I'm not seeing square muzzles on the cat. So, I personally can't support this. I think if you mean the muzzle is defined by being square but the corners are rounded, it needs to say that, but I'm not

sure you could draw a picture of all three of those different things very well. **Mastin:** Questions? Comments?

Mastin: Would you like to respond? **Hill:** Would there be another word to describe it, like boxy? **Wilson:** I thought it was fine the way it was before we changed it. Boxy would be better. What I think you mean is that there's a definition from the muzzle, but squared isn't the way to say that. So, we could help you with that maybe next time with some ideas [inaudible, multiple speakers]. **Hill:** Is this something that should be left alone for now? **Mastin:** Do you want to withdraw this, or do you want me to call on the motion. **Hill:** Let's just vote on it.

Mastin: Annette, do you agree? **Wilson:** First of all, I can't hear you. **Hill:** OK, I'm sorry.

Wilson: I don't think we withdraw standard changes, do we? We vote them up or down. **Mastin:** Alright, any additional comments? **Currlle:** Can this be amended? **Mastin:** No. **Wilson:** If we voted it down, it is still going to say *Jowls are prominent in adult males*. We all understand jowls and I think it still reads OK. It would be *short, with gently rounded contours following the wedge line in proportion to the face*. When you start bringing in a wedge in addition to square, then we've got too many shapes going on. **Mastin:** OK, I'll call the motion. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Hayata voting yes. Webb, Calhoun, Roy, Currlle and Anger abstained.

Mastin: All those opposed raise your hand. Yukiko Hayata, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Pam Moser, Mark Hannon, Paula Noble, Cathy Dunham, Carol Krzanowski, Mike Shelton, Pam DelaBar. If you're an abstention raise your hand. Russell Webb, Kathy Calhoun, Sharon Roy, Kenny Currlle and Rachel Anger. Yukiko, are you a yes, no or abstention? **Hayata:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Wilson:** It won't change. The motion is to accept this change. We're back to standard changes. If you support the standard change, you vote yes; if you don't, you vote no. **Hannon:** No. **Anger:** So, that's 1 yes, 12 no, 4 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails, so we go back to what the standard is. **Wilson:** Actually, since we're going to be looking at the cats later, that would be your chance to look at them and come up with some ideas.

3 – STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3
60% of Voting: 2

YES: 2

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 3: Update Eyes, Ears, Profile, Neck, Torso descriptions.

Eyes: must be large to very large, expressive, and rounded in shape with a slight upward slant. The line across the outer corners of the eye leads to the outer base of the ear. A wide set is preferred. The big-eyed expression is what gives the Toybob its sweet-faced look.

Ears: medium tall, high on the head, one ear width apart at the base. Matured males may have more width between the ear bases. Ears must be as tall as wide, with rounded tips; they should be slightly tilted forward.

Profile: distinctly curved profile with a dip from the forehead to the nose at the mid-eye level. A definite stop is not allowed. A full forehead is preferable.

Neck: short, and thick, with an almost no-neck appearance. Allowance should be made for longer necks in kittens.

Torso: small and compact with a solid chest. A broad rib cage and slight depth of flank add to the solidness of the overall body balance. Back is almost straight when viewed from the side when the cat is in natural walking position. A primordial pouch is common and may appear prominent on their compact body; this is not a sign of obesity.

Wilson: Standard Change #3 updates the Eyes, Ears, Profile, Neck and Torso description. Originally this was one whole, huge re-do of the standard. We broke it into parts for this very reason, in case something fails, but at some point how many parts can you break it into? Eyes must be large and what they have added is *to very large*. They have added, *A wide set is preferred*. Ears, they removed the words *high on the head*. They left *one ear width apart at the base*, added *Matured males may have more width between the ear bases*. In Profile, they added a phrase, *A full forehead is preferable*. To Neck, they removed *and* from *short and thick*, and now it will read, *short, thick with an almost no-neck appearance*. In Torso they added a sentence at the end, *A primordial pouch is common and may appear prominent on their compact body; this is not a sign of obesity*. So moved.

Mastin: Questions? **Morgan:** There is a type-o in Ear bases. I don't think you can fix it though. Am I right? **Wilson:** I don't know what you mean because I can't hear you. **Morgan:** Look between the ear base, but it's *ear bases*. I don't think you can fix it. **Wilson:** Can you come and point it out to me? *Between the ear bases*. **Tartaglia:** It should be *ear base*. **Wilson:** *Matured males may have more width between* the bases of the ear, which is the ear bases. I'm not changing it. There's nothing to change. It may not be the – **Morgan:** OK, so back to – I'm mostly supportive of these changes. I have a little bit of an issue of the comment, *this is not a sign of obesity*. I would hope that our judges can determine what is obesity or not, and what a *primordial pouch* is, so I'm not a fan of putting instructions like that in the standard, but not enough to not support this. **DelaBar:** I have a few problems of the way they're talking about the ear set. It is a higher ear set, and one ear width apart takes us back to the Maine Coon standard. If you're basing it upon the breadth of the ear at the base, if you look at the pictures in the hand-out, the ear set does not match what's being stated on the requested change to the standard. The ears are different. You're not looking at a Siamese-type ear set or a Birman-type ear set. This is really rather unique.

Mastin: Additional questions? Comments? Do you have any comments? **Hill:** I was just going to comment. Now you can see what we were going through. A lot of judges questioned the same thing over and over. One judge would say, "they are not high on the head so this should be removed", or "maybe you should use this and this" on the specific description. It is a unique-looking cat and therefore we were going back and forth with the changes, so please feel free to look at the cats and come up with some better description that will be universal. **Mastin:** Annette, do you have any closing comments? **Wilson:** No. I think I would actually be alright with this, because as you look at them, "high on the head" to me means Cornish Rex. These aren't that high, but in some cases they are less than an ear's width apart at the base. I think we haven't maybe seen enough of them yet, but again maybe that's some additional adjustments

down the road. I actually like taking out “high on the head” because I see more of these not having ears high on the head. They’re not low either. **DelaBar:** I have judged at least 30 to 50 of these in Russia. **Wilson:** Were they entered in a CFA show? **DelaBar:** No, they were entered in an ASC show where I was guest judging. The ear set is basically what they have pictured here on these examples. **Wilson:** The pictures [inaudible]. We could argue this all day. **DelaBar:** OK, but I want it known that we’re not just looking at a cat that we have to all of a sudden be acquainted with. Several of us have handled many of these. **Mastin:** OK, I’m going to call for the vote. **Guerriero:** Can I make a comment? **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Guerriero:** The cats that you handled in Russia – in Russia they used to do a lot of Thai outcrossing, so the ears a few years ago were a little higher on the head, but since they have been using domestics the ears have shifted more to what you are seeing in the photos. What you see here, you have never seen. **DelaBar:** May I answer? **Mastin:** OK, go ahead. **DelaBar:** I live in Finland, so I’m not going to Russia a lot lately, but when I was being taught about these cats, and I must admit that was the first time I had ever handled, especially a great amount of these cats, and they were all pointed. The Thais were not being used as outcrosses at the time. They were doing domestic to – **Wilson:** Maybe we could move on to the issue. **DelaBar:** Moving right along. **Mastin:** George, you are closing us out. Last comment. **Eigenhauser:** I’m going to vote yes anyway, but when you’re expressing a breed standard, don’t tell us what you’re breeding to and what you’re getting, tell us what you want in the idea cat. **Guerriero:** Right. I agree 100%. **Mastin:** OK, calling for the vote. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Noble abstained.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Curle, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata. All those opposed raise your hand. Any abstentions? Paula Noble. OK Rachel, when you are ready.

Anger: That’s 16 yes, zero no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3
60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 4: Update Legs/Feet and Tail descriptions

Legs/Feet: strong, medium in proportion to the body. Hind legs are slightly longer than front legs. Feet are rounded with elongated toes on the hind legs. Allowance for when unsure, hind legs may go toe-out; should not be taken as a fault.

Tail: bobbed with one or more kinks and curves in any combination, but also may be almost appear and feel straight. The tail minimum length is two vertebrae and the maximum length (without stretching) is down to the hock. The last bone may gently be felt to be pointed.

RATIONALE: Some clarifications to descriptions.

Wilson: Standard Change #4 updates the Legs/Fee and Tail descriptions. It adds a sentence to the end of the description for Legs and Feet to allow for *when unsure, hind legs may go toe-out; should not be taken as a fault*. The Tail will read, *bobbed with one or more kinks*, adding “one or more”, and then *but also may be almost appear and feel straight*. That’s all.

Mastin: Questions? **Morgan:** I have a major problem when you include instructions about toeing out and again how to judge in a standard. We all know that cats slip and slide on there. When you have a cat that’s cow hocked, there are ways to check it, but it certainly does not belong here in my opinion. I’m now totally confused about the tails, with this description. **DelaBar:** I was actually going to say, I like their description of the tail. I thought it was right on. **Hill:** I can comment about the tail. The kinks are very hard to [inaudible] so you literally have to pull the tail in order to feel the kinks. [inaudible] shown by just looking at the tail. It doesn’t necessarily tell you there’s a kink. It’s a dominant feature of the breed. If the judge doesn’t feel the tail, it will appear straight. **Mastin:** Any additional questions? **Eigenhauser:** I’m fine with the tail description, but like Melanie I have to comment on the changes to the Legs/Feet section. We don’t want cow hocked cats. You can say it’s not a fault, but it is. Giving an instruction that if you are unsure, that’s the judge’s work. That doesn’t necessarily belong in the breed standard. **Guerriero:** It was actually suggested by a judge. It’s in the Norwegian standard, and it was because he noticed that – **DelaBar:** The Forest Cat group right here. **Guerriero:** OK. Well, that’s what he put. **Shelton:** Addressing last things first, the Forest Cat standard specifically says the front legs will toe out, not the hind legs. Speaking as not a judge, I am confused even after your explanation when you are saying you have to pull on the tail to feel the kinks, it specifically says it may feel straight. If you have to feel the kinks, I don’t understand how feeling the kinks and feel straight go together. **Guerriero:** With this breed there’s a lot of variables with the tail. There is no consistency. Every tail is like a fingerprint. Some tails, especially from recent outcross lines, will have a more straighter feeling and even appearing tail, and then other tails you will get like a pom pom, you know, or you will just get some crazy hook. So, I mean, this is the best way to I guess let the judges know, you know, to break it down. There’s a lot of variables. You can’t hone in on one specific tail shape, because every cat is going to be unique when it comes to that. **Wilson:** I can live with the tail change or I can live with the way it was before. We should have separated those two things out, but I actually thought we put that with the feet not being in there. So, it’s awkwardly worded under Legs/Feet, but I do understand when you have a small, lightweight cat on a slippery table, they aren’t always real steady on their feet. I have noticed that when judging these cats. If it’s a mature cat and it’s fairly chunky then it will stand there, but if it’s a lighter, younger cat and they’re not cow hocked, they just don’t get their feet – Persians sometimes slip and slide on the table but they’ve got sturdier legs and they are lower to the ground, but I think we communicated when we were working on this, the way to handle this is to have the Judging Program send out some notices to the judges, “When you are judging Toybobs, make sure that they are four on the floor, they’re not slipping around on the table before you jump to conclusions.” I think that’s really the way to go. **Mastin:** Any other questions or comments? OK, I’m going to call the motion. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Mastin: Any abstentions? The motion fails. I don’t have to call for the no’s.

5 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 2

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 5: Update coat descriptions and format as shown to make the Shorthaired and Longhaired descriptions easier to differentiate in the Standard.

COAT - Texture/Length:

The Shorthaired Toybob coat is medium-short, soft, and slightly moderately plush, and slightly crisp to the touch, with medium density. The coat is rather resilient and not close lying to the body. The coat has developed undercoat where the topcoat is almost the same length as the undercoat. Stomach hair is shorter and softer, while fur texture on the spine area is slightly thicker and coarser. Overall texture can vary with coat color. Kittens can have a somewhat wooly coat. Allowances for slightly silkier texture should be made for colors: solid black, solid white, bi-colors and tabby patterns. Allowance should be made for minimal seasonal changes in coat density, texture, and length.

The Longhaired Toybob coat is semi-longhair to long in length and softer than the short-coated variety. The texture can vary with coat color. The topcoat is slightly longer in length than the undercoat, giving it a plushy but not too dense feel through the entire body. The coat has very minimal ruff if any over the whole cat's body with visible ears and feet furnishings. No ear tufts. Allowances for slightly silkier texture should be made for colors: solid black, solid white, bi-colors and tabby patterns. with a thick, plushy feel throughout the body. The coat is slightly shorter over the shoulders and may wave in the stomach area, ruff and britches. Heavy ruff is desirable. Tail coat is full and plumed. Ear furnishings and toe tufts are visible. No ear tufts. Allowance should be made for moderate seasonal changes in coat density, texture, and length.

RATIONALE: Clarify coat texture in both lengths.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Standard Change #5 is to update the Coat descriptions and format them to make the shorthair and the longhair descriptions easier to differentiate in the standard. They were run together before, so that's just a little bit of moving things around. So, under Coat – Texture/Length, the shorthaired Toybob coat, changing from *slightly plush* to *moderately plush*, adding *slightly crisp to the touch*. *Overall texture can vary with coat color.* *Allowance should be made for minimal seasonal changes in coat density, texture, and length.* The longhaired Toybob coat is then described separately, *semi-longhair to long in length*, *The texture can vary with coat color.* Then it describes, *Heavy ruff is desirable. Tail coat is full and plumed. Ear furnishings and toe tufts are visible. No ear tufts. Allowance should be made for moderate seasonal changes in coat density, texture, and length.* I think if you are going to put allowances in Coat, I think this is where it probably belongs. So moved. **Morgan:** While I agree that's where this should be, when you say *Overall texture can vary with coat color*, but you don't say which coat colors or whatever. It's just a statement out there that is thrown out there with no specifics for me, so I'm a little – I don't have a problem with this, per se, but I think it's about half way to where you really want to go. **Wilson:** Can you tell us how the coat color varies? **Guerriero:** Our conversations with judges, they told us that black cats seem to have a silkier coat, which is true. Certain colors do seem to affect the texture of the coat, so I feel that

especially since someone like Ms. DelaBar, who is more familiar with the pointed cats, maybe I feel it would be helpful that she knows that there are going to be coat texture changes with different colors and patterns. **Hannon:** I tend to think the judges would understand that, because certainly in other breeds – I worked for decades with Persians and Exotics – a black is generally silky, a cream is generally cottony. The judges are all familiar with this. I don't have a problem with you saying and pointing it out. I don't know if you need to, but I don't have a problem with it. **Guerriero:** Again, a lot of this is actually based on the feedback we were getting. You guys have a certain opinion of them with the judges we were conversing with at the shows, telling us, "you should put this in, you should do that," so for us it could get a little confusing. But, I do want to mention something. A lot of the changes aren't coming out of nowhere. A lot of the changes are actually trying to make the Russian standard more cohesive to this one, including the WCF standard, because our goal has always been to have more or less a universal standard where our Russian associates can work with our cats without having to worry, the ears are not right or this is not right. If everyone is working on a very similar standard, then it's just helpful overall. So, like I said, to reiterate, it's not like we are just trying to make changes on a whim also. It's based on the feedback we're getting from the judges and also trying to make the other standards and this one more cohesive. **Hill:** Regarding the colors, we had the conversation with many judges actually regarding adding the specific color description and we would have to come up with 12 different pages in the standard to describe basically every, single color, which I don't know at this time where the breed stands it's really necessary to do that. Someone actually mentioned that most of the judges will know the genetics, will know the background that a specific color will have some slight differences that we should be able to know when judging the cat. **DelaBar:** There is a definite difference in coat texture with the colors. Most of us who have been judging for years, you can feel it. Even with the shorthair cats, it's very evident. I know that some associations actually train their judges blindfolded saying, "feel the color." That statement doesn't bother me in the slightest. **Hill:** We understand that, but on the other hand we just don't want to add 12 different pages with every, single color. **Wilson:** When they say, they're actually changing this to say, *Overall texture can vary with coat color*. They are taking out, *Allowances for slightly silkier texture should be made for colors: solid black, solid white, bi-colors and tabby patterns*. So, they are taking out that list because it's not (1) comprehensive, and (2) it's not always the case. I think Mark is absolutely correct. We know that there's different textures for different colors, and I really don't think we're going to – they already do a really good job of describing their coat texture, and I don't think we have to list allowances. I think saying that the texture can vary with the coat color is sufficient. **Mastin:** Any other questions? **Shelton:** I have one question. Again, speaking as not a judge, this is more a question for the judges on the board about something that's in here. When it specifically says, *Ear furnishings ... are visible*, but then it says, *No ear tufts*. **Wilson:** Tufts are the tips of the ears. **Shelton:** I call those lynx tips. Ear tufts are what's on the inside of the ear. I have heard it both ways, Annette, and that's why I'm asking. Is there a general agreement on that? Because if there is, then this is fine but I don't know. **DelaBar:** Furnished, and that means the hair in the ears. **Shelton:** On the inside, OK. I've heard all those terms used but I don't know how judges are trained, so that's why I was asking. **Mastin:** Annette? **Wilson:** Call the vote. **Mastin:** I'm calling for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currel, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, George Eigenhauser, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata. I think that's everybody. **Anger:** It was unanimous. **Mastin:** That motion passed unanimously. **Anger:** With 17 yes, zero no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3
60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 6: Clarify lockets and small white spots. Allow blue eyes and odd-eyes in calico and bicolor patterns.

COAT COLOR/PATTERN: Every genetically possible color and pattern is allowed. Buttons, and lockets and/or small white spots are allowed without penalty. and are not considered bi-colors. Soundness of color and clarity of pattern is unimportant.

EYE COLOR: Eye colors shall be related to coat color. Eye colors can be green, aqua, gold, copper, yellow, or hazel; blue in solid white, calico, bi-color, van, and pointed; odd-eyed in solid white, calico, and bi-color, and van. All points being equal, preference should be given to the cat showing more vivid eye color.

RATIONALE: Update eye color section.

Mastin: OK Annette. **Wilson:** #6, Standard Change is to clarify lockets and small white spots, and allow blue eyes and odd eyes in calico and bi-color pattern. So, basically buttons, lockets and small white spots are not penalized and they are not considered bi-colors. They are judged as the main color of the cat. They are adding odd eye color and blue eye color in Eye Colors and calico pattern, and saying that, *everything being equal, preference should be given to the cat showing more vivid eye color*. So moved. **Mastin:** Questions? Any objections to this motion? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3
60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 7: Change Penalize section to include important features.

PENALIZE: Too foreign body type. Oversized cat. Flared ears. Narrow head. Small eyes. Eyes set too close. Narrow muzzle. Weak chin. Ears too large. Longer necks in adults. Delicate boning. Elongated body. Short tight close-lying coat. Tufts on ears of Longhaired Toybob.

RATIONALE: Clarify body type penalization.

Wilson: Standard Change #7, *Change Penalize section to include important features.* Clarify body type penalization. So, they are removing the words *Too foreign body type*, which was awkward. They are leaving in *Oversized cat*. They are removing *Flared ears* and adding *penalize for Narrow head. Small eyes. Eyes set too close. Narrow muzzle. Weak chin. Ears too large. Longer necks in adults. Delicate boning. Elongated body. Short tight close-lying coat.* What remains is *Tufts on ears of Longhaired Toybob*. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 3

60% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 8: Update Disqualify section.

DISQUALIFY: Crossed eyes. Docked tail. Complete absence of tail or tail past the hock (without stretching). Rapid oscillation of eyes. Dominant Blue Eye (DBE) gene: blue eye color in cats other than pointed, solid white, calico, bi-color or van coat patterns. Disproportionately short legs to the cat's overall body balance. Extra toes. Evidence of wild ancestry. Undernourished or frail appearance.

RATIONALE: Add disqualifications.

Wilson: Standard Change #8 updates the Disqualify section. It leaves in *Crossed eyes. Docked tail. Complete absence of tail or tail past the hock (without stretching)*. Adds *Rapid oscillation of eyes. Dominant Blue Eye (DBE) gene: blue eye color in cats other than pointed, solid white, calico, bi-color or van coat patterns. Disproportionately short legs to the cat's overall body balance. Extra toes. Evidence of wild ancestry*. **Morgan:** What is “evidence of wild ancestry”? **Guerriero:** Well, if you see a Toybob with rosettes, that’s evidence of wild ancestry. I mean, all colors and patterns are allowed except if you have something that looks like it came from a Bengal or Savannah. **Eigenhauser:** I have a problem with Dominant Blue Eye gene. If you don’t want blue eyes in cats other than pointed, you have already said that. Dominant Blue Eye gene, you are asking the judge to do a cheek swab and run a DNA test in the judging ring. **Mastin:** Do you want to comment? **Guerriero:** Yeah. I mean, this is gene that’s running rampant in pretty much most of the breeds now. We don’t want it in our breed. **Eigenhauser:** That’s a registration issue. **Guerriero:** I’m sorry to interrupt you. If you have a brown tabby with blue eyes, it’s a disqualification. **Eigenhauser:** But that’s already covered by the *blue eye color in cats other than pointed*. **Guerriero:** This was actually in the previous standard and it was removed last year, so we are just adding it back, just to be really, really clear about it. **Eigenhauser:** In my opinion, the breed standard should be what the cat looks like on the table. You shouldn’t be asking the judges to be assessing genetics. **Guerriero:** It’s visual. You don’t have to test for it. **Calhoun:** I have to agree with George on this. I don’t think that this is necessary for anything that you can address as a judge. I think you stated whether it is allowed or

not allowed, and leave it at that. This whole genetic thing, you can't do that. A judge can't do that. **Anger:** I don't think it's a deal killer for me. It's repeating what it talks about in other areas of these revisions. I would like to see it removed at some future time, but the rest of the proposals here I can definitely support. **Wilson:** I agree. I am supportive of the other disqualifications. **Mastin:** So, who do you agree with? Kathy or Rachel? **Wilson:** I'm in agreement with Kathy and asking them to remove something that a judge can't determine when they are judging the cat on the table the next time around. **Hill:** I would just like to add a comment. The Dominant Blue Eye gene is sort of stating the words by referral to the gene, but it's really the description that goes after to describe what the gene means. **Wilson:** It's good they have a colon there, right. **Eigenhauser:** The problem is, putting it in the standard assumes they are going to get a 60% vote to take it back out and they are under no obligation. **Guerriero:** I would not want to bring it back. It's in other standards. It's actually in the other standard that was approved when we first were registered with CFA, so I'm just adding it. **Hill:** The Dominant Blue Eye gene is really causing a lot of health issues. It should be taken seriously, whether we describe that as a Dominant Blue Eye, just referring to the genetics, but I think it should be mentioned somehow there to fit the description. It wasn't for the purpose of insinuating that the judges should be running genetics, it's just for referral purposes. **DelaBar:** This could possibly be clarified. I'm going to vote in favor of this. For a Disqualify, Evidence of Dominant Blue Eye (DBE) gene, and then give your description. Just by putting the word *evidence of* would be it, and take away the idea of any type of genetic testing going on, on the judging table. But you are correct, it is very much a health problem that's up for discussion in a lot of different forms. **Hill:** I think a lot of pointed breeds could be very effected by this. You can't tell on a pointed whether they carry the gene or not, obviously, but we just want to be specific in the standard that we don't want this specific thing. The gene came from Russia. **Mastin:** Annette, what is your recommendation to the board? **Wilson:** My recommendation is to pass it because it says, *Dominant Blue Eye (DBE): colon*, which is explaining that blue eye color in cats other than *pointed, solid white, calico, bi-color or van coat patterns* and revising it next year to say, *Evidence of*, would be something that they would – I actually misread this, too, that it explains it's OK in these cats. That would not necessarily be the Dominant Blue Eye gene although it could be, so it's not asking the judges to make a genotypic decision. **Mastin:** OK, so your recommendation is supporting it, and then they come back and fix it next year. **Wilson:** I don't think that's a problem. **Mastin:** I will call for the vote. All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Colilla, Eigenhauser and Morgan voting no.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Curle, Carol Krzanowski, Paula Noble, Cathy Dunham, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, Sharon Roy, Russell Webb and Yukiko Hayata. All those opposed raise your hand. George Eigenhauser, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun. Any abstentions? I see no abstentions. **Anger:** John, did I get a vote from you? **Colilla:** No. I was a no. **Mastin:** Oh, you were a no? Did I skip you? **Colilla:** I raised my hand kind of late. **Mastin:** Kind of late? Alright. **Anger:** That's 13 yes, 4 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes.

9 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 3

50% of Voting: 2

YES: 3

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 9: Change Permissible Outcrosses in Registration Rules

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSS: Russian Domestic Shorthair and Longhair with similar phenotype and no structural mutation(s). ~~(Currently imported from the Ural Regions of Russia). The outcross policy is currently permitted during the breed development and recognition process to ensure the genetic soundness of the breed.~~

RATIONALE: The breed should not have other structural mutations in its background, to ensure genetic soundness.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** The next one is a registration rule to change the permissible outcrosses in the Registration Rules, which will now read, *Russian Domestic Shorthair and Longhair with similar phenotype and no structural mutation(s)*. Previously it said, *Cats currently imported from the Ural Regions of Russia*, so they are removing that and I would support this. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: Iris Zinck is on, to do the presentation of the Bimetallic Siberian, so you will have to scroll to the Siberian proposal. When we're finished with that, they have the Toybobs set up down there and she's going to go over this little presentation and we will address the other two Toybobs. **Mastin:** What room are they in? **Wilson:** The Erie Room, which is down by the – **Tartaglia:** It's just down by the elevator, the opposite hallway down to the left. It's that way. **Mastin:** Alright, thank you for your presentation and answering questions.

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[After conclusion of Breeds and Standards Report] **Mastin:** We are at 6:01. We're going to adjourn the meeting. I want to thank Yukiko and Matthew for being on the meeting from the other side of the world. Thank you, and thank you all here. See you tomorrow morning at 8:00. It's on the agenda.

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, February 5, 2023, for the regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting in the Ballroom I at the Crowne Plaza, 7230 Engle Road, Middleburgh Heights OH 44130. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director) – via Zoom
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Mark Hannon (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Melanie Morgan (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel – via Zoom
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative – via Zoom

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

February 4/5, 2023

All times are in Eastern Standard Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

8:00 a.m.		Continue Breeds and Standards (if necessary)	Wilson
9:00 a.m.	20.	Breeder Education Committee	Wilson
9:15 a.m.	21.	Central Office Report	Tartaglia
9:30 a.m.	22.	Marketing	Bobby
9:45 a.m.	23.	IT Report	Simbro
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees			
9:55 a.m.	24.	Show Scheduling Issue – Las Vegas CC/Poppy State CC	Shelton/Moser
10:10 a.m.	25.	Region of Residence Requirement for Regional/National Win	Dunham
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
10:20 a.m.	26.	Unfinished Business	
10:25 a.m.	27.	Other Committees	
10:30 a.m.	28.	New Business	
		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	Mastin

Mastin: Good morning everyone. We are on FaceBook. We also have our attendees that are online. **[Unidentified speaker]** Louder? It's hard to hear you, I'm sorry. **Mastin:** I will speak up. Rachel, will you do the roll call please? **Anger:** I will. Good morning everyone. **[Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] Everyone is present. I made a notation about Eva and we have our quorum. **Mastin:** OK, the meeting is called to order.

Mastin: The first item on the agenda is to approve the Orders of the Day. I think we have some additions. Sharon, do you have an item you would like to add? **Roy:** Yes, please. I had a request last night from someone to do a breed summit. **Mastin:** Where would you put that? **Anger:** New Business, #28. **Mastin:** Open session, right Sharon? **Roy:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, so it will be under New Business, Item #28. **Morgan:** The item on the Judging Program Rules that Pam and I were supposed to work on last night, is that already on there or do I need to say that now? **Anger:** That's under Unfinished Business. **Morgan:** Thank you, just making sure. **Mastin:** We also have Show Rules coming back, right, under Unfinished Business? **Anger:** We do. I have a list. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody else have any items they would like to add today? **Anger:** We had British Shorthair Proposal #10. **Mastin:** Proposal #10? **Anger:** On the British Shorthair ballot. **Mastin:** Annette? **Dunham:** Annette, did Cyndy send that to you yesterday? **Wilson:** She did. I got it and I was like, what am I supposed to do with it? I don't remember. **Dunham:** Otherwise, I do have what we worked on. **Mastin:** Are you putting that under Unfinished Business? Where are you putting that? **Anger:** Unfinished Business. **Mastin:** So Annette, you will review that under Unfinished Business? **Wilson:** Yes. **Mastin:** And you have what you're looking for? Kathy, did you find anything on the China thing? **Calhoun:** No. We found where it was extended. **Mastin:** You have it, right? **DelaBar:** No. Well, I had it on my written notes. I need to check my – one of my notes that's already in here. **Mastin:** I think George brought up yesterday something about China on the show license requirement of 7 days, so we're trying to do some research on when that expires and locate it in the Show Rules, so that will also be added

today once we can get that resolved, so we can have Ed do what he needs to do in finalizing the Show Rules. I believe that's it.

Mastin: Can I have a motion to accept the Orders of the Day? **DelaBar:** So moved.

Eigenhauser: Second. **Mastin:** OK, Pam made the motion and George made the second. Any objections to the Orders of the Day? Seeing no objections, the Orders of the Day are approved, thank you.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

[Transcript goes to Marketing Committee Report]

20. BREEDER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

*Committee Co-Chairs: Carissa Altschul and LeAnn Rupy
Liaison to Board: Annette Wilson
List of Committee Members: (none)*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

This past year has gone by so quickly! LeAnn and I quickly discovered that the ideas we have to approach Breeder Education are quite different, so we have decided to proceed with each our ideas separately.

Current Happenings of Committee:

LeAnn and I are moving in different directions to approach a variety of subject matters. We feel the different modalities in imparting the information will appeal to our learners who will come from a variety of education styles and learning needs.

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *Work with CFA webmistress to build in a “Breeder Education” subset on the CFA website.*
2. *Begin creating articles for posting on the Breeder Education page.*
3. *Develop curriculum for further Breeder Education.*
4. *Select breeders & topics for a round-table discussion at the Annual.*

Board Action Items:

We would like the Board to approve a 1-2 hour round table discussion Thursday afternoon at the Annual. We would like this to be scheduled maybe between 3-5pm? Audience will be open.

Mastin: Agenda Item #20, Breeder Education. Whenever you are ready. **Wilson:** I'm ready. The committee chairs are Carissa Altschul and LeAnn Rupy. They have one action item. This is the Breeder Education Committee which is working on ways to help educate newer breeders. They would like the board to [reads]. **Hannon:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you. So, Mark made the motion, George second. **Wilson:** I was just asking Allene, is there time on Thursday afternoon? Obviously there's a board meeting. **Tartaglia:** Well, it conflicts with delegate registration, the EveryCat symposium. There is going to be a conflict no matter what on Thursday. The judges' workshop is Thursday night, so there's no good time on Thursday. **Hannon:** She suggested Saturday and Carissa said no. **Tartaglia:** We can provide her a space.

Roy: This is actually for Allene. Thank you for putting this up. How does a breed council go about getting a time slot to have a breed council meeting? I was asked by the Aby people.

Tartaglia: For a couple of years prior to COVID, or at least a year or two, we had indicated that we're not going to be able to continue providing meeting space for breed councils. Most of them only have 3 or 4 people and we were reserving 5 and 6 meeting rooms, which impacts our ability to do things, so we were able to accomplish that last year. We did not contract for the numerous break-out rooms for Saturday this year. We could probably accommodate one or two of the larger ones, but most of the breed councils, there's plenty of space that they can meet. They can meet for lunch, breakfast, but if there's only 4 or 5 people, they don't need a meeting room.

Wilson: So, I should let the breed council secretaries know this? **Tartaglia:** Yes. We've been talking about it for several years. I guessed they just missed that. **Wilson:** So, basically, there will be other things that conflict with space that we provide.

Tartaglia: Are we talking about Breeder Education or are we talking about the breed councils? **Wilson:** Breeder education right now. **Tartaglia:** Breeder Education. We can provide them the space, yes. **Mastin:** Are there any other questions or comments? So Allene, Carissa knows she is not going to have an exclusive meeting. There are other meetings going on. It's going to be going on while other things are happening. OK, very good. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: Anything else, Annette? **Wilson:** Until we get to the Toybob. **Mastin:** What time do you want to do Toybobs? **Wilson:** I want to do it now. I wonder if she would be willing to come down and speak to her standard issues. **Tartaglia:** Is she here? **Wilson:** Yes, but maybe getting settled in. **Mastin:** Alright, so it may take her some time to come down.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We hope to have at least some education up by on the CFA website by the next meeting. Will also present topics we plan to include at the Round Table discussion.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carissa Altschul, Co-Chair*

21. **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

1. Show Rule Clarification. *The show rule passed at the December 2022 meeting regarding a common closing date for all shows held in Regions 1-7 referred to the closing time as 11:59 p.m. (Central Office Time). The show rule should be modified to specifically state “Eastern Time”.*

Board Action Item: *Modify 6.36.a. to read: “For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.”*

Mastin: Allene, we’re going to do Central Office. **Tartaglia:** The first one is simply a show rule clarification for one that was passed in December. We refer to a universal closing where a common closing date, or whatever you want to call it, for Regions 1-7 and refer to Central Office time. I’m just asking that it be modified to specifically state “Eastern Time”. There is no such thing as “Central Office Time”. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Currie:** Second. **Mastin:** I have Kenny as the second. **Tartaglia:** There’s a board action item, formal [reads]. **Mastin:** Any questions? George made the motion, Kenny seconded it. Any comments? OK, any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. Amendment to CFA’s By-Laws Regarding Annual Meetings. *As mentioned during the Annual Meeting Site Selection report at the October 2022 board meeting, we are faced with significant challenges in finding a suitable hotel for our Annual Meetings. Some regions are particularly difficult due to cost of living, e.g. North Atlantic region. By not being required to adhere to a strict rotation pattern amongst all 7 regions, we will have the flexibility needed in today’s environment to better secure affordable and appropriate hotel properties.*

The proposed amendment below provides more flexibility in contracting, yet still requires the Annual Meeting to be located in different areas of the U.S.

ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section I – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in the geographical area of any of following regions: ~~in each of the regions listed below~~ successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order: North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern. For the purpose of the Annual Meeting location, the regions are divided into three (3) areas: East (Regions 1, 4 and 7), Central (Regions 3 and 6) and West (Regions 2 and 5). No specific rotation within the areas is required other than the meeting must take place at least once in each of the three (3) areas every seven (7) years. The meeting may be held consecutively in one location for more than one year.

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A location city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.

Board Action Item: Accept the changes to Article IV - Annual & Special Meetings, Section 1 - Annual Meetings, to be included as a board sponsored amendment at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Tartaglia: #2 is an amendment to CFA's bylaws regarding annual meetings. You know I don't need to go through this because we have talked about it several times, about the difficulties we have been having for quite some time about finding an appropriate meeting venue for our annual meeting within a reasonable price. So, what we have talked about, and I believe what the board is in favor of doing, is providing a bit of flexibility to find a location, and that flexibility will consist of not having to go from Region 1 through 7, changing every year, but to give the flexibility that we still move around the country, but it's not in such a structured fashion. I think I presented this in October and I think George had some issues with the wording. His concern was that if it's not stated in the bylaws that we have to change locations across the country, that it will end up being in maybe one location, and that could very much affect the overall viewpoint of the delegation. We just don't want to have it in one particular region. So, we came up with this wording. I think George was as happy with it as he can be. Essentially what it's doing is just splitting the U.S. into three sections – the east, the central and the west – and that we would rotate between those three areas within a 7 year timeframe, and we would have to hit each area at least once within the 7 years. We also would have the flexibility of staying in one location for two years, or more than one year. What this does is, we have Region 1 and Region 7 for instance. Region 1 is a very expensive area to find a hotel. Region 7 not so much, so you have let's say Philadelphia in Region 1 and you have Maryland in Region 7. They are not that far apart but the difference in cost can be significant enough. The same thing exists in the center of the country between Regions 4 and 6. So, east would be 1, 4 and 7; central 3 and 6; and the west 2 and 5.

Eigenhauser: As I told Allene, I don't love it but she fixed it enough that I'm not going to object to it. If you're looking for somebody to introduce this on the floor of the annual, you might want to ask Cyndy or somebody, because I don't necessarily love it enough to pitch it, but I'm going to roll over and play dead on this one. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any words of wisdom for Allene and George on this one? **Eigenhauser:** I'll move we adopt the action item. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Mastin:** Thanks Carol. Any additional comments? Any objections? **Eigenhauser:** Call the vote so I can abstain. **Mastin:** Gee thanks. Alright, all those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser and Shelton abstained.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Kenny Currel, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb. Any objections raise your hand. Any abstentions raise your hand. Mike Shelton, George Eigenhauser. Yukiko Hayata, are you a yes? **Hayata:** I agree. Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** I can invite you all to Amsterdam. **Anger:** So that's 15 yes, zero no, 2 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

3. Region of Residence. It's been brought to my attention that there are two areas in our by-laws regarding region of residence that may need to be clarified, perhaps by a board-sponsored amendment: the region of residence when declaring for office, and a club's assigned region.

3a. Candidates for Regional Director: I believe the general understanding is that a candidate declaring for the office of Regional Director must live within the region. Yet, there doesn't appear to be anything in the by-laws which clearly states this. Section "c. Candidates", addresses being a member of a club assigned to the region. However, someone could belong to a club assigned to region 7, yet live in region 1. Does this mean they can declare for region 7 Regional Director even though they reside in region 1.

There is also a reference in Section 1-Titles (below) which mentions representing a geographical region and that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions shall be elected RD. This is rather ambiguous if one of the intents of this section is that a region is represented only by someone living in that region.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

Following is a proposed amendment prepared by the Bylaws Committee Chair, Cyndy Byrd, to clarify that a candidate for regional director is required to live within the region for which they are declaring as a regional director candidate.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2 – Elections

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any club member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large. ~~and Any club member residing within the region and in good standing of any member club assigned to a that particular~~ region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

Board Action Item: Accept the changes to Article VI-Officers and Directors, Section 2-Elections to be included as a board sponsored amendment at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Tartaglia: #3 is simply something that was brought to my attention that I then wanted to bring to your attention, that there may need to be a clarification in the bylaws regarding the

region of residence of someone declaring for office and the club's assigned region. It is outlined here. Essentially it doesn't say in plain language anywhere that the person declaring for an office has to live in the region for which they are declaring to be a regional director. Maybe that's OK, but if not then the bylaws could be amended, or at least brought to the delegation for them to make a decision. This will be a good year to do this, because regional director declarations will be next year, so if it's not addressed this year we will be going through another election process. **Mastin:** Are we going to have somebody make a motion on this? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar. Can I have a second? **Krzanowski:** Carol. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Mastin: Alright, discussion. **Hannon:** What is the actual motion? We don't have any wording in front of us for changing the bylaws. **Tartaglia:** It's right here [reads]. There's the underline and strike-out. **Mastin:** It's all on here. Any other comments or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3b. Club's Assigned Region: the mailing address for the club secretary has been a long-standing concern. The address could be a PO Box which might be in a different region than the actual mailing address. On the initial club application we require a street address, however, we don't require a street address for any future changes. We could require a street address to determine if a region has changed or require a "physical" mailing address in the by-laws. Some people don't want to supply us with a physical mailing address and for valid reasons. If requested, we would use a PO Box in our database instead of a physical address since we will only need the physical address to determine the club's region.

Following is a proposed amendment prepared by the Bylaws Committee Chair, Cyndy Byrd, to clarify the address used for a club to determine regional assignment.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the mailing address physical primary residence address of the Secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. If at any time the Secretary's physical primary residence address moves outside of the region, the secretary must inform Central Office of the Secretary's new physical primary residence address. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary's residence. Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

Board Action Item: Accept the changes to Article III - Membership, Section 4 - Regional Assignment, to be included as a board sponsored amendment at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Mastin: Allene? **Tartaglia:** The next one is again regarding region of residence, except this time it has to do with the club's assigned region. I think this was a bit in conjunction with the first one presented because a declared candidate has to belong to a club assigned to the region that they are declaring for, but it goes a little bit further than that, because we assign a club to the residence of the secretary. We need a physical street address for a club secretary. They could have a PO box, but it could be in a different region. There are some regions that, there's that line and you've got people that are very close to that border so this would simply make it more clear that it has to be the physical address versus the mailing address. As I have indicated here, there are some people that don't want their street address publicized for a variety of reasons. We don't have to include them in our files. All we would be doing is if a club secretary should indicate, "I have a new address and it's this PO box," we would ask them for what is the physical street address we would record the PO box, but we would confirm that the physical mailing address has not changed region. We can do that as a policy change or, if you wish, it could be an amendment to the bylaws. **Eigenhauser:** When Cyndy ran this by me I had a problem with it and this doesn't fix it. "Physical address" is not a legal term. If you want to know where somebody lives, you can call it a residence or you can call it a domicile, but we're creating a legal document here. We should use the kind of wording a New York lawyer would use, and "physical address" is not, so the domicile of the secretary, the physical residence address of the secretary – I would like to see the word "residence" or "domicile" in there somewhere.

Mastin: I don't have anybody making a motion on this. **Dunham:** So moved. **Currie:** Kenny will second. **Mastin:** Who made the motion? Alright, Cathy Dunham made the motion, Kenny second. Cathy, since you made the motion, do you want to amend the motion as to what George is recommending? **Dunham:** Yes. I will amend the motion to add *physical residence address*. **Eigenhauser:** Right, and I believe it appears in like three places. **Dunham:** Alright, in all locations. **Mastin:** So, you are changing it to domicile? **Dunham:** *Physical residence address*. **Mastin:** *Physical residence*, OK. **Shelton:** I'm just asking George, since you brought up, we should do this like a "New York lawyer" would do it. Do we know that that wording – **Currie:** We have a New York lawyer right there [Raymond]. **Shelton:** That's very convenient. **Mastin:** Ed? **Raymond:** I think you need the fact that people can live in different places for parts of the year. I would use the term *primary residence*. **Dunham:** I will accept that wording in all appropriate locations. **Hannon:** What is it? **Dunham:** *Primary residence*. **Currie:** *Primary residence*. It's my second. I would accept the amendment, as well. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. So it has been amended. Are you all set? *Primary residence*? OK, I got the thumbs up. Any additional comments or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Allene, all three of these are going to be presented at the annual by the Legal Advisory Committee, and then the Committee can decide who is going to present it at the annual. So, it could be Cyndy, George or Ed. I think all three of you are on the Committee. OK, Allene, anything further? **Tartaglia:** No.

Respectfully submitted,
Allene Tartaglia

22. **MARKETING.**

*Committee Chairs: Melanie Morgan and Mark Hannon
List of Committee Members: Desiree Bobby (Marketing Director), Allene Tartaglia (Executive Director)*

Submitted by: Desiree Bobby, Marketing Director

Current Projects:

CFA Branding - Main logos and sub-mark development – COMPLETE

The new CFA logo comes in various formats (horizontal and stacked), resolutions, file types, colors (full color, partial color, grayscale, block out) and with or without taglines. Which logo to be used depends on where it will be used, what message it is to send and who is using it. For example, the logo with the “We Know Cats” tag aligns nicely on a photo of a fancier. The logo with both taglines nicely aligns with the CFA Website or other places where we may have an audience looking to understand who we are.

There are other nuances to usage as well, such as if the flyer or image has a colored background (therefore the block out aka white version of the logo would be used) whereas the full color logo would be best to use on a white background. Below are the full color versions of our logo and submarks.

STANDARD CFA LOGO AND TAGLINE VARIATIONS



STACKED CFA LOGO AND TAGLINE VARIATIONS



SUBMARK TAGLINE VARIATIONS



We are in the process of completing a guide that explains when and how to use the various logo versions. The guide will detail logo usages as well as all the other ways the CFA brand should be represented moving forward.

Mastin: I think our first item, we are on Item #22, Marketing Committee. Desiree, please join us. **Bobby:** Hello. So, you have in front of you our report. I won't go over it in detail. I'll just highlight some things and then be available for questions. First off is part of the CFA branding project, which is our main logo and submark development. So, you can see the full-color logo variations. The first one in the report is the official logos with the cat and CFA on the left, and *The Cat Fanciers' Association* on the right. The one that is officially being trademarked is the first one. Is that correct Rich? **Mastin:** We are trademarking the one on the left and also on the second page, the one on the left. Then we are also registering the slogan, *We Know Cats*. That's what's in the process of being registered. **Bobby:** We are developing a guide that will help explain to everyone when to use the horizontal version or what we call the stacked version versus the submark. Also, they do come in different colors. We have a gray scale, we have a solid black, we have a white that is also known as block-out, and then there's a partial color. So, the guidelines that we're going to be developing – well, they're developed, we're abridging them for different groups. So, are there any questions about the main logos and submarks?

CFA Branding – Other CFA Logos – IN PROCESS

Unification the CFA brand across all CFA areas is critical for brand recognition and consistency.

So far, we have created logos for the programs that clearly need their own. Each program is identifiable by their own specific color and have standard, stacked, and submark versions and also come in block out/white, grayscale, and partial color.



We are looking for input from CFA Committee Chairs and Directors to determine if there are other programs/initiatives that would also require a visual identity.

Are there other programs or parts of CFA that also need a logo identity? If so, Marketing can be contacted to discuss development.

Bobby: Next we have Other CFA Logos. I'm not sure how many of you were in the 2018 strategic session where Marketing showed all of the logos being used for CFA on the screen, and it was quite shocking. There was probably at least 20 different logos, where every program, every committee, every region – many different logos, even like the badges for Cattery of Excellent and things like that. There was really no consistency, so we started this idea back then, and then we realized that we really needed to review the full CFA brand and even go back further before we could help unify all of the logos of the organization. So, part of the branding project is really building a system, so instead of having just a logo for CFA, our system will act like a framework for all of the different situations in CFA. So, we started here with just a handful of programs that we know the public has their eyes on. There may be some programs and

committees within CFA that no one really sees because it's internal workings, so they might not need their own logo, but again we just started with the four that we know do – the Ambassadors, Junior Fanciers, Mentors and Feline Agility. So, with the program system, they have their own color identity. They also have the different colors, the gray scale, the black, the block out, and partial colors, as well, so they will work with, for instance, Ambassadors – she is making some beautiful cloth so we worked with her on what colors would look good on her fabric. So anyway, these are the colors. As we create more of them, they will define their own colors. So, we have been having internal conversations on the Marketing Committee between Melanie, Mark, myself and Allene about what other programs or parts of CFA really should have their own identity. Another thing to think about in addition to committees and programs is, for instance, like show flyers. They have the CFA logo on them, but should it be just the CFA logo or should it say CFA likes to show. So, we're looking at the different things in CFA that may need some additional text around it, so we're open to suggestions. If you're a committee chair or have a program that you think that, instead of just using regular name and font, if you want to talk about this we would like to hear from you and start having that conversation, what needs its own identity. Is there any questions about that?

CFA Branding - Photography

You may have noticed our social media posts are becoming much more consistent in terms of style. We will continue to refine our social voice and style as our website is designed so we can continue to refine our brand presentation.

Consistency in our photographic images will continue to be the key to CFA's visual brand success. The photos of CFA Fanciers in the flesh, commissioned by Sarah Baker, have been extremely valuable. During the "I AM CFA" sessions we set up at shows, Sarah not only holds photo sessions of exhibitors and their cats in the studio setting but also finds time to go into the show hall to take photos of the show in action.

Exhibitors have been having a great time at these photoshoots with Marketing and Sara Baker. We feel that not only are these sessions a great way to obtain creative assets for CFA PR purposes, but the sessions themselves are great internal PR opportunities. There is an amazing sense of belonging, pride, and appreciation during these shoots. If you haven't been to one yet, please consider holding one in your region (if you have not already) or attending one in the future. We are currently researching events to determine our next location.

We're attempting to be fair and to hit every region. Here is what we have done so far. If you have a large show coming up in a region we have not yet visited, please contact Marketing.

Region 1 – No session (yet)

Region 2 – Crow Canyon 2022 (66 sessions)

Region 3 – Houston Cat Club 2023 (79 sessions)

Region 4 – Columbus 2022 (65 sessions) and Pittsburgh 2022 (43 session)

Region 5 – San Diego 2023 (n/a)

Region 6 - No session (yet)

Region 7 – Tennessee Valley 2022 (75) and Crab & Mallet 2021 (87)

Region 8 - No session (yet)

Region 9 – Italy (17 sessions with a different photographer)

ID - No session (yet)

China - No session (yet)

Bobby: Next is the photography project we have been working on. This started as a way to kind of shift CFA's visual presence of usually just pictures of show cats to something that evokes more emotion, which of course would be humans touching cats and loving cats and things like that, so just to give you a little history on our photographer, Sarah Baker, I was on Instagram stalking people at CFA shows to see if I could find a good one, and I found these beautiful photographs taken in 2017, so I contacted her on Instagram and said, "I love your photos that you are taking at cat shows." She is actually a photographer for the Center for Exploited and Missing Children, so as you can imagine she really knows how to capture emotion. So, back in 2018-2019, whenever COVID started, we discussed meeting at Crab and Mallet and doing a photo shoot to see what it would be like, and then it was the week before COVID hit that town and we couldn't have an event so we had to cancel. Two years later, in 2021 we ended up going to Crab and Mallet. She started with pictures of people at the show and it was so successful and so wonderful, but the people involved in the photo shoots have so much fun and there is so much pride and they feel so good about CFA wanting them to be part of our overall marketing. It's just a wonderful thing. I don't know if any of you have been involved in a photo shoot to know just how fun they are. So, Mark had suggested, "you are doing events up here, you better get out to the west coast," so we went out to the west coast to Crow Canyon. Then we realized we were doing so many of these, we really need to hit every region, so how we have hit all regions except 1 and 6. We do want to come to 6 and we do want to come to 1. We learned in San Diego this past weekend that probably a huge show doesn't work very well. At Crab and Mallet it worked really well because Mark was there too, dragging people into our booth. When there is such a huge gate, it's just not possible to get people away from their benching and come to us, so I will be looking for events that you feel may not have a huge get – they can, but a high count. So, we are committed to doing 1 and 6. We actually hired a photographer for Region 9 to do a shoot in Italy. Maybe it was a small show. There was only 17 sessions there, so we still would like to hit Europe at a nice show that has a nice count Pam, so if you could let us know. We were thinking maybe Estonia again. I don't know if that's one of the bigger ones, but we can talk about that offline. Then for ID and China, maybe we can find a photographer out there. Anyway, you're seeing the photos that we're using. You're seeing them now on many of our posts on social media. You are seeing some banners. You'll see some on the website, on our FaceBook group. Every two weeks we highlight a CFA fancier. The photograph that you see used in the "I am CFA" campaign is again the photographer Sarah Baker. Any questions about that? **Hannon:** What we're trying to do also is incorporate diversity in the pictures, so it's not just old white ladies. **Bobby:** Absolutely. I keep a chart of the region, the gender, the cat, what breed, so I have a list.

Website Project

Although the status update on CFA's new website is short, the project is a massive undertaking and is our current priority. As of the date of this report, we are in the home and interior page style design phase. The layout/style of the homepage we are working on is bold, bright, clear, modern, and emotional.

The new website will have improved navigation, new tools, updated content and of course a fresh look and feel. Expected launch date to be determined but we are confident it will be this year.

Bobby: The Website Project. We're at a point where we now are pretty sure that the navigation is pretty cleaned up, but we're still meeting about that internally. The design of it will be reviewed in executive session and it's so nice. It's really, really nice, so we're excited to show that to you later today. It's going to have, of course, improved navigation, a beautiful design, more pictures of the photography we're using and lifestyle images of people with cats. There will be some new tools, there will be a resource center for data, there will be a blog – many, many new things that we will go over. **Hannon:** There's the content. **Bobby:** Of course, yeah.

Hannon: We're trying to update the content. We're reviewing it to make sure what's there is current and is still needed. Some of these pages were put up there over 25 years ago and may no longer be needed, so we're going to go through every page and make sure that it's current information and needed information, so we're going to cut down on the pages. **Bobby:** I think there's 270-ish pages now. We probably have less than half of that. The reason is, we're going to have a Resources section that will be filterable, so if you know that you want information on cattery design or something, you will be able to pinpoint that. It won't be an actual page, it will be kind of like an article. Those we can search, as well. A lot of those pages were removed.

Morgan: Just to follow up a little bit on what Mark and Desiree are talking about, for those people who are listening in on the website, we're very aware that there are two very different audiences of both our existing exhibitors who need that resource page and a dedicated area to be able to go into and find everything they need kind of on one-stop shopping, and then our general perception for the public. Desiree and Atomic Wash are doing a really good job, I think, of identifying that and streamlining the process. We really plan on addressing that concern that we have heard from so many people about the difficulty of finding what we used to have on the old exhibitor's page. **Bobby:** Is there any other questions about the website? We will be talking more about it in greater depth as time goes by. Right now, we're just approaching the process. **Mastin:** Desiree, are you far enough along to give us an estimated date as to when the website will roll out? **Bobby:** Let's say that it will be in 2023. **Mastin:** Great. **Bobby:** We're in the content review stage right now. There's so much content and we're trying to determine which, if any, that we currently have can be rolled out with the new site and then change the breed pages. Those are all written in a particular way. We're inventorying everything and determining, well, do we want to wait until the new content is written for those pages and roll out, or would it be acceptable to have that breed information pulled out and then change later. All that is going to determine the roll out date, but we are committed for 2023. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Official FB Discussion Group Status

The CFA Official Discussion Facebook group started in August 2022 and now has over 3,100 members. There are about 10 moderators in the group, ensuring new members and posts are approved.

It is proven that a feeling of community and acceptance in a group of people with the same passion can turn members into organization ambassadors. We need this for CFA and would like to invite CFA Leadership to post, comment and engage with group members in a positive way. Telling a positive story about a show or project, highlighting fanciers in your region, or creating

a post that is educational and or entertaining can go a long way to help build that “sense” of community in our online community.

Bobby: The next thing up is the FaceBook discussion group. I have it on my report, but I don't know if it really belongs to Marketing specifically, but because I have been tasked with building it and maintaining it and writing content for it, I included it. We have over 3,000 members now so it can move very fast. It's a great way for CFA to put out information in the same way that we're putting out information in the Newsletter and announcements. It's a nice way for people to support each other. We see a lot of breeders coming in that might not be part of the core group of CFA that has been showing and things like that, and we're hoping that our methods will help encourage more participation. Is there any questions about that?

*Respectfully Submitted,
Desiree Bobby, Marketing Director*

Bobby: Then that's it, thank you very much. **Mastin:** Thank you, Desiree. **Tartaglia:** This isn't a question but just seemed like a good time to mention to all board members that you see a couple of us wearing CFA apparel. Every board member is entitled to one complimentary piece. You don't have to tell me now but if you want a tunic, you want a blazer, you want a men's shirt – Mark wore one yesterday, but just let me know and we'll get that ordered for you and have it shipped out. **Mastin:** Thank you, Desiree. **Bobby:** Thank you.

23. **IT REPORT.**

Systems Administrator: James Simbro

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Activities

Genetics: Testing continues with help from Paul Patton and Steve Merritt. An issue with Exotic and Persian parent pairs was identified, which led to making updates to the logic. Further testing is required to make sure these updates are working properly and aren't negatively impacting prior testing. Each of these updates are getting us closer to releasing this into production, which has led us into reviewing how and when we would plan on launching the project. To release this into our current system, we would see additional developer costs for adding it to eCat online. Being that we are just 6 months away from launching an updated eCat online system, we think it is prudent to not spend money on the current eCat system and wait to integrate the genetics into the new CSU2022 eCat system. There are no additional costs this way, as the CSU2022 revamp already includes a redesign of the eCat cat registration process. Also, taking time to add Genetics to the current eCat system would impact the CSU2022 timeline, since developer resources would need to be shifted away from CSU2022.

CSU2022: Progress continues. The Master settings modules, used to maintain anything from user accounts to BCS and Color Class codes, and updated Security architecture are now in place. We are starting to see new menus, layouts and graphics being added for our review. With these foundation elements in place, there will be a noticeable ramp up in progress as they convert and review the operational pages. While reviewing existing layouts, we are keeping in mind additional features for staff to use, which would assist them in providing enhanced customer service.

Entry Clerk Data Verification: Dynamic Edge completed their work to the entry clerk (EC) system, and we are currently testing out the communications between the EC system and our registration database. After testing, we will be sending a notice to entry clerks explaining how this new data verification works. The overall process of adding a cat will not change, but they will see information pre-populate the data fields they previously had to type information into. We plan for this to go live the week of February 13th, 2023.

Mastin: Item #23, IT. Tim, will you join us at the table? James, go ahead. **Simbro:** I have nothing more to add from the report. Things are continuing on track on schedule for the system update. We are keeping an eye on the budget on that. If there's any questions about anything in the report. **Mastin:** System update time schedule? **Simbro:** We are still looking at August of this year. There's a launch of the new eCat website with enhanced features such as being able to do online entries to shows. **Moser:** This one on genetics is now up to \$165,000. How much higher is that going to go? **Simbro:** We don't anticipate it being a lot more. There's probably several thousand dollars of more work to do. As I mentioned in the report, if we were to try to integrate this into our existing eCat page right now, it would cost us probably another \$4,000-\$5,000 just to do that. That's why we think it's a better idea to launch it with the new eCat revamp because that cost is already accounted for in that revamp, so there is no additional cost to add genetics into eCat. **Moser:** What about the people record consolidation? It says

September. Is that on schedule. **Simbro:** I think we completed it. **Moser:** You completed it, right. **Simbro:** It is completed. **Moser:** Oh, 2022. I'm sorry. **Simbro:** That will probably come off there now. We left it on at this time. **Mastin:** Since Pam brought that one up, did that stay within budget? **Simbro:** I believe so. **Mastin:** Less than budget? **Simbro:** I believe so. I can't remember how much. **Mastin:** If you could look into that and let us know, that would be great. **Simbro:** Yeah, we could do that. **Mastin:** Any other questions for James? Tim, do you have any updates on some of the projects you are working on? **Schreck:** Nothing at this moment, no. **Mastin:** OK. James, anything else? **Simbro:** No. **Mastin:** Well, keep at it and thank you.

[From after next agenda item] **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to mention, going back to the IT report, you asked about the spend to date on the people records. So far, the cost has been \$23,140.00. We don't anticipate we will have any more, but if there is it's minimal and certainly well within the budget of \$45,000. **Mastin:** Thank you for sharing that.

Future Happenings

Continue work on CSU2022 tasks assigned by Sonit as the project progresses through the timeline.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates for completed, ongoing and future projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro*

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<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Est. Completion Date</i>	<i>Completed Date</i>	<i>Budgeted Cost</i>	<i>Spent to Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>CSU 2022 Computer System Update</i>	<i>August 2023</i>		<i>\$200,000</i>	<i>\$76,992</i>	<i>Functional Specs Received</i>
<i>Genetics Module eCat Color Filter</i>	<i>December 2022</i>		<i>\$135,600</i>	<i>\$165,000</i>	<i>Budget overage due to underestimating the amount of time required for project manager to gather and process the tremendous amount of information for all breeds and colors.</i>
<i>People Record Consolidation</i> <i>Clerk License Status Records</i>	<i>October 2021</i>	<i>September 2022</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>		
<i>Cattery of Distinction</i>	<i>August 2023</i>		<i>CSU2022</i>		<i>Will be part of CSUS2022 system update</i>
<i>Automate Grand of Distinction</i>	<i>August 2023</i>		<i>CSU2022</i>		<i>Automation will be part of CSU2022</i>

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

24. SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.

The following objection was received from Las Vegas Cat Club regarding the proposed Poppy State CC show in Lodi, CA on April 22:

Please note that Las Vegas Cat Club strongly objects to this date for the Lodi show. We have the same exhibitor base, and having this show the week before will only hurt entries for both shows.

On our weekend we are competing with 3 other shows in the country.

Response by Poppy State:

It is the belief of the Poppy State Cat Club that it is the responsibility of the board to represent all of CFA. Most of our local shows in the Northern California portion of Region 2 have been lost. This limits local exhibitor access to cat shows. Many of these are new exhibitors who don't travel long distance.

We are requesting a one-day one-time show in Lodi at the Grape Festival Fairgrounds on 4/22/2023. This date is the weekend prior to the Las Vegas show. The show halls are 520 miles apart and not on the same competitive weekend.

It is the goal of Poppy State Cat Club to re-energize and rebuild the cat fancy and exhibitor base in Northern California. We believe this is best done by offering local shows. This benefits Region 2 and CFA overall.

We respectfully request approval of our show date and location.

Mastin: Item #24, Show Scheduling Issue. Mike Shelton, Pam Moser. **Shelton:** Do you want to do this, or make me? **Moser:** Do you want me to go first? **Shelton:** Sure. **Moser:** First, I don't see where Las Vegas should be actually opposing this because of a number of different reasons. First of all, it's on a different weekend. It's not on the same weekend, not in the same region. They are over 500 miles apart. The bigger problem for Vegas is that they've got 3 other shows against them the same weekend. I don't think a show before is going to be their issue. Also, Vegas is a destination site. I mean, that's where people go. They like to gamble down there, so a show in Poppy State the weekend before is not going to hurt them, I don't think. I do understand that some of the problems with the Vegas show is that their hotel rates are very high and that could be hurting them, not sure. Then lastly, it's not the count that's going to make the difference, it's who you get through the gate. That's where you are going to make the money. So, it's not about the count as far as I'm concerned. I think that Poppy State should be able to put on the show. **Shelton:** Las Vegas's main concern is that they do share something of a common exhibitor base, especially exhibitors in southern California where it's a reasonable drive to northern California and a reasonable drive to Vegas. They are concerned that some of those people may decide to go to only one show instead of both. Some of those may then be siphoned off to Poppy State, who would have otherwise gone to Las Vegas. That's their primary area of concern.

Mastin: Are you making a motion for the board not to approve Pam's region's show?

Shelton: Is that how this should be done, or should Pam make a motion to accept it? I'm not sure which. Poppy State is the new show. Vegas was already on the schedule. Normally how it's done is, the regional directors work together on it and if they can't agree, it comes to the board and then we make a decision. So, that's usually how it happens. **Shelton:** Then I will make that motion, reserving the right to vote no. **DelaBar:** It should be stated in the positive, though.

Mastin: Right. **Shelton:** I'm not sure how to state it in the positive. **Mastin:** Pam, you make the motion. **Moser:** I make the motion that Poppy State is allowed to have their show the weekend before Las Vegas.

Eigenhauser: I disagree because of the fact that a tie vote defeats the motion, so the status quo should be that we accept. So, I think the motion should be to cancel so that it takes a majority to cancel, rather than it taking a majority to not cancel. **Mastin:** But the show is not licensed. **Eigenhauser:** I'm just saying, if the vote is, should Poppy State have a show or not, it's put in the form of, *Allow Poppy State to have the show*, it takes a majority for that to happen and a tie loses. If the motion is to now allow Poppy State, it takes a majority to stop it and a tie loses. Essentially, what you are doing is, you're establishing who has the burden of proof. I think the burden of proof should be on those opposing having a show. **Shelton:** I'm fine with it either way. **DelaBar:** I was going to say that usually the more effective motions are stated in the positive, with the right to vote against. George just got all legal very early in the morning.

Currie: It's not licensed yet, so this basically is just permission to license or not license.

Eigenhauser: Whichever way you elect to discuss this on substantive cases, I understand Las Vegas's concern. There are some places – Los Angeles – where if you put on a show you can rely on your local exhibitor base to fill your show. Las Vegas is surrounded by a lot of desert. They are a destination so they are heavily dependent on bringing people in from other areas, so I can understand the sensitivity to this, but it doesn't change the fact that it's a different weekend and it's 500 miles away. **Mastin:** How do Mike and Pam want to proceed with this?

Eigenhauser: I don't think it's going to make a difference. **Mastin:** I don't think so, either.

Eigenhauser: A motion has been made and seconded. Let's just complete the motion. **Moser:** Which one, mine or Mike's? **Shelton:** I will make a motion that we not approve Poppy State, based on Las Vegas's objection, reserving the right to vote no. **Eigenhauser:** I will second, reserving the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Mike and George. Further discussion? **Moser:** How do you vote if you want to allow Poppy State? **Eigenhauser:** The motion is to block Poppy State. If you don't want to block Poppy State, you vote no. **Currie:** Very quickly, they're going to come to the show in Plant City, Florida anyway [laughter]. **Mastin:** Do you want to amend your motion to do anything about that show? **Currie:** I'm already licensed. **Mastin:** Any further comments? All those in favor to block the Poppy State show, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Hayata, Moser and Shelton abstained.

Mastin: I guess it should have gone the other route, then. Alright, any abstentions? All those opposed, raise your hand. Russell Webb, Kathy Calhoun, Melanie Morgan, John Colilla, Sharon Roy, George Eigenhauser, Annette Wilson, Mark Hannon, Paula Noble, Cathy Dunham, Carol Krzanowski, Kenny Currie, Pam DelaBar. All those abstaining? Rachel Anger, Mike Shelton, Pam Moser. What did Yukiko do? Yukiko, are you in favor? **Hayata:** I'm in favor.

Mastin: Thank you. **Anger:** She is the one yes? **Mastin:** Are you opposed? **Hayata:** No, I said yes. **Mastin:** Yukiko, do you want to block the show from happening? **Hayata:** Maybe, I just

don't know. I haven't decided, so maybe I'm abstain. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Anger:** That's zero yes votes, 13 no votes, 4 abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Perkins: I just have a quick question. Do you need to actually approve that show now, or license? Or is it automatic? **Dunham:** It should be automatic. They should just be able to license the show. **Mastin:** I'm hearing everybody saying it should be automatic, the club can go ahead and proceed with the license. **Perkins:** OK, thank you.

25. REGION OF RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR REGIONAL/NATIONAL WIN.

Background:

Region 6 has a cat in championship that is currently ranked in the regional standing for a regional award and a breed/color award. This cat is also currently ranked nationally for a breed/color win. This cat was unable to attend a regional show to meet the requirements of the show rules article XXXVI National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #4 “To be eligible for a regional award, including a regional breed award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. To be eligible for a national award, including a national breed award, a cat/kitten/household pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the national area of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.”

The cat had two opportunities to attend regional shows. The first was the regional show/awards banquet June 4, 2022, the cat was entered but absent as at that time the owner was ill with COVID. The second was the TGIF/Birman Fanciers Show August 6-7, 2022, the cat was entered but unfortunately passed away in route to the show.

Motion: Grant an exception to Show Rules Article XXXVI National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #4 and allow this cat to be awarded a regional win and regional breed/color win.

Mastin: Moving into Item #25, Cathy Dunham. **Dunham:** Thank you. We have a situation in Region 6. It is documented here. There are two other pieces of information that may be relevant to your decision. One is that this cat also had an opportunity to attend a Region 6 show in May of 2022 and the cat is also a regional winner as a kitten. I will make this motion to [reads] with the right to abstain on the vote. **Currie:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny.

Mastin: Discussion? **Eigenhauser:** I'm normally a no on these. I don't like to jiggle around the rules, especially when it has either residency issues or not showing in your own region issues, but I've got to say, if this cat died in August and is still in line for a championship award, that must have been a hell of a nice cat. I'm serious. I'm impressed by that. I'm actually inclined to vote yes on this. Although I don't like to make exceptions, this is such an extraordinary circumstance and this must have been a truly extraordinary cat, then I'm comfortable making an exception in this circumstance. **Calhoun:** I am extremely sympathetic to this person. This is a horrible, horrible thing to occur, but I would ask Cathy Dunham how many shows occurred in the Midwest Region that that cat participated in, or how many shows it participated in period. I'm very empathetic, but the cat has a regional win as a kitten. You are only going to have one RW in the historical records no matter what. If this cat is allowed to have a regional win, the cat that is 26th in the region now remains 26th in the region. If the cat is not allowed to be considered for a regional win in championship, whatever that cat, the top 25 will be their award. While I am sympathetic, it's not going to make a difference in the title for the cat. It's already got a regional win, and the cat that would have gotten a region win in 26th position will not. As awful as this is and as awful as this sounds, I cannot support this. **Mastin:** Further discussion or questions? All those in favor of the motion raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Currel, DelaBar, Eigenhauser and Shelton voting yes. Dunham abstained.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Kenny Currel, George Eigenhauser. All those opposed raise your hand. Carol Krzanowski, Paula Noble, Mark Hannon, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, Sharon Roy, John Colilla, Melanie Morgan, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb.

Hayata: Also Yukiko. **Mastin:** Thank you. Abstentions raise your hand. Cathy Dunham. **Anger:** Sharon, were you a no vote on that? **Roy:** Yes. **Anger:** OK, thank you. That's 5 yes votes, 11 no votes, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** The motion fails. Thank you Cathy. **Dunham:** Thank you.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

26. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

(a) Show Rules – Proposals #11 and #12.

[Secretary's Note: The following transcript also appears at the end of the original presentations in the Show Rules Report.]

11. Extend the show license late fee exceptions for Regions 8 and 9 currently in place through the end of the 2023-2024 show season. Shows will be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee.

Mastin: Moving on to Unfinished Business. I know we have a fair amount. Rachel, I don't know what you want to do first. **Anger:** I have Show Rule Proposal #11 [reads]. **Mastin:** Ed, join us at the table please. **Anger:** This was about a sunset date in China. **Raymond:** After doing some research last night. I could not find, either in the Show Rules or the addenda for the last couple of years, any exception for China. The only exception that shows up in the addenda for the last two years, the current season for Regions 8 and 9, and that is what the board was voting on yesterday, as well. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, you might have something in your notes. **DelaBar:** I looked through the notes for actually the past two years and could find nothing, but I still remember in my mind the discussions that we had because of places in China that were opening and closing, and it was on such a quick basis, we did it. I just cannot find it in my notes. **Calhoun:** I recall, as well, the discussion and the need for just establishing a new rule for China because of this ongoing issue, not only with COVID, with NGOs and with the clubs being able to hold some information close to the vest because of other issues. I can't find it. I've gone back in the forum and I cannot find anything there. I certainly think that at this point we can correct that. **Eigenhauser:** I remember it, which is why I brought up the issue in the first place. I know we did something. The problem is – and I'm going to criticize the board for this – at one point we were having so many meetings every month and we were bringing up every kind of issue at every meeting, there was no rhyme or reason to it, that we just lost track of some of these things. We created policies that are in the board minutes from some telephone conference somewhere, but don't appear anywhere else. That's why we can't find them in the rules and we can't find them in the addenda. We have to be cleaner about our process so we don't have things like this where we're struggling to find what we did, and that's on us. But, I agree that regardless of what we did in the past, a majority of this board can do it now, so if we haven't done it or we can't find out where we did it, let's just do it now. **Mastin:** Matthew, do you recall anything on this? **Wong:** Yes, yes. I definitely recall. Basically, it was mainly because at the time that it was Chongqing where the NGO only had one month filing, so we only had very few days to turn around. Now I think the situation is better, so we can definitely consider going back to 30 days. Of course, when there are emergencies we can still ask for special, but I think looking at John and Wain and Kathy, we all see the application of show dates from various participants. They are now planning basically a couple of months ahead. So, I think George is right. Seven days creates a lot of stress on Central Office, so I think we can reduce it and accept the fate. I think 30 days is pretty fair. **Mastin:** Thank you Matthew. John and Kathy, are you in agreement for 30 days and then work off emergencies? **Calhoun:** I would be more comfortable with 14 days. **Colilla:** Me too. That's what I'm thinking of. **Mastin:** Matthew, did you hear Kathy? **Wong:** Yes, yes. It's

great, yeah. **Mastin:** OK, so you are in agreement? **Wong:** Yes, yes in agreement. **Mastin:** OK. So then the motion for the show rule we can make it 14 days for China and then the board will have to approve that. **Raymond:** So, my question to the board is, are you looking to make this an addendum that would be in effect for next show season, or are you looking to make this a permanent part of the Show Rules? **Calhoun:** A permanent part of the Show Rules. **Raymond:** I can go back and work on that, and bring it back at the end of closed session if you want. **Mastin:** OK, that works. **Calhoun:** I will be available for any questions. **Mastin:** OK, alright.

12. *Extend for the 2023-2024 Show Season, the exception that, when no show takes place in a kitten's region, division, or area of residence during the kitten's four months of eligibility, the owner can request an exception to the residency requirement for the kitten class (see Article XXXVI - National/Regional/Divisional Assignment). The request must be made to Central Office by April 26, 2024. Email Shirley Dent (sdent@cfa.org) and copy James Simbro (jsimbro@cfa.org).*

Mastin: Do we have more Show Rules, Ed? **Raymond:** We do. There was one addenda that was brought forth yesterday. Essentially when no show takes place in a kitten's region or division of residence during the 4 months of eligibility, there is currently an addendum that allows the owner to apply for a special exception. The discussion yesterday was to make this permanent and to do away with the need for a request, so it's automatically done. I drafted this up last night, adding Paragraph 4.1 to the National/Regional/Divisional Assignment portion of Article XXXVI. The wording is, *When no show takes place in a kitten's region/division/area of residence during a kitten's four months of eligibility, the owner can request an exception to the residency requirement for the kitten class will be granted* (see Article XXXVI - National/Regional/Divisional Assignment). **Mastin:** Carol, is that your motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, that will be my motion. I think that makes it very clear. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. **Mastin:** Is there any questions or discussion on that show rule? Any objections? Seeing no objection, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** A follow-up motion, which is simply to delete what you passed yesterday as an addenda saying roughly the same thing. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Mastin:** Let me understand it. We're deleting what we did yesterday? **Raymond:** You passed an addendum yesterday which would only be in effect for the 2023-2024 show season. You no longer need that addendum because we just passed a permanent change to the Show Rules. **Eigenhauser:** We're replacing our temporary fix with a permanent one. That's my motion. **Mastin:** OK. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Any discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** That's all I have. **Mastin:** That's all of them? **Raymond:** Those were the only two that were immediate. There are others we will work on for later. **Mastin:** Alright, thank you. Then we will have you come back after closed session to wrap up the China. OK, great. **Anger:** #11. **Mastin:** #11, right.

(b) Breeds and Standards – British Shorthair Ballot Proposal #10.

[Secretary's Note: The following transcript also appears at the end of the original presentation in the Show Rules Report.]

10 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 35
50% of Voting: 18

YES: 21

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 0

PROPOSAL 10: Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept registration (for other breeds) (only longhair British for use in Scottish Fold and/or Selkirk Rex) with specific registration codes to indicate they are longhairs or have longhairs in the 5 generations behind them.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed Chocolate Lilac Longhair

Ticked tabby

RATIONALE: The longhair gene is known to be present in the British Shorthair gene pool. Allowing these cats to be registered as British Shorthairs will allow them to be placed in the breeding programs of Scottish Folds and Selkirk Rex.

Mastin: Additional unfinished business? **Anger:** I believe we had a chance to come back from Annette regarding the optional two-year breed council membership. **Calhoun:** We did that. **Anger:** OK. I had a note in New Business. I think we went back and forth on that one. Next was #10 on the British Shorthair ballot regarding the language that was omitted from the proposal about using the longhair British in other breeds, registering them only for breeding in other breeds. We were supposed to get language from the Breed Council Secretary. **Wilson:** I did get language from Cyndy by email and then I made up some other things that I thought sounded better. She suggested a way to reword it using parenthesis which I'm going to use. She is the Breed Council Secretary. So, it would say – this instead of the type-o thing in Proposal #10. *Accept registration only of longhair British Shorthairs (only for use in outcrosses in accepted non-British Shorthair breeding programs) with specific registration codes to indicate that they are longhairs or have longhair in the 5 generations behind it.* **Mastin:** And that's your motion? **Wilson:** That's my motion. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Mastin:** Discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Judging Program Rules.

[Secretary's Note: The following transcript also appears at the end of the original presentation in the Show Rules Report.]

Mastin: Do you have anything else, Rachel? **Anger:** I have a note that there was something in the Judging Program Rule #12, paragraph 1, subparagraph (c) about approved guest judges. **Morgan:** Yes, it's actually for fun shows. Pam and I worked on that last night. Thank you Pam. **DelaBar:** Thank you Melanie. **Morgan:** Teamwork makes the dream work. We're going to make 12.1.c. 12.2 because there is no 12.2 in here anymore. #1 will now read, *Fun shows will not be approved for shows conducted by or in conjunction with FFF or ICE.* #3 will become 2 and I will read it just so that it's here. We have the whole 12.2. *Fun show judging will not be approved if FFF or ICE judges are also officiating.* #3 will become 2, and that reads: *Fun show judging will not be approved as an in-conjunction show sharing a show hall or second day in the same venue where an ICE or FFF show occurred.* #4 becomes #3, and that reads:

Associate judges of single specialties may judge all types of cats at a fun show. Do you need me to read the whole thing again or have you got it? **Anger:** I have it. **Morgan:** Thank you.

DelaBar: The rationale behind that is on the shows to be allowed to be fun shows, I would hate to have to see the board have to come anytime we were going to do a 4H show, for example. I'm speaking as a judge and I'm not trying to be holier than thou over it, but CFA judges are really well thought of, especially in handling, and *We Know Cats*. We should allow our judges to go out and share this information, especially if we're going to be able to bring more people into the fancy and get a chance to raise our level of registrations and other products. Our judges are ambassadors and they are good examples of the cat fancy, so we don't want to hold back our judges for bona fide exercises of programs or whatever, especially for these fun shows. Some of our larger organizations within like the WCC, we have very large independent clubs throughout the world. Why not allow our judges to spread the word, get out there and do some little evangelizing for CFA on these events? **Morgan:** So, that's our motion. **DelaBar:** I'll second.

Morgan: Thank you. **Mastin:** Was that all that needed to be corrected? **Morgan:** Correct.

Mastin: Nothing else? Because I know you had identified a number of areas. **Morgan:** We fixed those yesterday. **DelaBar:** We fixed them. **Mastin:** But they don't need board approval?

Morgan: No, we did it. **Mastin:** OK great. Any questions or discussion? Any objections to the changes? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

Anger: That is all the Unfinished Business I had notations of. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

27. OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

Mastin: Other Committees? Any other committees? I'm going to bring mine at the end because it came up from the bottom.

28. **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) **Show Date Request.**

Cincinnati Cat Club lost their show hall the third weekend in April. They are requesting to put on a show on April 22-23, 2023 in Hamilton, Ohio for this year only.

Motion: Allow the Cincinnati Cat Club (Region 4) to hold a show on April 22-23, 2023 in Hamilton, Ohio for one year only.

Mastin: New Business. I think we've got a bit of New Business, right? **Anger:** Yes.

Mastin: The first thing on New Business is Show Date Request. OK, John. **Colilla:** What happened is, due to the change of staff because of COVID, they have new people working at the facility and they rented the place to a different group of people, so the club requests to move the show from the third weekend in April to the fourth weekend, just for one year only. They will go back to the third weekend after that. **Mastin:** Did you receive approval? **Colilla:** I received no approval from Region 1. **Mastin:** OK. So, there are other shows that weekend? **Colilla:** Yes. Their show is 530 miles away from this show. **Mastin:** That was my next question – how far is it? How about the other adjoining regions? **Colilla:** I did not receive a response from 7 or 6 on that one. **Currie:** I'm going to have to abstain because I'm judging. They have three clubs involved with that show in Oaks. These are three struggling clubs that are trying to put on a successful show. I understand, John. I like Cincinnati Cat Club. I just judged for them. They are a great group of people. Anyway, it's hard for me to support this, even though they are 500 miles apart. These guys draw from the same exhibitor base. When you guys have a show, they don't come to my Plant City shows. **Mastin:** You are working it today. **Currie:** I'm just doing a little advertising. I want everybody to have a successful show, and it's just going to be a little bit tough to do that, but you're well within your rights. If the board approves it, they approve it.

Colilla: I just thought I would ask. **Currie:** Well, you just did. **Eigenhauser:** I didn't hear a second, so if nobody seconded it, I'll do it. **Roy:** This group, it is three clubs. They have been looking for a really long time for a show date. They finally found a fifth weekend. We also had issues in our own region with Sign of the Cat wanting to change their weekend. They are spending a lot of money in Oaks and it still is the same exhibitor base. Truly it is. Even if it's 500 miles, they are drawing from that whole mid-Atlantic region and Ohio. I just can't do it to these three clubs with their first show. **Dunham:** I am fine with it. I really think this is an issue between 4 and 1. Region 6 doesn't have a show that weekend. My show is the following weekend, because there's 5 weekends in the month. I don't have a problem with it, but I understand Sharon's concerns. **Mastin:** OK. Additional questions for John or Sharon? Any comments? OK, I'm going to call for the – **Calhoun:** What's the motion? **Mastin:** The motion is to:

Allow the Cincinnati Cat Club (Region 4) to hold a show on April 22-23, 2023 in Hamilton, Ohio for one year only. That's the motion. **DelaBar:** I've got a question. John, how many shows has Cincinnati put on during the show season? **Colilla:** This will be the second one, but they have two Traditional Dates. They just established a brand new Traditional Date on Thanksgiving weekend. This is the other one. This has been the Traditional Date for years, for the third weekend. **DelaBar:** So, the Traditional Date they used to have like in January is gone? **Colilla:** No, no, no. They don't. Cincinnati doesn't have it. **DelaBar:** I remember Nancy Davis putting those shows on. **Colilla:** I know, I know. All the parties. That's a different club I think. Anyway, the Traditional Date is the third weekend. They recently started having a Thanksgiving weekend

show. They established, since they put on two years in a row, so they have a show Thanksgiving weekend, a Traditional Date now established, but this is the other established date that they have. They've had a show the third weekend for years, but like I said, because people changing people, they rented the show hall. This happened to a lot of clubs. Unfortunately, COVID, changing staff, people don't work. **Moser:** I'm confused, I'm sorry. The other club, is that in your region, Sharon? **Roy:** It is, and what they took was, there's 5 weekends in April, so they took a weekend that wasn't assigned to anybody. **Moser:** OK, so wait a minute. The show that's in your region, has it been there the whole time or no? **Colilla:** Which one? **Moser:** The one that Sharon's region. **Hannon:** Sharon's region moved to the 5th weekend. **Moser:** Oh, thank you Mark. **Hannon:** It was on this weekend, but she moved it because of 5 weekends this year. **Moser:** So, the weekend that John wants is the weekend prior, right? **Colilla:** The 4th weekend. **Hannon:** There's 3 show that weekend. There's one in Region 6, there's one in Region 7 and then the one we just discussed out in California. **Roy:** Technically, the 22nd and 23rd is a fifth weekend. **Moser:** Right, but it's not on the same weekend still. Yours is on the weekend after, right? **Roy:** No. **Hannon:** Yours is normally the 4th weekend, but this year it's the 5th. This is the 4th weekend. **Moser:** Thank you. **Hannon:** Sharon this year does not have a show this weekend. There's Las Vegas this weekend, there's Florida this weekend and then, where is the other one? **Tartaglia:** Springfield. **Moser:** OK, and so this one, actually this weekend the only two shows would be John's show and the show at Poppy State. **Roy:** No, there's one in Region 1. We approved one in Region 1 in Oaks, Pennsylvania. **Hannon:** We're talking about the weekend of Las Vegas. **Moser:** Oh, OK. [No] **Currie:** Vegas is at the end of the month, along with that great Plant City show. **Calhoun:** That's the 5th weekend. **Roy:** It's the Turkish Angora and the Ragamuffin club. There's also some other club that's actually part of your region, John, that are putting this show on in Oaks. They have been looking for a date. They don't want to run a regular show. There was a 5th weekend, so they took – the 5th weekend is technically the 4th weekend because of the way the show season runs. They took it, they are spending a lot of money, they are doing a lot of advertising, but they really do use the same exhibitor base, even though it's 500 miles. That's a big group of people in that whole area. **Mastin:** Sharon, what is the date? We need to know the date. **Roy:** The 22nd and 23rd. **Mastin:** You keep saying the 5th weekend, and that is the 4th weekend. **Roy:** The 5th weekend is Sign of the Cat. **Mastin:** OK. We need to get that organized. The show in Oaks is on the 22nd and 23rd. John, the show for Cincinnati is – **Colilla:** The 22nd and 23rd, because of the facility they moved it. **Wilson:** I'm confused. If Sign of the Cat had not moved to the last weekend, would it then have an issue being up against – **Roy:** Absolutely. **Wilson:** Has the Cinci show ever been this weekend before, John? **Colilla:** No. **Wilson:** Has it been in April? **Colilla:** It has always been the third weekend, but this time they are requesting the fourth weekend. There's five weekends in April. **Wilson:** I get that, but is the third weekend unavailable? **Colilla:** They don't have a show hall. They rented the facility to somebody else. **Krzanowski:** Are there any other shows on the 22nd and 23rd, other than the one in Oaks? **Moser:** Poppy State. **Krzanowski:** OK, so that makes – **Colilla:** That's way out on the west side. **Krzanowski:** The exhibitor base is the same. **Mastin:** John, earlier I heard you say Cincinnati has two shows per year, one in November and one in April? **Colilla:** Now they do, after the Thanksgiving show last year. They have now two shows. **Mastin:** And they can't get a show hall on their traditional third weekend? **Colilla:** Yes. **Mastin:** And that's why you are asking for this request. **Colilla:** They rented it to somebody else. That show hall is available the fourth weekend. **Mastin:** Any additional questions? How about additional

comments? Do you have anything else you want to add? **Colilla:** No. **Mastin:** I'm going to call for the vote on this. All those in favor to allow Cincinnati to have the show, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Hannon, Krzanowski and Roy voting no. Anger, Currie, DelaBar, Dunham, Morgan, Moser, Noble, Webb and Wilson abstained.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, John Colilla, George Eigenhauser, Mike Shelton. OK, lower your hand. All those opposed raise your hand. Carol Krzanowski, Mark Hannon, Sharon Roy. You are opposed? **Roy:** I'm opposed. **Mastin:** Are you judging the show? **Roy:** No. **Mastin:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** Abstention is going to win. **Mastin:** I need to find out what Yukiko – **Anger:** She hasn't voted. **Mastin:** Yukiko, are you in favor of this motion or opposed or an abstention? **Hayata:** I don't know. I agree, you know? **Mastin:** You agree? **Hayata:** Yes. **Mastin:** Alright, so you are a yes. **Hayata:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, all the abstentions raise your hand. Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Kenny Currie, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Pam Moser, Annette Wilson, Melanie Morgan, Russell Webb. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 5 yes votes, 3 no votes, 9 abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes. **DelaBar:** So they get to have their show. **Mastin:** They get to have the show. **Colilla:** Thank you.

[From after next proposal] **Anger:** Call on Shelly. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Shelly? **Perkins:** The motion prior to this, was it pre-noticed? The one that got 5, 3 and a lot of abstentions? **Mastin:** Yes. **Perkins:** OK, thank you.

(b) Great Lakes Great Maines Summit Proposal.

Mastin: Continue with New Business Rachel. **Anger:** We have a new business item for executive session from Pam which will come up later. **Mastin:** Sharon, you've got some new business? **Roy:** I do. I had an email last night. This is going to be really quick. Great Lakes Great Maines, who is running a show Labor Day weekend 2023 wants to be approved to have a breed summit much like what the Egyptian Maus have, so that all the Maine Coons are called up in all the rings at the same time. It doesn't affect scoring or anything else, so they are going to judge them according to Show Rules and then also do a top 3 to 5 Maine Coons, depending on how many entered. So, it's just a straight breed summit. **Eigenhauser:** What's the entry difference between 3 and 5? **Roy:** I don't know if she told me that. *Hang top 5 breed wins on each class, then award top 3 to 5 Maine Coons overall, comparing all three classes.* So, they want to do a top 5 Maine Coon in each class, and then a top 3 overall. **Mastin:** Do you have the motion? **Anger:** Not really. **Roy:** It's very much like what the Egyptian Mau is doing. **Mastin:** Sharon, we need a motion. What is the motion? **Roy:** The motion is to allow Great Lakes Great Maines to do a breed summit at their Labor Day show for Maine Coons. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Anger:** What is the location? **Colilla:** Columbus. **Tartaglia:** I have a question for clarification. You said there is no additional scoring. **Roy:** No additional scoring. **Tartaglia:** For grand points or national points. **Roy:** No, no. **Tartaglia:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Any more questions for Sharon? Any comments? **Perkins:** Can you call on me after this motion is over? **Mastin:** Yes. Someone has to remind me to do that. Sharon, any additional comments? **Roy:** No. **Mastin:** OK. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Any other New Business? I'm just checking my notes to make sure.

(c) Shows in Russia.

[Secretary's Note: This motion was discussed in executive session. The results are presented below.]

Motion: Allow our two Russian clubs to host CFA shows to be held only in Russia, with only Russian judges (we have 2 Russian CFA judges), and with only Russian exhibitors.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*Committee Chair: Rich Mastin
List of Committee Members: Kathy Calhoun & Teresa Sweeney*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Review monthly financial profit & loss statements and balance sheets to previous year's performance and budget.*
- *Review and discuss contractual agreements as presented.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Final review of 2023 International Show agreements.*
- *Review and monitor weekly bank account balances and bi-weekly payroll reports.*
- *Current combined all account balances (including long term investments):*
 - o *As of January 20, 2023, \$3,062,777.36*
 - o *As of February 3, 2023 \$3,064,268.55*
- *Review of long term investments (unrealized investments):*
 - o *As of January 20, 2023 combined total is \$2,346,859.89*
 - o *On April 30, 2022 combined total was \$2,359,836.44*
 - o *Difference since April 30, 2022 is -\$12,976.55*
 - o *Week to week market swings can be large*
 - *Examples: 1/12/23 compared to 1/6/23 is +\$36,639.54*
 - 1/20/23 compared to 12/30/22 is +\$56,088.34*
- o *Long term investments are for the organization future financial stability, our focuses should be on net operating profit and return on investments.*

2022 – 2023 Show Sponsorships:

- *Regular Show Sponsorship - \$1,000 per club per show up to two shows per year*
 - o *\$150,000 Budgeted*
 - o *\$150,000 Requested*

- *\$100,000 Awarded*
- *In-Conjunction Show Sponsorship - \$1,000 per club per show*
 - *\$4,000 Budgeted*
 - *\$0 Requested*
- *Agility Ring Sponsorship - \$300 per club per show*
 - *\$3,000 Budgeted*
 - *\$2,100 Requested*
 - *\$600 Awarded*
- *Region 9 Incentive*
 - *\$14,000 Budgeted*
 - *\$10,500 Requested*
 - *\$7,000 Awarded*

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Mastin, Chair

Mastin: The next item is Finance Committee Report. As of February 3, 2023, the total account balances have \$3,064,268.55. Did you get that, Pam? **DelaBar:** No. **Mastin:** \$3,064,268.55. **DelaBar:** And 55 cents, got it. **Mastin:** What I wanted to mention to the group is, our long-term funds are starting to move in the corrective direction. We have had a little bit of a wild ride for the past year and a half or so. I'm sure everybody else has, as well. As of February 3rd, that would be Friday, our combined long-term investments is \$2,380,181.79. So, in the last 14 days the long-term investments increased over \$33,000. It is so up and down, as you can see under my examples, it's not taking too long for the accounts to go up, as they did go down. We could see a \$15,000 to \$30,000 swing in one week. So, I wanted to share that with the group, not to get worried. We are not using that money to pay for anything that you all agreed to do with the Marketing and the SU2020 or the website. Those funds are in a market account. Allene, Kathy and I are in the process of moving that from a market account to a sweep account. The sweep account will pay 3% and it's readily available. We can move it as we need to, so we're taking advantage of some of the interest-bearing accounts that are out there. I wanted to share that with the group.

Mastin: The other thing I wanted to mention is, I know Kathy said at this time we don't need to request any additional show sponsorship. We are at the request - \$150,000 – however we haven't paid out the \$150,000. We don't know if we're going to get too many more through the end of this year. They usually come in pretty early. If we do get additional requests, we'll come to you. It may have to be an online motion. In all the years I have been involved with handling

the show sponsorship, the board has never not approved an increase to show sponsorship, which is very good of the board to help take care of our shows. **DelaBar:** I know Region 9 is going to be coming in. We have some new shows. I know they are going to be coming in, that the shows will be held before the end of the show season. **Mastin:** Before the end of the year, OK. They probably haven't requested anything yet. **DelaBar:** Not yet. **Mastin:** OK. For Region 9, on your incentive program, your budget is \$14,000 and requested is \$10,500. Do you know if you are going to stay within that? **DelaBar:** I think so. **Mastin:** Even with these additional shows? **DelaBar:** I have one additional show, it's their third show, so they're not getting anything. **Mastin:** Right, because it's limited to two. **DelaBar:** Otherwise, I think everything is within reason. **Mastin:** Great, great. I will point out, in-conjunction show sponsorship, we have not done anything in a couple years but it is still there. Do you have something coming up? **DelaBar:** I will in October. **Mastin:** OK, so keep that in mind for the budget for next year, because somebody may want to recommend, let's get rid of it, like we did new show sponsorship. Any questions for me on the Finance Report? Kathy, have you got any additional comments or anything? **Calhoun:** I do not. **Mastin:** OK great, thank you.

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Mastin: Next, it says Executive Session, so at this time I want to thank everybody in the audience who joined us on FaceBook. I guess we are going to break for 10 minutes. Allene, do you have something? **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to remind Yukiko and Matthew to log into the meeting link that I sent before. **Mastin:** And Shelly. So, Yukiko, Shelly and Matthew, you need to sign out and log on to the Executive Session Zoom that Allene sent. It is 9:13. We're going to break until 9:23. Ten minutes is good. I want to get you out of here early today.

[from Executive Session discussion] **DelaBar:** Question Rich. Your Finance Report, did we bring that out of executive session? **Mastin:** Yes, we did that yesterday. **DelaBar:** I wanted to make sure that I didn't put anything in the notes that shouldn't be there. **Mastin:** George motioned it. **DelaBar:** That was George who brought it out, OK.

Open session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Executive Session

30. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The following committee appointments were ratified:

Committee	Chair	Co/Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Breeder Education	Carissa Altschul	LeAnn Rupy, Vice-Chair	Annette Wilson	carissa_altschul@hotmail.com
Junior Fanciers	Sheri Shaffer	Albert Sweitzer Co-Chair	Cathy Dunham	sherilynshaffer@yahoo.com
Mentorship	Vacant		Carol Krzanowski	
International Division	Kathy Calhoun	Matthew Wong		calhounkathy38@gmail.com
China	John Colilla	Wain Harding		jrcolilla@sbcglobal.net
AWA/CSA, Asia (outside of China)	Robert Zenda			zendabob1@cs.com
Show Scheduling	Pam Moser	Mary Auth Vice-Chair		pam.moser1952@gmail.com

31. CENTRAL OFFICE.

The following motion was adopted:

- Provide a cattery report only to the registered cattery owner(s).

32. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

22-012-0117 CFA v. Liu, Dylan

Violation of CFA Bylaws, Article XV, Section 4 (b)

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: (1) \$1,000 fine payable within 30 days and a two year suspension from all CFA services; (2) CFA shall void the registration of BELL LUNA XINBA, CFA # 819402843218, born 02/18/2019. [vote sealed]*

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the parties, and the matter was heard. Final disposition is as follows:

None