

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 4, 2025**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the emergency video conference executive session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. 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)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director) x
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director) joined the meeting later
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director) x
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director) x
Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Matthew Wong, Budget Committee Member

Absent:

None

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

Mastin: Hi everyone. Rachel, why don't you go ahead and do the roll call, please? And the confirmation of the oath and the affirming of the oath and confidentiality agreement. **Anger:** Alright. [**Secretary's Note:** The Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement was reaffirmed after the break. Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] Thank you. Anyone else that I have forgotten? Anyone on the panel that's not supposed to be here? OK, great. So, we're all present except Howard, and when he joins the meeting, I will note it in the minutes. I turn it back to you, President Mastin. **Mastin:** Rachel, thank you. Meeting is called to order.

TRANSCRIPT

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda March 4, 2025		
Executive Session		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees		
2.	Show Rules Committee	Raymond
3.	Agility Committee – Non-Standard Agility Ring	Griswold
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees		
4.	Proposed Board-Sponsored Delegate Proposal	Raymond
Unfinished Business and General Orders		
5.	New Business – World Top Feline Club Format Change	Anger
6.	Old Business – In-Conjunction Request with TICA Club	Anger

Mastin: Our first order of business is to approve the Orders of the Day. May I have a motion, please? Darrell, are you making the motion to approve the orders of the day? **Newkirk:** I am making the motion. **Mastin:** OK. Russell, are you a second? **Webb:** Yes, I'm a second. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Darrell. Thank you, Russell. May we have any additions and/or changes? Are there any other additions or changes to the orders of the day? Are there any objections? OK, seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

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

Mastin: Thank you, everyone.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(2) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: **Ed Raymond**

Liaison to Board: **Carol Krzanowski**

List of Committee Members: **Cathy Dunham, Carla Bizzell**

Mastin: Ed, we have show rules. Carol, are you a standing motion on the three show rule motions? Carol? **Tartaglia:** She may not be back yet. **Krzanowski:** Sorry, I just got back. OK. It took me a little longer to get back and forth. **Mastin:** That's OK. Are you a standing motion on the three show rule motions? I think there's three. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I will be a standing motion to accept all the show rules as presented. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Carol. Darrell, are you a standing second? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. I wanted to get that out of the way. Ed, go ahead.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has prepared the show rule changes set forth for the Board's consideration. The Committee is currently working with Central Office to integrate the previously-approved show rule changes, including updating cross-references to other show rules within the rules and updating the index.

Current Happenings of the Committee

At the October 2024 meeting, the Board gave the Committee permission to update show rule number cross-references with the show rules without seeking permission for each change from the Board. The Committee was asked to provide the list of the changes made to the Board.

Show Rule	Former Reference	New Reference
2.12	2.22 f	2.23 f
2.34	2.35	2.38
4.04 d	5.04	5.05
6.15	2.07 a	2.09 a
7.04	2.08 b, c, and 7.03	2.09, 2.23, and 7.17
10.17	4.07 a.3	4.06 a.3
11.21	2.20.c	2.23.c
12.13	2.14	Deleted - rule repealed
14.07	26.01	26.01-26.03
14.07	37.02-03	Deleted - no such rule
15.01	5.06	Deleted - rule repealed
15.01	6.35	6.35-6.36
15.01	10.11	10.12
16.07	5.01-04	5.01-07
16.07	6.35	6.35-6.36

17.01	5.01-04	5.01-07
19.04	5.04-05	5.05-06
24.02	37.04	Deleted - no such rule
25.02	4.06-08	4.06-07
25.02	35.02	35.07
35.11	2.30	2.33

Raymond: OK, the first thing in the report, back in October, the Committee asked for permission to update the cross-references to other show rules within the show rules, and the board approved it, but you asked for a list of the changes that were made. So, that list is on the screen in front of you, just for your reference.

Board Action Items:

#1

BACKGROUND: At the October 2024 and February 2025 meetings, the board was presented with motions to amend Show Rule 13.07. Both motions (which are set forth below) were passed by unanimous consent without any discussion. Unfortunately, the two motions were inconsistent and the changes cannot be incorporated into the Show Rules.

October 2024 Amendment

Article XIII – Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late fee Collection amend 13.07	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an “NCR” catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The second catalog is to be retained by the club for appropriate use and file.	13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with a fully marked master clerk book two (2) fully marked catalogs , including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an “NCR” catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The second catalog is to be retained by the club for appropriate use and file.
RATIONALE: Master clerks do not complete multiple catalogs for a club.	

February 2025 Amendment

Article XIII Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection Amend 13.07	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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RATIONALE: This is a matter of housekeeping if show rule 13.09 passes, so the rules are consistent.	

In order to not delay the preparation and printing of the show rules, the following action is requested.

MOTION: Rescind the October 2024 and February 2025 amendments to Show Rule 13.07, and enact the changes set forth below.

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RATIONALE:	

Raymond: We have, as Rich alluded, three action items. The first is to rectify a problem that we created, the Show Rules Committee created, by providing the board with conflicting show rule changes to show rule 13.07 in October and February. When we went to put these into place, we quickly figured out that we couldn’t do what we had here. So, the motion is to rescind the amendments which were approved in October and February, and to approve the amendment to 13.07, which is provided in this report. **Mastin:** So Ed, the first motion is to rescind, and then the second motion is to approve the new language? It’s kind of a compound motion, but you can take it as two separate ones. Well, I’m gonna go by what you recommend. **Raymond:** I would do it all at once, because you can’t get to the second one until you do the first one. It kind of all happens together. **Mastin:** OK, so we can do them both at the same time then? **Raymond:** Yep. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously. **Raymond:** Thank you

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

#2

BACKGROUND: *In December 2024, the Board approved an amendment SR 28.02a to change from 80% to 70% the percentage of rings in China that a cat must be present in in order to be included in the count. Unfortunately, SR 28.02a only deals with the calculation of Grand Points. Article XXXVI/Show Points #3 deals with the determination of show point generally and that did NOT get changed so we will have a 70% rule in effect for Grand Points in China next season but the 80% rule still in effect for National/Divisional points.*

MOTION: *Amend Article XXXVI/Show Points #3 to provide that a cat/kitten/household pet in China must be present in 70% of the rings to be included in the count.*

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program, amend Show Points		
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording

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<p>Official Show Count</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of China, i.e., in Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For cats/kittens/household pets handled by judges in China, the cat/kitten/household pet must be handled and no award withheld because of insufficient merit, condition, or disqualification (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24) in 80 percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/household pet to be counted. In rings where an award is withheld from a cat/kitten for the reasons given above, that cat/kitten will be considered absent for the purpose of determining if the 80% requirement has been met:</p> <table> <tr> <th>Number of Rings held at show</th><th>Rings present for cat to be in count</th></tr> <tr><td>1 Ring held</td><td>1 Ring</td></tr> <tr><td>2 Rings held</td><td>2 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>3 Rings held</td><td>3 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>4 Rings held</td><td>4 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>5 Rings held</td><td>4 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>6 Rings held</td><td>5 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>7 Rings held</td><td>6 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>8 Rings held</td><td>7 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>9 Rings held</td><td>8 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>10 Rings held</td><td>8 Rings</td></tr> </table> <p>Cats/kittens/household pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.</p>	Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count	1 Ring held	1 Ring	2 Rings held	2 Rings	3 Rings held	3 Rings	4 Rings held	4 Rings	5 Rings held	4 Rings	6 Rings held	5 Rings	7 Rings held	6 Rings	8 Rings held	7 Rings	9 Rings held	8 Rings	10 Rings held	8 Rings	<p>Official Show Count</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of China, i.e., in Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For cats/kittens/household pets handled by judges in China, the cat/kitten/household pet must be handled and no award withheld because of insufficient merit, condition, or disqualification (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24) in 80<u>70</u> percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/household pet to be counted. In rings where an award is withheld from a cat/kitten for the reasons given above, that cat/kitten will be considered absent for the purpose of determining if the 80% requirement has been met:</p> <table> <tr> <th>Number of Rings held at show</th><th>Rings present for cat to be in count</th></tr> <tr><td>1 Ring held</td><td>1 Ring</td></tr> <tr><td>2 Rings held</td><td>2 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>3 Rings held</td><td>3 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>4 Rings held</td><td>4<u>3</u> Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>5 Rings held</td><td>4 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>6 Rings held</td><td>5 Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>7 Rings held</td><td>6<u>5</u> Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>8 Rings held</td><td>7<u>6</u> Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>9 Rings held</td><td>8<u>7</u> Rings</td></tr> <tr><td>10 Rings held</td><td>8<u>7</u> Rings</td></tr> </table> <p>Cats/kittens/household pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.</p>	Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count	1 Ring held	1 Ring	2 Rings held	2 Rings	3 Rings held	3 Rings	4 Rings held	4 <u>3</u> Rings	5 Rings held	4 Rings	6 Rings held	5 Rings	7 Rings held	6 <u>5</u> Rings	8 Rings held	7 <u>6</u> Rings	9 Rings held	8 <u>7</u> Rings	10 Rings held	8 <u>7</u> Rings
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<p>RATIONALE: Harmonize the requirement that a cat in China be handled in 70% of rings at a show to be included in the show count.</p>																																													

Raymond: The second motion, in December, the board approved an amendment to Show Rule 28.02.a., which changed from 80% to 70%, the percentage of rings in China that a cat had to be present in order to be included in the count. Unfortunately, that show rule only deals with the calculation of grand points. Article XXXVII, number three, deals with the calculation of

show points, and that one did not get changed. So, we've currently got a situation where you only have to be present in 70% of the rings for the calculation of grand points, but you still have to be present in 80% of the rings for the calculation of national or divisional points. The motion is to amend Article XXXVII to require that a cat, kitten, or household pet in China be present in 70% of the rings to be included in the count. The changes here mirror the changes that were made to 28.02.a. earlier in the year. **Mastin:** Ed, is it Article XXXVII or XXXVI? **Raymond:** XXXVI, sorry. **Mastin:** OK, because that's what you have on the report. I just want to make sure. **Raymond:** Yeah, I just wasn't reading my Roman numbers correctly. **Mastin:** OK, OK, I just want to make sure, OK. Alright, further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

#3. **MOTION:** Add SR 4.08 setting for the process for approval of in-conjunction shows.

Article IV – Licensing the Show, add 4.08	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
	4.08 No member club may hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. (See CFA Bylaws, Article XII). Requests for approval should be submitted to the CFA Secretary prior to the show being licensed and must include the name and association affiliation of the partner club, the names of that club’s officers, and pertinent details about the proposed shows. Given that the Board may impose conditions that it deems appropriate, no show license will be issued until Board approval is granted.	
RATIONALE: The requirement that the Board approve in-conjunction shows is currently only in the CFA Bylaws. This change will cause the requirement to also be reflected in the show rules and set forth the process for seeking approval.		

Raymond: And lastly, we have a motion to add Show Rule 4.08, setting forth the process for approval of in conjunction shows. **Mastin:** OK. **Raymond:** As was previously discussed with the recent in conjunction request, there's nothing in the Show Rules that talks about in conjunction shows. That requirement is actually in the bylaws, so this will add language to the show rules and help people be aware of what they're supposed to do. **Mastin:** OK. Alright, is there any discussion or questions? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

Unless an emergency arises, the Committee does not plan to bring forward any additional Show Rule changes for the 2025-2026 show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: Ed, do you have anything else on show rules? **Raymond:** Nothing. **DelaBar:** Per our work this past weekend, yes, there will be some show rules coming forward in April. **Mastin:** OK, those are going to be addendums to the Show Rules. **DelaBar:** One is a show rule change and the other one is an addendum. **Mastin:** OK. **Raymond:** Given the timing, Pam, we might have to print the show rule change in the addendum. **DelaBar:** Yeah, understand. **Raymond:** For next year. **Mastin:** Yeah, because of the printing, right, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, and I'll work with Allene to make sure that we have the timing correctly. I'm not sure the exact date the show rules are going to the printer. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any other questions or comments specific to Show Rules for Ed or Carol? OK, Ed, thank you to you and your Committee.

(3) AGILITY COMMITTEE.

Committee Co-Chairs: Jill Archibald, Niki Feniak
Liaison to Board: Marilee Griswold

[**Secretary's Note:** Major portions of the executive session discussion are not included as part of these minutes.]

BACKGROUND: *A nonstandard (smaller) agility course was used at a show. The scores should not be counted for any cat as per the 2024-2025 Show Rules in section – Article XXVI 26.01 a., b., c., d. & e. This was brought to my attention by the Agility Committee.*

Motion: *Do not score the times for the nonstandard course agility rankings at the Springfield, MO show on June 15/26, 15/16, 2024.*

Mastin: OK, so your motion is, *Do not score the times for the non-standard course agility rankings at the Springfield Missouri show on June 15th, 2026.* Wait, June, what's the date there? June 15/26 or is it 16? **Griswold:** 15/16. **Mastin:** OK, alright. **Griswold:** Yeah, 15/16 for the non-standard setup, which was for a 10 x 20 tent setup. **Mastin:** OK, and that is your motion, correct? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** Russell, are you seconding? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Russell.

Altschul: I'm going to make a motion right now. I know there's some discussion, but I think we need a motion to table this until we get more information. **Newkirk:** So first of all, I'll second Carissa's motion to table. **Mastin:** We're going to act on the motion to table. It was presented by Carissa, seconded by Darrell. I'm not going to call for any more discussion. I'm just going to call for the vote, so if you're in favor to table the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion [to table]. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun, Altschul, Nasin, Jensen and Moyer voting yes.

Mastin: It is Carissa, Doreann, Vicki and Janet. OK, lower your hand. If you're opposed to the motion, raise your hand. Anne, Darrell, Russell, Carol, Pam, Kenny, Pauli, Aki, John, Marilee, Rachel, and lower your hand. Pam, you've got to lower your hand. OK, if you're an abstention, raise your hand. I see no abstentions. Kathy, I don't know if I called your name. **Calhoun:** I don't think you did. Table, I was voting to table it. **Mastin:** OK, so you were a yes. **Calhoun:** I was a yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. OK, Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** I have 5 yes, 11 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion failed, but I'm curious to know who dropped off or who I missed. **Calhoun:** Howard, we're missing **Anger:** Howard. **Mastin:** Howard's gone, OK. Thank you for identifying it.

Mastin: OK, so now we're back to Marilee's original motion and Russell made the second. Is there any further discussion? OK, if you're in favor of the motion, let's put it on the screen. OK, there it is. *Do not score the times for the non-standard course agility rankings at the Springfield, Missouri show on June 15/16, 2024.* Raise your hand. OK, don't lower your hand until I ask you to.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Jensen, Moyer, Nasin and Calhoun voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Kenny, Russell, Anne, Marilee, Aki, Carol, Pauli, John, Rachel [and DelaBar]. OK, lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Carissa, Janet, Doreann, and Kathy. Lower your hand. Vicki, you have your hand up. Are you voting against the motion? **Jensen:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, Vicki voted against the motion, Rachel. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 10 yes, 5 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes. OK, Marilee, do you have anything else? **Griswold:** No, that's it. **Mastin:** OK, Rachel, I just want to confirm the vote. Did you have, what did you have for Pam? **Anger:** Hang on, Pam DelaBar? **Mastin:** Yeah, because I don't remember calling her name. **Anger:** I don't have a vote for her. Let's see if she voted for the first one. Did we lose Pam? Oh yeah, I got Pam's vote for the first one. **Mastin:** OK, Pam, what did you vote on the last motion? **DelaBar:** I voted in favor of the motion. **Mastin:** OK. Alright. It doesn't change the results. It's still 11 and five. I just didn't remember calling Pam. OK, and Marilee, you said you were done, correct? OK, thank you, Marilee. **Griswold:** Yes, I'm done. Yes, thanks for that. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(4) **BOARD-SPONSORED DELEGATE PROPOSALS.**

The CFA Bylaws currently require that 30 days' notice of a meeting be provided to Board members. This limits the Board's flexibility to meet when necessary to address critical issues. For example, since the online motion regarding the April 5 in-conjunction show did not receive unanimous approval, had tonight's Emergency Meeting not already been scheduled for another purpose, the Board would have had no choice but to wait until its April 1 meeting to address the issue.

Motion: Approve the following Board-sponsored amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting.

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

Deleted text is shown with a ~~strike through~~ and new text is underscored. Unless otherwise stated, any Constitutional Amendments are effective immediately.

– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 2 – Meetings, to reduce the notice required for meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ten (10) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed or provided by electronic means to each member of the Board at least ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

RATIONALE: The thirty-day notice requirement harkens back to the time when meeting notices were mailed to Board members. That is no longer the case. A shorter notice period will allow the Board more flexibility to meet to address critical issues as necessary.

Mastin: Alright, next is Ed, proposed board-sponsored delegate proposal. **Raymond:** This came up at a prior meeting. The CFA bylaws currently require 30 days' notice of a board meeting. This limits the board's flexibility when necessary to address critical issues and the example is the in conjunction motion that did not pass unanimously in an online vote, so it had to come to a scheduled board meeting. Had tonight's meeting not already been scheduled, you wouldn't have been able to hear that until April 1st, which would have been just a couple of days before that show was scheduled to take place. So, I've drafted a proposed amendment to the CFA bylaws, which will change the notice requirement from 30 days to 15 days. **Mastin:** OK, may I have a motion? **Currle:** So moved, Kenny. **Mastin:** OK, Kenny, next time you got to raise your hand, please. Alright, Darrell, are you a second? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK, thank you,

Kenny. Thank you, Darrell. Pam. **DelaBar:** I have been on this board when we've had everything by mail and by telephonic prior to everybody getting computer smart. I have no problems with a 15 day notification, but just realize if this goes in how you can mess up clubs because judges contract out more than 15 days before meetings. People go on vacations. People have other things that they are doing aside from what CFA asks. So, this 15 could be a real problem in such cases where somebody would not be able to attend. I know I'm carrying this rule further from the 30 to 15 day question here. What we would have to do, if you remember, we have a section now where board members can be basically voted out of the board for missing X number of board meetings and if we cut down on the time, that does not usually allow people to make exceptions, break contracts, and I feel it would be very unfair for somebody to be voted off the board under these conditions. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Pam. Darrell. **Newkirk:** I understand Pam's concerns, but it doesn't matter if it's five days, seven days, 15, 30, we all have commitments, and there may be a time where you're gone and you can't attend a meeting. I don't see the board voting you off of the board because you had some obligation that you couldn't fulfill or couldn't abandon to attend a board meeting, and most of us – I think Russell attended one when he was overseas. So, there's a way to work around most of this stuff. So, this gives the board the opportunity, if we need it, to call a quick emergency meeting. So, I'm in favor of this. **Jensen:** Well, yeah, but some of us are still working, so if the meetings are at night, that's one thing, but if you're going to call an emergency board meeting during the day, some of us are still working and that would be kind of very difficult. **Mastin:** OK, Vicki, thank you. Ed, were you looking up one of the points that Pam brought up on missing number of meetings missed? **Raymond:** I was, and actually for directors at large, that is three consecutive board meetings or a failure to attend four board meetings during the course of a year and it requires either a vote of the member clubs or a two-thirds vote of the entire executive board. **Mastin:** OK, thank you for pointing that out. **Raymond:** For regional directors, by the way, only the regions can throw them out of office. **Jensen:** Does that rule about how many board meetings, does that take into account that now we have twice as many board meetings as they used to, or has that been modified at all? **Raymond:** That, what I read you is the current language from the bylaws. There is no three out of X. **Mastin:** So Ed, it's three consecutive meetings or four board meetings over the course of a year. **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** And that is for directors at large. **Raymond:** Directors at large. Yep. **Mastin:** OK, but the regional directors cannot – they can miss all the meetings. **Raymond:** Only the member clubs in their region can remove them and it has to be for cause. **Mastin:** That's the way it's worded in the bylaws. **Raymond:** Yep. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, then Darrell. **Anger:** Just a reminder, we're just voting to sponsor this amendment. We're not voting for the actual amendment. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Darrell. **Newkirk:** Those requirements under class of voters in New York law. That's why we changed the bylaws to coincide with New York's not-for-profit law requirements on who can remove somebody. **Mastin:** That is correct. That went to our New York attorneys, Nixon Peabody, for clarification on that. Thanks for pointing that out, Darrell. Are there any further comments? Any objections to the motion? OK, seeing no objection, this motion passes unanimously as a sponsored proposal to the bylaws – sponsored bylaws change to the delegates. From the board.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK, Ed, do you have anything further? **Raymond:** I am done. **Mastin:** OK.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(5) NEW BUSINESS.

(a) World Top Feline Club Request.

BACKGROUND: *The World Top Feline Club is seeking approval to make a format change to a show that is already licensed. The show dates are March 22/23, 2025 in Hong Kong, and they are looking to add an OCP ring (Suki Lee) and an SSP ring (Darrell Newkirk).*

SR 4.04 provides that once the license is approved by CO, no change in format will be allowed except in the case of an emergency. This does not appear to be an emergency as defined by the show rule; hence, this motion.

Motion: *For the World Top Feline Club's show on March 22/23, 2025 in Hong Kong (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a show format change from 6 AB to 4 AB/1AB-OCP (Championship)/1 AB-SSP on the condition that exhibitors, show judges and the Regional Director need to be notified of the change. Revised judging contracts will be required for the judges who are judging OCP (Championship) and SSP and new flyer issued.*

Mastin: Now we are, Rachel, New Business. **Anger:** This was the new motion that came forward for the World Top Feline. This originally went to the executive committee. One executive committee member suggested we take it to the whole board, which is why it's here before you. We have always passed this kind of motion, but what they want to change is their format from six allbreed to add one super specialty ring and one OCP ring. So, this is a format change requiring board approval. **Mastin:** OK, and that's your motion, Rachel? **Anger:** I so move. OK, show of hand. Do I have a second, Russell? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Russell. Is there further discussion, Darrell? **Newkirk:** My super specialty ring is in championship, not in all three classes. I told her I would do one and she told me fine, championship. So, I don't know if the motion needs to be amended to say that. **Mastin:** Ed, you're on mute. **Raymond:** Sorry, Allene just made a change on the online version. I think if, as long as Rachel and Russell are OK with that, that clarifies it. **Mastin:** Well, don't we have to put the super specialty in the parentheses with championship? **Raymond:** Well, the SSP is just before it. So, I mean, I would read that as super specialty in championship. **Mastin:** OK, Darrell, do you approve of what is written on the screen? **Newkirk:** Sure, that's fine. **Mastin:** OK, Rachel, do you accept that? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** Russell, do you accept it? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, is there any further discussion? OK, is there any objections? **Newkirk:** Yes, I have to abstain. **Mastin:** OK, then I'll call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk abstained (with conflict).

Mastin: Kenny, Carissa, Marilee, Russell, Anne, Pauli, Carol, Janet, Doreann, Kathy, John, Aki, Pam, Vicki, and Rachel. OK, lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. And if you're in abstention, raise your hand. Darrell. **Newkirk:** And I abstain with a conflict of interest. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. You can lower your hand. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, zero no, one abstention with cause. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes. OK, thank you, Rachel. **Anger:** I'm sorry, did I say 15? So, I'm good. **Mastin:** That's right, 15 yes,

zero no, one abstention because Howard is not here, Howard left. So we're OK. **Anger:** Perfect.
Mastin: OK, so thank you on the New Business.

(6) **OLD BUSINESS.**

[**Secretary's Note:** Major portions of the executive session discussion are not included as part of these minutes.]

Motion: *Grant the Glamorous International Ambassador Cat Club permission to hold a show in conjunction with a TICA club, Macka of Astro United, in Hong Kong (ID-Other) on April 5/6, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

Mastin: Now you're going to take us to Old Business. **Anger:** This is the other motion, which was discussed at length on the board list. This is the club – and again, this originated with the executive committee who promoted it to the board, who discussed it at length, and this was for the Glamorous International Cat Club to do an in conjunction show with the TICA club. I'm going to move as the motion reads there, reserving the right to vote no, although I may vote yes. **Mastin:** OK, Darrell, are you a second on this? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. So, alright, is there any further discussion? If you're in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried. [vote sealed]**

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Mastin: Does anybody have anything else before we say goodnight, good morning, and good afternoon? Ed? **Raymond:** I think this entire agenda was marked as closed session. So, how much of show rules and agility items 3-7 do you want to move to open session so that they can be reported on? **Mastin:** Well, don't all the show rules have to be moved to open session, Rachel? **Raymond:** Yeah, they do, but right now the conversation has been in closed session. **Mastin:** So somebody has got to make a motion to move those into open session. **Griswold:** I do know that Nikki had emailed me earlier in the week and said that she had postponed putting out the standings for agility kind of in anticipation of what we might do. So we probably should tell her something. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell? **Newkirk:** Well, I think the agility thing should be – a brief synopsis of it in Pam's note should be put out, and I also think the in conjunction show, just a synopsis of that should be put out. **Mastin:** OK. And the show rules that passed, of course. **Newkirk:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK. **Newkirk:** And I'll make that motion if you need a motion. **Mastin:** I do need a motion. Marilee, you have your hand up. Are you seconding Darrell's motion? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion, question or needs for confirmation? **Raymond:** Rich, is there any reason not to report on the board-sponsored delegate proposal that passed and the format change that passed? **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'm happy to add that. **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, those two are added. Ed, do you know if we've covered all of them? **Raymond:** I think so, because you already voted to publish the results of the in conjunction show without the revealing the vote. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, I just want to confirm with you. Do you think we've covered them all? **Anger:** I think so. If not, I can make an online motion. **Mastin:** OK, great. Thank you. Alright, any further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Alright. Do we have anything further before we say goodbye? OK. Thank you, everyone.

The executive session meeting adjourned at 12:46 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*