

MINUTES
AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.)
2016 GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2016, FOLLOWING ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING,**

**AT Glen Hotel, Cnr. Logan Road & Gaskell Street, Eight Mile Plains (Enter from
Gaskell Street)**

1. OPENING & WELCOME

Meeting commenced at 10.00am

Present Eleanor Ramsay President, Sandi Gemmell Vice President/CANT, Carole Galli Secretary, Robbie Walker Treasurer/ QFA, Scoot Andresen CANT, Lesley Morgan ILO/CAT, Greg Little CAT, Jenny Weekes CATS NSW, Susan Game CATSWA, Lucy Nikiforos CATSWA, Annette Joesbury COAWA, Christine Selby COAWA, Trish Newman CVI, Julie Walker QICC, Dee Wilson QICC, Isobel Johnstone FCCQ, Marion Cooper FCCQ, Lesley Freeman GCCFV, Margaret Steed GCCFV, Janis Christison QFA, Fiona Hawkins GCCFSA, Rebecca Kuss GCCFSA.

Observers Liz Andresen CANT, Betty Payne CATSWA, Julian Schuller CANT, Lauren Butzbach FCCQ, Kerry Fowler GCCFV, Judy Lewis QFA, Barbara LaRocca QFA, Joy Verundire AWLQ/G2Z, Chris Taylor QICC, Sherie Oakley QICC, Margaret Bush CATSWA, Nell Evans GCCFSA, Lorraine Shelton TICA, Dorothy Dever QFA, Terry Dever QFA

2. APOLOGIES

Theresa Imboden Johnstone

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved to accept – CAT- Lesley Morgan (LM)

Seconded by – Cats NSW – Jenny Weekes (JW)

Scoot Andresen CANT sought clarification as to who signed the Minutes – Secretary and President

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2015 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

a) Publication of Prefixes on Web site

Robbie presented comments from the web designer, Wendy Hamilton. This is a straightforward project as there are 20,000 prefixes that are not separated into ACF **CCCA**/Affiliates. The list would take 75 pages. Prefixes are held for 20 years, even if not being used and the list needs to be constantly updated. There is a risk that searches will slow down the website and this single function would be very labour intensive. ACF would need to seek permission from CCCA to publish their prefixes and difficult to split out ACF prefixes. Robbie had a quote for \$200 for the work to publish the list as a searchable database. Lesley suggested it was too costly and should not be progressed. Members agreed that although this was a good idea in principle that it was too costly and should not be progressed.

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b) As raised by CANT

- 1.** Has the letter gone to ANCATS? Deadline was 31 August 2015 (NB Minutes only received 28/8 and deadline is not included.)
Letter has not been sent. It was decided last year that it was too late to send the letter as it was originally meant to go in 2014
- 2.** The Siamese Genetic Diversity Project, G2Z Meeting, Quarantine Fees and Burmese Breed Health problems were all matters submitted by CANT as Business arising from the Minutes but were not discussed – why? (see attached letter)
Julian Schuler advised that the coordinator had sadly died and the future of the project seemed to be uncertain.
- 3.** CANT would like a copy of the “evidence” that the Egyptian Mau is not a native breed. (as stated in the meeting)
Lesley advised that the information was available on the UC Davis website. Cat Ancestry research had identified the Mau as a Western breed.
- 4.** Who are the members of the new BREEDING RULES COMMITTEE? (All Members of Committees should be recorded in the Minutes)
At the meeting last year the committee members were Isobel Johnstone (Convenor), Jenny Weekes, Rebecca Kuss. No work had been done in the previous year.
- 5.** What has happened with respect to Manx Sub-Committee? Are the comments sent in by the CANT (Inc.) being considered or do they need to be resubmitted?
Manx Subcommittee was disbanded last year once the recommendations were accepted.
- 6.** Who is on the Sub-Committee to formulate ACF Code of Ethics?
Code of Ethics was discussed at the Executive meeting and will be progressed.
- 7.** Re: 9.20. Siberian – Recognition of colourpoint pattern (By-laws Part 3)
The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (Inc.) has discussed correspondence circulated by a private group on the decision of the ACF (Inc.) General Meeting to recognise the *Neva Masquerade*. The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (Inc.) stands by its decision to vote in favour of this recognition and upholds the decision of the General Meeting that the *Neva Masquerade* is a recognised variety in the Siberian breed.
The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (Inc.) has officially ratified this decision in its letter of 29 September 2015 accepting and ratifying the Minutes of the meetings held 9 June 2015.
- 8.** GLOSSARY: The compilation of a glossary of terms was mentioned on a number of occasions. What action has been taken to adopt this recommendation, acceptance of which was implied by a number of decisions made at the general meeting? Is the GLOSSARY to be included in The Book of Standards issued in January 2016?

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- c) As raised by FCCQ - Re item 9.11 General disqualifications – add standard number of toes (By-laws Part 3)
Isobel Johnstone noted that this was carried and FCCQ certainly voted for it **To** be added to the General Disqualifications. Resolved to be actioned

5. REPORT FROM 2016 ACF NATIONAL SHOW

Robbie reported that the show had been successful with a large number of the public visiting over the two days. No major incidents and QFA appreciated the assistance both from Queensland associations but also visitors. QFA is hopeful that the show will produce a small profit.

6. REPORTS—SUB-COMMITTEES

a) Breeding Rules Sub-Committee

Isobel Johnstone reported that there had been some confusion as to the membership of the committee and the work to be done. Sandi suggested a change of name to the Breeding and Registration Rules Committee. This will be discussed further at Executive. She commented that this is a very long document that would benefit from a search function for the index so that the reader can go straight to the section rather than scrolling through the whole document. Isobel Johnstone suggested that the committee needed to continue and it was suggested that Kerry Fowler be invited to join the committee as an adviser. Kerry responded that she felt the document was excellent and didn't require a full rewrite and she was happy to assist as an advisor.

**Motion to accept the report and recommendations proposed by Isobel Johnstone
FCCQ**

Seconded by Fiona Hawkins GCCFSA

Carried

b) Cat Legislation Committee

Joy Verinder from the Animal Welfare League and G2 Zero Project gave a short presentation to the meeting. Ms **Verider** briefed the committee on the G 2 Zero Project and outlined the draft strategic plan for the project. After discussion it was agreed that Ms Verinder be invited to join the Cat Legislation Committee as an advisor.

Motion to formalise the Cat Legislation Committee was carried.

The Committee is; Barbara La Rocca (Convenor QLD Rep), Linda Horton WA Rep, Julian Schuller NT Rep, Lesley Freeman Vic Rep, Lesley Morgan TAS Rep, Jenny Weekes NSW Rep, Rebecca Kuss SA Rep, Joy Verinder Advisor.

Action – Cat Legislation Sub Committee to develop terms of reference and circulate to Executive by the end of July

Action - Affiliates to endorse the Draft Strategic Plan and advise Secretary within 3 months – End of September. Secretary to advise Convenor.

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7. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

a) Report of 2016 meeting.

Executive has a copy of the Minutes circulated before the meeting. And there is a report in the Yearbook. The Minutes are also available on the WCC website. There were no agenda items from the member bodies for the meeting this year. Lesley recommends that there must be more serious business to justify the cost. Robbie commented that it was a good chance to meet and discuss issues with other members. 2021 is the anniversary of the first Cat Show in the UK and GCCF will host the WCC in 2021. Julie Walker commented that despite the cost ACF must remain a member of the WCC to be involved in the international cat agenda.

b) WCC Meeting, plans for 2017.

To be hosted by CFA in Las Vegas. No further details available at this time.

8.1 Notice of Special Resolution to add additional clause to “DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS ARISING AT GENERAL MEETINGS AND ALTERATION TO RULES” in the constitution

Moved by QICC

“that an additional clause be added 18. (e) All determinations by subsequent agreement as per clause 18 (d) be recorded in the following year’s minutes as part of business arising from previous minutes.

Seconded by QFA Janis Christison

Julie Walker QICC – There is a need to record subsequent agreement

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

8.2 Confirmation of the AGM and GM Minutes

That the ACF (Inc.) Minutes for all meetings are annotated “*confirmed*” and signed by the Secretary of the ACF (Inc.) and countersigned by the President of the ACF (Inc.) and “*dated*” at the meeting at which they are confirmed

Minutes will be finalized as follows:

Confirmed

Secretary

President

/ /2016 (as appropriate)

Moved by CANT

Seconded by Cats NSW – Jenny Weekes

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

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9.1 By-Laws Part 1 – sub clause 1.3 Recognition of CATZ Inc by ACF

“that the Australian Cat Federation recognise CATZ Inc.”

Amended motion proposed by Greg Little CAT

That all reference to New Zealand be removed from By Laws Part 1 sub clause 1.3

Amendment accepted by the proposer, FCCQ and Seconder QICC

Amended motion put for voting

This would change the rule as follows:

THE AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC) RULES REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

1.3 RECOGNISED GOVERNING/CONTROLLING BODIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA

A Definition of Recognised bodies

a) CCCA means the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia Inc.

b) ACF means the Australian Cat Federation (Inc).

c) Other Australian Governing Body means a governing/registering body other than CCCA or ACF.

B a) Judges licensed by any Other Australian Governing Body may not be appointed to officiate in any capacity at

shows conducted by ACF or an ACF member body.

b) Awards made by judges licensed by any Other Australian Governing Body

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by QICC Julie Walker

Isobel Johnstone stated that we need to work closely with New Zealand and while we didn't recognise CATZ Inc as a breakaway group we should respect the decision of NZCF to recognise them now. Greg Little suggested that reference to New Zealand should be removed from our by law on recognition as we don't stipulate any other overseas country. The clause relates to recognition within Australia.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/0/1

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9.2. By-laws Part 1 – sub clause 1.7 Subsequent Agreement

That the wording for By-laws Part 1 – 1.7 be amended to read
All member bodies are required to respond with subsequent agreement within 60 (sixty) days of circulation of the minutes of the meeting.

Moved by QFA

Seconded by Cats NSW – Jenny Weekes

QFA stated that all Affiliates have a responsibility to respond with their subsequent agreement, just as they have the right to vote. Some general discussion on responsibilities of voting.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
NO	YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO

Carried 6/4/1

**9.3. Addition to By-Laws – Part 1 Administration - subclause 4
ACF Delegate to WCC**

The original motion was amended as per recommendation from the Judges Guild meeting to read

“that the ACF AGM meeting each year appoint a delegate to attend the WCC AGM and that a second person, to act in an advisory capacity, may also be appointed each year by the Executive to attend the WCC meeting.

By Law to read

WCC Annual Meeting

4.1 *A delegate to attend the WCC AGM will be elected annually at the ACF AGM. The WCC delegate will normally be the President, Vice president or Secretary in line with the delegates representing the other member organisations attending. If none of these persons can attend the meeting then a delegate will be **appointed** from the ACF executive*

4.2 *An advisor to the delegate attending the WCC meeting will be elected annually at the ACF AGM.*

The advisor to be selected from ACF executive members already attending the WCC meeting.

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by QICC Julie Walker

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Lesley outlined the history of the WCC attendance by the ILO, a position held by her for many years. Originally she was invited personally to attend in 1994 and thereafter she attended as the ILO. Greg Little commented that he believed it should be the ILO who attended to represent ACF. The Executive meeting has recommended that the Vice President be nominated to attend to represent ACF in 2017. Lesley commented that the Advisor should be able to provide advice and Sandi stated that the rules around the advisor would be covered in the Policy/Procedures document

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

Carried 8/3

9.4. Change to Rules Concerning Disqualifications

“that Clause K under Rules Concerning Disqualifications be changed from “All white spots or patches which are not allowed in the standard and depigmentation of the skin”

To:

“All white spots or patches and nose leather or paw pad colours which are not allowed in the standard”

Amended Motion Clause K to be

All white spots or patches or lack of pigmentation of the skin that are not allowed in the Standard

Moved by QICC

Seconded By FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

Limited discussion as this motion was discussed comprehensively at the Judges Guild meeting yesterday. There was support for the amended motion to be accepted.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/1

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**9.5 Revoking of 8 generation pedigree requirement – Tonkinese and Burmese -
Removal of 4.8.1 By-Laws Part 2 Practices on Breeding**

“that ACF revoke the ruling passed in 2014, for Tonkinese and Burmese to provide an 8 generation pedigree when being transferred from NZ or ANCATS

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by QICC Julie Walker

Isobel Johnstone stated that this requirement was onerous and expensive as most pedigree programs don't produce 8 generation pedigrees. Julie Walker commented that only 4 generations are required under ACF rules to be recognised as full register. This rule was put in 2014 by QFA and if this is to continue then it should apply to all breeds, not just Tonkinese and Burmese. It is up to breeders to research pedigrees.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES

Carried 7/3/1

9.6. Recognition of Turkish Angora

Moved by QICC

that ACF (Inc) recognises the Turkish Angora breed with the current CCCA Standard to be implemented

QICC sought permission to withdraw this motion 9.6. Agreed Motion withdrawn

9.7. Acceptance of Turkish Angora as a recognised breed

that ACF accept the Turkish Angora as a recognised breed in Group 1 using the CCCA standard, under Bylaw 6.4: Breeds already recognised in other countries and imported into Australia.

Moved by GCCFSA

Seconded by QICC Julie Walker

Comprehensive presentation at the Judges Guild meeting yesterday

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

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9.8 By-laws Part 3 – Revoke Recognition of the Neva Masquerade

that ACF revoke the recognition of the Neva Masquerade. The majority of Australian breeders of the Siberian only want the traditional colours and patterns recognised and have never wanted the pointed pattern recognised in Australia. We request that ACF reverse its decision of 2015 and revoke the recognition of the Neva Masquerade and that the pointed pattern is not recognised in the Siberian.

The Neva Masquerade is removed from the ACF Book of Standards and that the allowable Coat Patterns for the Siberian be amended to read Coat Pattern: All patterns, except pointed, sepia and mink.

Moved by QFA

Seconded by Cats NSW Jenny Weekes

Motion not supported by the Judges Guild. Extensive discussion at the meeting yesterday

Janis Christison stated that QFA put this motion to support their breeders who believed that pointed cats should not be recognised. She believes they have the support of most breeders around Australia.

CAT Lesley Morgan commented that pointed cats had been imported since recognition last year and questioned, if this motion was successful, who would pay the costs if the breeders sought reimbursement. Marion Cooper commented that this motion was restrictive on breeders.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

Lost 2/8/1

9.9. By-laws Part 3 – Change Allowable Outcross for Siberian & Neva Masquerade

The allowable outcross for the Siberian and Neva Masquerade breeds be amended to read Siberian – None, Neva Masquerade None. The breeders of the traditional Siberian patterned coat colours do not want the Neva Masquerade to be intermated with the Siberian. We request that the allowable outcross for both breeds be amended to read None.

Moved by QFA

Seconded by Cats NSW Jenny Weekes

The Judges Guild did not support this motion. Extensive discussion at the meeting yesterday.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

Lost 2/9

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9.10 By-laws Part 3 – Neva Masquerade Allowable Outcross

Moved by QFA

“that allowable outcross for the Neva Masquerade be amended to read Siberian. No progeny from a Neva Masquerade to a Siberian is allowed to be introduced back into the Siberian genepool. Any non-pointed progeny to be registered as AOV NEM and may not be shown but may be used for breeding. The breeders of the traditional Siberian patterned coat colours do not want to allow inter-mating of the Neva Masquerade to Siberians. We request that this be removed from the standard.

QFA sought permission to withdraw Motion 9.10 – Agreed Motion withdrawn

9.11 Siberian & Neva Masquerade Breeding Rules

Moved by CatsWA

that

(1) the allowable outcross for the Siberian and Neva Masquerade breeds be amended to read Siberian– None, Neva Masquerade -Siberian.

(2) No progeny from a NEM mating go into a SIB program unless the kitten is proven by DNA test to not carry colourpoint (CS)

(3) Untested non pointed kittens from a NEM mating to be registered as Neva Masquerade Variant

(4) Siberian breeders must test their breeding cats and aim to remove CS carriers.

(5) CS carriers are able to be used for SIB breeding but their registration number must include CPC to identify the cat as a CS Carrier

(6) Untested Siberians are presumed to be CS carriers

Parts 1 – 6 may be voted independently

Cats WA sought permission to withdraw Motion 9.11 Agreed Motion 9.11 withdrawn

9.12 Bylaws 3.2 - Reinstate 3 year moratorium on changes to standards and recognition of breeds, colours or patterns unless adverse health issues are involved.

that unless the health of a breed might be compromised or there is a definite ‘housekeeping’ necessity involved, there will be no changes to standards nor revocation of recognition of breeds nor colours for a 3 year period after the GM at which an original decision was made.

Moved by CAT

Seconded by FCCQ _ Isobel Johnstone

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The Judges Guild supported in principle but to endorse previous wording

that unless the health of a breed might be compromised or there is a definite ‘housekeeping’ necessity involved, there will be no changes to standards nor revocation of recognition of breeds nor colours for a 3year period after the GM at which an original decision was made

As discussed at the Judges Guild meeting, new breeds that have been approved without description for neck can be amended as an omission. The Guild recommended that those standards where there was no description for neck have one developed. There are currently some 17 standards affected.

In order to do this:

The Guild Executive will circulate suggested wording to each member body (judge rep) for consideration:

Responses are to be returned by end	Sept 16
Consolidation of responses end of	Oct 16
Returned to Member Bodies for “acceptance”	Nov 16
Finals back	Dec 16
<i>Submission to ACF GM</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES

Carried 10/1

9.13 Breeding Rules Ocicat - Abyssinian as an allowable outcross for the Ocicat breed

That the Abyssinian breed be an allowable outcross for the Ocicat for kittens born before 31/12/ 2030 as for the CFA standard

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by QFA Janis Christison

CatsWA Lucy Nikiforos clarified that this included Silvers. This motion is proposed to improve genetic diversity and also to comply with parent body rules. Discussion by Lesley Morgan on the use of the Sub Register if genetic diversity is the sole aim rather than changing the rule.

CAN T	CAT	CAT S NSW	CAT S WA	COAW A	CVI	FCC Q	GCCFS A	GCCF V	QF A	QIC C
YES	ABSTAI N	YES	YES	YES	YE S	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/0/1

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9.14 ACF Award for Companion cats.

That ACF introduce an award for Companion Cats similar to the Award of Excellence for Pedigree cats. It is proposed that the award be named ACF Companion Award of Honour and be eligible only to best in show cats that are over 9 months old and are registered companions with a cat registering body after attaining 15 awards

Moved by QICC

Seconded by FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

An amended motion was put forward following discussions at the Judges Guild meeting.

ACF introduce an award for Companion Cats similar to the Award of Excellence for Pedigree cats and that the award be named ACF Companion Award of Honour. This award be open only to best in show companion over 9 months of age, where there is a min of 5 companions. Companions are to comply with the registering body’s companion rules and shall attain 15 certificates to be eligible for the award.

Clarification that there was to be one award per ring

Proposed fee to be \$25.00

Award effective from 01.01.2017

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	YES	YES

Carried 8/1/2

9.15 Clarify “Active judge”

The wording of the motion was changed following recommendation from the Judges Guild. Amended wording in bold

That the definition of an active ACF (Inc.) judge *be an open or senior judge, who has undertaken an assignment at least once every 2 **calendar** years in the group/s for which he/she is licensed or an open or senior judge who has undertaken professional development such as attendance of a Seminar (e.g. Judges’ Guild Seminar), **acted as a Tutor Judge**, presentation of a paper on a well-researched aspect of Judging or contributed a specialised article for publication in one of the ACF (Inc.) Publications. (i.e. Felijudge or ACF (Inc.) Yearbook) at least once every 2 **calendar** years in the group/s for which he/she is licensed The judge should notify their local association annually of any assignments undertaken, Seminars attended or papers presented/published so that an accurate record can be kept.”*

Judges Training and Recognition of Judges Section: 1. Interpretations

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1..4 Active Judge: *an open or senior judge, who has undertaken an assignment at least once every 2 years in the group/s for which he/she is licensed or an open or senior judge who has undertaken professional development such as attendance of a Seminar (e.g. Judges’ Guild Seminar) presentation of a paper on a well-researched aspect of Judging or contributed a specialised article for publication in one of the ACF (Inc.) Publications. (i.e. Felijudge or ACF (Inc.) Yearbook) at least once every 2 years in the group/s for which he/she is licensed The judge should notify their local association annually of any assignments undertaken, Seminars attended or papers presented/published so that an accurate record can be kept.*

Moved by CANT

Seconded by Cats NSW – Jenny Weekes

Motion was supported by the Guild.

CAT – Lesley Morgan questioned how the activity of judges was to be reported and commented that in her opinion not all articles submitted necessarily merit consideration of professional development.

Each year Affiliates are asked to update the status of their judges for the web site. This would be the time for Affiliates to report if judges no longer met the criteria as active. There needs to be a paper trail/ record.

It was suggested that this issue be forwarded to the group developing the Policy and Procedures Manual to consider.

CAN T	CA T	CATS NSW	CAT S WA	COAWA	CVI	FCC Q	GCCFS A	GCCF V	QF A	QIC C
YES	NO	ABSTAI N	YES	ABSTAI N	YE S	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

Carried 6/3/2

9.16 All judges will be ACF Judges.

that all judges licenced by ACF will be classed as ACF judges only

Moved by FCCQ

FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone sought permission to withdraw the motion – Granted

Motion withdrawn

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9.17 Complimentary copies of Yearbook for contributors of articles

That persons contributing an article and/or articles (other than ACF's Affiliates' pages and ACF (Inc.) business pages) are given a copy of the ACF (Inc.) Yearbook in which the article is included. ACF (Inc.) to cover the cost of postage should this be necessary.

Moved CANT

Seconded by QICC Julie Walker

Discussed in full at the Executive meeting.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	NO	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES

Carried 8/2/1

9.18 By-laws Part 3 – Breed Standards General Administration 3.5.9 FiFe Easy Mind System (EMS) Codes – Policy & Procedures

That the following policy & procedures be introduced for those member bodies using the **FiFe** Easy Mind System EMS codes

1. Where a breed that is not recognised by **FiFe** is given recognition, the EMS code for the breed is decided on at the meeting where recognition is given.
2. Amended wording **Any amendments to EMS codes for breeds not recognised by FiFe is ratified at the ACF Genertal Meeting following the amendment and must be acknowledges by FiFe in writing**
3. That any amendments to the EMS codes made by **FiFe** are to be implemented by those ACF bodies using EMS codes forthwith from the date of the amendment.

By-laws Part 3 – Breed Standards be amended to read

3.5.9. Contain a guide to the **FiFe** Easy Mind System (EMS) Codes as adapted for ACF

3.5.9.1. Where a breed that is not recognised by FiFe is given recognition, the EMS code for the breed is decided at the meeting where recognition is given.

3.5.9.2. Any amendments to EMS coded for breeds not recognised by FiFe is ratified at the ACF General meeting following the amendment.

3.5.9.3. That any amendments to the EMS codes made by FiFe are to be implemented by those ACF bodies using EMS codes forthwith from the date the amendment becomes effective

Moved QFA

Seconded by CAT Lesley Morgan

Changes to EMS codes needs to be minuted. Lesley Morgan stated that we should communicate with **FiFe** to get codes when a new breed is proposed. We should follow **FiFe** protocols and develop codes in consultation with **FiFe**.

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YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/0/1

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2016 EXEC MEETING

1. Registration Policy

That ACF develop a Registrations Policy to provide guidance to Affiliates to have consistent practices for registrations. Sandi, Robbie and Carole to report on a plan including headings to be included and a consultation process. Reporting back to Executive by the end of September 2016.

Moved FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

Seconded QICC Julie Walker

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/0/1

2. Feline Health Fund

- a) That ACF support the Feline Health Fund and encourage Affiliates to hold a fund raiser each year as well as some fund raising activity at the National Show.
- b) That ACF seek representation on the Feline Health Fund Board as there is currently only representation from CCCA.

Moved FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

Seconded QFA Janis Christison

Lesley Freeman GCCFV advised on how the Feline Health Fund has been administered as GCCFV has raised considerable funds over the years. She advised ACF to request some representation on the Board.

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

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3. World Cat Congress

- a) That ACF maintain affiliation with WCC.
- b) ACF write to WCC suggesting that in minutes business be attributed to the member body rather than the delegate
- c) ACF increase the profile of the delegate and that the Vice President attend as our delegate in line with other member bodies representation
- d) Affiliates to propose agenda items for WCC meeting by 31 January each year
- e) Affiliates be sent guidelines for suitable agenda items

Moved FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

Seconded Cats NSW Jenny Weekes

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

4. World Cat Congress Meeting

That the ILO should be the advisor unless unable to attend and then someone already attending may be appointed by Executive. Only the Delegate to be funded by ACF.

Moved FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

Seconded Cats NSW Jenny Weekes

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 10/0/1

5. The International Judges Panel listing contain the judges name and the date they were entered onto the list and individual assignments are listed in the judges CV

At the moment there are some judges who advise of every assignment and have a lengthy list while others have minimal information listed. It should be the judges responsibility to update their CV and advise ACF when the Judges Panel listings are reviewed each year.

Moved QICC Julie Walker

Seconded CANT Sandi Gemmill

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YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

6. ACF Secretary to write to Nell Evans to authorise GCCFSA Representatives Rebecca Kuss and Fiona Hawkins to pick up all ACF materials including the external hard drive with all reports, letters, databases, agenda and minutes relating to ACF business

Moved QFA Robbie Walker

Seconded FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

11.1. National Show Venues

2017: G.C.C.F.V.

2018: CAT/ACF Joint show – CAT do not have enough people to run a show. President asked CAT President Greg Little if CAT was withdrawing and he stated that he thought that they would have to due to their lack of people. Lesley Morgan commented that it had been proposed to run on the same basis as 2012 and 2014 jointly with ACF. Jenny mentioned the possibility of a show in Canberra as a possibility but she needed to discuss the logistics with Cats NSW. Greg, Robbie, Jenny and Lesley to pursue options and report back as soon as possible.

2019: To be decided. Member bodies invited to volunteer as hosts. Referred to Executive as no volunteers.

2020: GCCFSA – Would be prepared to host the show but will discuss further with their committee

11.2. National Show Planning – 2017 Show

Planning well advanced with Judges Booked, venue booked and accommodation being sourced. Web page will go 'live' tomorrow. Show venue is the Diamond Creek Recreation Centre which is close to the airport. Contracts are out to judges and expressions of interest for sharing of the judges in place. The Facebook page is live and will have information posted regularly. It is proposed to hold the Dinner on the Saturday night so that organiser can attend. The show must be dismantled on the Sunday immediately after the show which would mean some people would be unable to attend, usually those who do most of the organising. GCCFV are organising Stewards course and training for ticket writers.

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12. Other Business

1. Standards

The Judges Guild raised the issue that there are 17 Standards that do not have a description for the neck. Wording to be developed and sent to Executive by September- October and Affiliates to accept by 31 December 2016. Final wording to the General Meeting 2017 for approval.

Moved CANT Sandi Gemmell
Seconded CAT Greg Little

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

2. ACF Judges Panel

That the judges listed on the ACF Judges Panel must be members of the ACF Judges Guild

Moved CANT Sandi Gemmell

Seconded FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

3. ACF Rosettes

That ACF look at alternatives to find cost effective options. Sponsorship be considered. Robbie to investigate options and report to Executive

Moved QFA Robbie Walker

Seconded GCCFSA Fiona Hawkins

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

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4. Results Cards at ACF National Shows

That results cards should be discontinued. Proposed subject to subsequent agreement. It was noted that the results cards are often the only way that those working at the show to know how their cats were judged. This is largely overcome by the results being available electronically almost immediately.

Moved QFA Robbie Walker

Seconded CANT Scoot Andresen

CANT	CAT	CATS NSW	CATS WA	COAWA	CVI	FCCQ	GCCFSA	GCCFV	QFA	QICC
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Carried 11/0

13. CLOSE - Meeting closed at 4.15pm