



Minutes
Australian Cat Federation Inc.
Committee & General Meeting
Tuesday 14 June 2022



Glen Hotel cnr Logan Road & Gaskell Street, Eight Mile Plains

President – Judith Jordan	Vice President – Scoot Andresen
Secretary – Robbie Walker	Treasurer – Jan Sterry
CANT. Committeeperson – Julian Schuller	CANT Deputy Committeeperson – Karen Bat
CAT Committeeperson – Lesley Morgan	Cats NSW Delegate - Helena Sugar
Cats WA Committeeperson – Carole Galli	COAWA Committeeperson – Annette Joesbury
COAWA Deputy Committeeperson – Jillian Reed	FCCQ Committeeperson – Isobel Johnstone
FCCQ Deputy Committeeperson – Erin Brown	GCCFSA Committeeperson – Fiona Hawkins
GCCFSA Deputy Committeeperson – Heather Gordon	GCCFV Committeeperson – Linda Kitson
QFA Committeeperson – Janis Christison	QFA Deputy Committeeperson – Barbara LaRocca
QICC Committeeperson – Julie Walker	QICC Deputy Committeeperson – Chris Taylor
TFA Committeeperson – Fiona Ransley	TFA Deputy Committeeperson – Sally Tonks

OBSERVERS

Liz Andresen	Patricia Bunter
Carolynn Davis	Anne Harvey
Chris Merritt	Wendy Miegltz

Meeting opened at 0907 (9.07am)

1. OPENING & WELCOME

President, Judith Jordan, welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES

CAT Deputy Committeeperson – Helen Farmer	Cats NSW Committeeperson – Deb Nugent
Cats WA Deputy Committeeperson – Julie Picken	GCCFV Deputy Committeeperson – Christian Nimmervoll

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

4. a. Corrections to The April 2022 Minutes

Page 2 Finance Flexirate amount should read \$30,000 not \$300,000.00

Page 4 point 3 second last paragraph should read **across not a cross**

Moved: CAT, Lesley Morgan

Seconded: GCCFSA, Fiona Hawkins

b. Matters Arising from The April 2022 Committee & General Meeting Minutes

- CANT, Julie Schuller asked about the letter about 1080, Secretary advised that emails had been sent to each of the contacts provided and there had been no responses.
- Other business point 4a. Cats WA, Carole Galli emailed Greg Hoy as exhibitors were having trouble getting cats on flights. Carole advised that she had provided the ACF Secretary's contact details. Carole advised she would pass on his contact details to the Secretary

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5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

a. Judges Guild

Obviously, there was sadness and Sandi was in the background of the Guild meeting. The new Executive comprises Isobel Johnstone, President. Carole Galli, Secretary, Fiona Hawkins Vice President There was an issue with the Constitution in that the current treasurer wasn't elected as one of the delegates to the executive. **It was** voted to invite Liz Andresen onto the committee as an ex officio member, she agreed to remain as Treasurer. There was also a motion to review the Guild Constitution, there are several issues, the position of treasurer being one of them, also to bring the Guild Constitution in line with ACF's. There is a difference in timeframes for documents being sent out.

Moved: Guild Secretary, Carole Galli

Seconded: FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

Accepted

b. 2022 ACF National Show

400 Entries, 170 exhibitors a great number of stalls. The public entry was excellent with a good number of raffle tickets being sold with excellent door takings over the two days. We are awaiting on the invoice from the show venue, which is expected to be around \$17,000 dollars, we cannot yet advise the profit from the show other than to say it should be healthy one.

QICC, advised that they were not happy with the rosette sponsorship, which was noted by FCCQ as the host. Fiona Hawkins thanked everyone on the excellent care she received after being bitten

Moved: ACF National Show Co-ordinator, Robbie Walker

Seconded: COAWA, Annette Joesbury

6. REPORTS — SUB-COMMITTEES – As circulated prior to meeting.

a. Breed Groups Review Sub-committee

At the Guild meeting judges were split into four working groups as a start for the sub-committee. Carole Galli will be in contact with affiliates to ensure that there is ongoing consultation following on from the group discussion and recommends that affiliates continue the consultation within their own member body. It was stated that judges were not the only stakeholders, that further consultation would include breeders & exhibitors

Moved: Chair, Carole Galli

Seconded: GCCFSA, Fiona Hawkins

Accepted

b. Breeding Rules Sub Committee

a) The subcommittee recommend the following amendments to the ACF Inc. Breeding and Registration Rules be adopted:

Current rules in black. Suggested new amendments in Red

1.11. Selective breeding based on genetic testing **or heritable conditions**

1.11.1.3. Cats with cryptorchism (failure of one or both testes to descend into the scrotum) must not be bred. It is strongly recommended that the undescended testicle(s) is surgically removed to reduce male behaviours, prevent passing the genetics onto the next generation and reducing/eliminating the risk of developing testicular torsion or neoplasia.

Moved: Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CANT, Julie Schuller

Approved

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b) Suggested new amendments in Red.

1.7.6.7. Breed Advisory Committees - The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (gccfcats.org) This website gives good information about genetic testing for specific breeds.

1.7.6.8. OMIA - Online Mendelian Inheritance in Animals

This comprehensive website describes 393 heritable conditions/disorders in domestic cats with scientific references.

Moved: Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: GCCFSA, Fiona Hawkins

Approved

c) Mandalay BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Burmese

The offspring of Mandalay programs, except full generation sepia patterned (i.e., Burmese pattern colour expression cb cb), are not allowed to be introduced into the Burmese gene pool. *All cats DNA tested cbc b will be designated Mandalay AOV*

Burmese BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Burmese (American) but only under rules for *Breed Development Programmes*. Full ~~(4th)~~ generation sepia pattern (ie *DNA tested* Burmese pattern colour expression cb cb) Mandalay is also an allowable outcross. *Progeny from this Mandalay to a Burmese would be Burmese.*

All cats used as outcrosses must be DNA tested for all health tests available for both British and Mandalay. Also need to test positive for cbc b and negative for colours not currently recognised in Burmese by ACF.

Guild recommended that there should be an amendment to read cbc b and all health conditions plus Cinnamon

Action: After much discussion the meeting agreed that this amendment be brought back to the October meeting.

Moved: Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: COAWA, Annette Joesbury

Accepted

c. Breed Standards Review Sub-committee

Moved: CAT, Lesley Morgan

Seconded: CANT, Julie Schuller

Accepted

d. Constitution Partial Review Sub-committee – No report

e. Feline Health Research Fund

Isobel Johnstone, ACF representative requested ACF member bodies include the FHRF flyer in their show catalogues.

Motion that the ACF National Show donate \$100.00 to the FHRF

Moved: Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: TFA, Sally Tonks

Carried

Moved: Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: Cats WA, Carole Galli

Accepted

Action: Flyer to be emailed to the ACF Secretary for circulation. Isobel Johnstone was requested to email the ACF Secretary a list of the research projects funded by in the past three years to be then circulated to member bodies

f. Feline Terminology Sub-committee

Moved: Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: COAWA, Annette Joesbury

g. Legislative Watchdog Sub-committee

Moved: CANT, Julie Schuller

Seconded: GCCFV, Linda Kitson

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7. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

WCC Meeting, plans for 2023.

The timetable for the WCC weekend was approved in 2020 and will be:

Thursday 8 June

- ☛ WCC Delegates arrive

Friday 9 June

- ☛ Day Excursion for Delegates and others
- ☛ ACF Welcome Function

Saturday 10 June

- ☛ ACF National Show Day One

Sunday 11 June

- ☛ ACF National Show Day Two
- ☛ Official Dinner

Monday 12 June

- ☛ WCC Seminar

Tuesday 13 June

- ☛ WCC Business Meeting
- ☛ ACF Judges Guild Meeting - Afternoon

Wednesday 14 June

- ☛ ACF AGM, Committee & General Meeting

The following Judge Delegates have accepted the invitation to judge:

WCC President – Eric Reijers (FIFe)

CFA – Kathy Calhoun (Advised June 2022)

CFA – Rachel Anger (Advisor)

FIFe – Annette Sjodin

GCCF – John Hansson

SACC – Jan Van Rooyen

TICA – Vicki Jo Harrison

WCF - Anneliese Hackmann

Further discussion relating to the WCC report was raised and as advised the breed comparison is an ongoing project which includes breeds not yet listed on the WCC website including updates to the existing breeds on the site. The link to these comparisons is

https://www.worldcatcongress.org/wp/cat_breed_comp_aby.php

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8 - SUBMISSIONS - BY-LAWS

8.1 ACF By-laws Part 4 – Judges Training Scheme

Appendix 8.1

Motion from CANT

“that consideration be given to streamlining the Judges Training Scheme and making it more appealing to the younger members of the Cat Fancy who are time poor.

Most Judges now are well past Middle Age and for younger members of the Cat Fancy fulfilling the prerequisites of Club/Show involvement, Breeding for the specified period and then fulfilling the requirements of the actual course which takes several years is too daunting to even attempt.

Rationale:

- The most pressing concern for Affiliates, and especially the CANT(Inc.) is the age of judges and probably pathways to becoming a judge, another concern is once the last judge falls off the perch how will ACF support the cat shows?

Moved: CANT, Julie Schuller

Seconded: FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

ACF Judges Guild reported that there was a lot of discussion about a review of the judges training scheme generally which was more about streamlining the pathway for judges to be get through whilst not lessening the qualifications required to apply to be a judge

The Guild recommends that there be a sub-committee formed to look at the judges training scheme. The sub-committee as approved unanimously and to be endorsed by ACF will consist of Erin Brown, Jo Dennington, Anne Harvey, Isobel Johnstone, and John Sandercock. The committee would come back to the ACF general meeting with their recommendations.

There was also a recommendation that companion judges be listed on the ACF panel because that's a pathway for people to get into pedigree judging.

For: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFSA, GCCFV, TFA

Against: Nil

Abstain: QFA, QICC

Carried

Motion, that ACF approve the committee as recommended by the ACF Judges Guild to undertake the review of the Judges Training Scheme

Moved: ACF Guild Secretary, Carole Galli

Seconded: FCCQ Isobel Johnstone

For: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFSA, GCCFV, QFA, QICC, TFA

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Carried

Action: Judges are requested to email their recommendations, ideas, and any suggestions to Erin Brown quanmarrasalukis@gmail.com

Motion that companion judges who have qualified with a member body be listed on the ACF panel as this is a pathway through to becoming judges.

For: CANT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, GCCFSA, QICC, TFA

Against: CAT, COAWA, QFA

Abstain: GCCFV, FCCQ

Carried

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9- SUBMISSIONS – By-laws Part 3 - BREED STANDARDS

9.1 Asian (Ticked Tabby) Shorthair – Recognition of New Breed

Appendix 9.1, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.1F

Motion from QICC

“that ACF recognise the Asian Shorthair in the Ticked Tabby pattern as already recognised in Queensland by QICC, QFA and Cats Queensland

Rationale:

To develop a Sepia Ticked Tabby cat of foreign (Burmese) type but separate from the Burmese breed.

Moved: QICC, Julie Walker

Seconded: TFA, Fiona Ransley

Guild was in favour so long as the compulsory DNA testing for CMS was included.

QICC: Julie Walker, read the by-laws for acceptance new breeds

CAT: Lesley Morgan, there are concerns about the wording of the standard as well as that Burmese have been used for each generation with no like to like

Several delegates voiced their concerns that there were no like to like matings shown on any of the pedigrees circulated and that there were concerns regarding the inbreeding coefficient.

GCCFSA: Fiona Hawkins cited by-laws Part 2 clause 6.1 “To be classed as Full Register, cats must have at least four generations of immediate ancestry of the same Breed/Type”

QFA: Barbara LaRocca stated that when QFA issued the Breed Development Licence it was not intended that the breeders would use Burmese consistently, that the definition of allowable outcross means that you use an outcross to move forward and diversify your breed.

GCCFV: Linda Kitson cited by-laws Part 2 clause 8.1.1.1 “The breed has proven its ability to consistently produce itself in terms of type, colour, etc.”

For: GCCFV, QFA, QICC, TFA

Against: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFSA

Abstain: Nil

Lost

10 - SUBMISSIONS - POLICY

10.1 ACF to establish a disaster relief fund

Appendix

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Motion from GCCFSA

“that ACF establish a disaster relief fund to provide emergency assistance for felines affected by flood, bushfires and other disasters within Australia, so that help can be available when necessary.

It is also proposed that ACF puts forward the idea to World Cat Congress for an international emergency relief fund. This would mean that if a request is made by a member body, then there is an investment that can be drawn from.

Rationale:

That funds for disaster relief be in place in readiness for use rather than fundraising as each disaster occurs. This may require a small yearly fundraising payment from each affiliate body (as a suggestion).

Moved: GCCFSA, Fiona Hawkins

Seconded: TFA, Fiona Ransley

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GCCFV, Linda Kitson asked if there would be a limit on the amount of money available and would it be on a pro rata basis.

Cats WA, Carole Galli used the recent situation in Ukraine as an example that when the call went out for assistance, everyone rallied around, and that should a similar disaster such as flooding or bushfire the same would apply.

GCCFSA, Fiona Hawkins advised that this motion arose because of the situation with Ukraine and that it was intended to be a starting point for a seed fund for ACF to start with so that there would be money on the ground to donate to an organization rather than to individual people.

For: GCCFSA, QFA, TFA

Against: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFV,

Abstain: QICC

Lost

11 - GENERAL BUSINESS

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- a) Motion from CANT **Appendix 11 a)**
“that an organising Committee
1. prepare and publish in magazine form and electronic form an history of the ACF(Inc.) to include all significant events including but not restricted to
 - 1) Photos &/or of all Executive Committees recorded to date
 - 2) Biographies and photos of all Presidents
 - 3) Photos & Bios of all Best in Show (National) or Supreme winners.
 - 4) Companion winners
 - 5) First Virtual Cat Show
 - 6) Affiliation with FIFe and Judges’ tours of Europe.
 - 7) Association with WCC, Royal Canin and tours of their facilities.
 - 8) DM Awards and Photos
 - 9) If Practical AoE Awards and photos
 - 10) National Show Hosts.
 - 11) Section on Affiliates.
 2. Prepare display boards of significant Policy/aims of the Federation with illustrative large photos and highlighting some of the achievements of the last 50 years.
Display to be “uncluttered” in large type with large photos so that it is easily readable in a short time by the public passing through. To be strategically placed in the show hall.
 3. Consider making a video to be run in an appropriate booth at the show (with seating) running photos of National Winners and perhaps the President giving an overview of the Federation’s function in a short presentation.

Moved: CANT, Julie Schuller

Seconded: FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

For: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFSA, GCCFV, QFA, QICC, TFA

Against:

Abstain:

Carried

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Motion that the organising committee consist of Robbie Walker, Lesley Morgan & Julie Schuller and that it reports back to the October meeting.

Moved: FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CAT, Lesley Morgan

For: CANT, CAT, Cats NSW, Cats WA, COAWA, FCCQ, GCCFSA, GCCFV, QFA, QICC, TFA

Against:

Abstain:

Carried

b) National Show Planning – 2023

TFA have a very enthusiastic and very excited committee, 10 of our members attended this year to see how things are run and happen. The show co-ordinator is Anne Harvey.

TFA know that one of the major concerns people have, is how to get animals to Tasmania, we have had some extensive meetings with Departure Pets who are on board again for next year. They are going to with the assistance of two of our community members organise a transport rotation from Hobart to Launceston. Par Avion a small airline will do flights from Melbourne to Launceston as often as we need. This is a very personalised service but it's also very economical, and there is of course, the Spirit of Tasmania.

The budget is based on 300 exhibits, TFA will be fundraising as well as applying for community grants. We will have seven internationals (Note now eight as advised in late June 2022) and 3 interstate judges.

FCCQ, Erin Brown suggested that due to the number of overseas judges, it would be nice if each affiliate could package up a small item for TFA to give to judges which will limit the expense of judging gifts on TFA. Wendy Mieglicz has offered to do table runners with Mae Gibbs animal images for the judges as she did this year.

c) National Show Venues

- ✔ 2024 New South Wales – Cats NSW
- ✔ 2025 Victoria - GCCFV
- ✔ 2026 South Australia – GCCFSA

- d)** The Guild received a private members bill which proposed that the Guild with the endorsement of ACF establish minimum guidelines for judges that clubs would be expected to adhere to. This may entail reviewing the current ACF Judges Contracts. Judges have been requested to submit their submissions to Erin Brown quanmarrasalukis@gmail.com. It was suggested that three months would be sufficient, and the proposed document would be submitted at the October general meeting.

By a show of hands, the meeting endorsed the ACF Judges Guild forming a committee to draft a document to be submitted to the October meeting for approval.

Next Meetings:

12 October 2022

- ✔ 13 August 2022 – Notice Meeting
- ✔ 28 August 2022 – Deadline Motions & Reports
- ✔ 12 September 2022 - Agenda

15 February 2023

- ✔ 17 December 2022 – Notice Meeting
- ✔ 1 January 2023 – Deadline Motions & Reports
- ✔ 16 January 2023 - Agenda

14 June 2023

- ✔ 15 April 2023 – Notice Meeting
- ✔ 30 April 2023 – Deadline Motions & Reports
- ✔ 15 May 2023 - Agenda

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15. CLOSE 1140

Confirmed

Judith Jordan
President, ACF (Inc.)
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Robbie Walker
Secretary, ACF (Inc.)
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