

Australian Cat Federation Inc.
Minutes Committee and General Meeting
Tuesday 11 June 2024

President – Judith Jordan	Vice President – Scoot Andresen	Secretary – Robbie Walker
Treasurer – Jan Sterry	CANT. – Julian Schuller	Cats NSW – Peta Sperduty
Cats NSW – Tony Hurry	Cats WA – Carole Galli	Cats WA – Kay Woods
FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone	FCCQ – Erin Brown	GCCFSA – Debs Armishaw
GCCFSA – Liz Andresen	GCCFV – Linda Kitson	QFA – Janis Christison
QFA – Barbara LaRocca	QICC – Julie Walker	TFA – Anne Harvey

OBSERVERS

Patricia Bunter	Carolynn Davis	Kerry Fowler	Chris Merritt
Wendy Mieglistz	Melinda Radus	Kingsley Schmidtke	Jade Till

Meeting opened at 1015

1. OPENING & WELCOME

President, Judith Jordan, welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES

CAT – Lesley Morgan	COAWA – Annette Joesbury	COAWA – Jillian Reed
GCCFSA – Fiona Hawkins	GCCFV – Christian Nimmervoll	QICC – Rodney McGregor
TFA – Vanessa Sullivan		

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

Seconded: TFA, Anne Harvey

Approved Unanimously

4. a. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

Amended Minutes as advised by CANT & QICC attached with Agenda

b. Matters Arising From The February 2024 Committee & General Meeting Minutes

CANT., Julie Schuller, Dorothy Dever was supposed to be approached to write an article to be published in the Animal Care Australia magazine.

QFA, Barbara LaRocca, Dorothy is very hard to get in touch with these days since her move to Northern Queensland.

CANT., Julie Schuller, we will have to get someone else to write an article.

QFA, Barbara LaRocca, would there not be something in the yearbooks that Lesley has edited?

CANT., Julie Schuller, there was something from the 50th anniversary.

ACF Treasurer, Jan Sterry, I could probably get the article.

FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone, could we ask Julie to draft an article and ask Dorothy to check the information.

QFA, Barbara LaRocca, I really think that Lesley would be the better person given her knowledge.

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5. Finance

a. Motion from Cats WA

Attachment 5.a

“that ACF charge a fee to facilitate the clearance and transfer of prefixes with the Central Registry. The fee to be:

1. \$20.00,
2. \$15.00; or
3. \$10.00.

Rationale:

Currently, the ACF Secretary arranges the clearance and transfer of prefixes free of charge. With income from National Shows halving in the future this would provide an income stream. Also of note, is that the member bodies charge a fee for prefixes to cover their costs, but ACF does not. This is merely a one-off fee for a service.

Moved: Cats WA, Carole Galli

Seconded: CANT., Julie Schuller

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, why can't the affiliates go direct to Central Registry. **FCCV**, clear all prefixes directly with Central Registry

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, it is supposed to be either the CCCA Secretary or the ACF Secretary, only one person contacting Central registry, our by-laws state that ACF, Member bodies must clear prefix applications against the ACF (Inc.) database, those cleared will be then sent to the central registry for checking against their database to avoid duplication. All applications, transfers and any amendments are held by the ACF Secretary, if individual member bodies dealt directly with Central registry these records would not be maintained.

QICC, Julie Walker, our concern or question is we already pay an affiliation fee to be a member of ACF, what services do we get, shouldn't this be covered by the affiliation fee. What is the work involved.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, this is in the February minutes, the question was asked by **GCCFSA**.

QICC, Julie Walker, I don't have access to that information.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, request comes in which on many occasions must be reformatted as it may be an attachment which in some cases is a form which is handwritten. The prefixes on record are checked, the prefix options must be checked to ensure they conform to the by-laws (By-laws Part 2, Clause 4) after which the application, transfer is forwarded to the Central registry, turn around has generally be no longer than 24 hours. The approved prefix is added to the ACF database, and the member body advised which prefix has been approved which generally is the case, however in some cases the application is not approved as it sounds like or is too like an existing prefix. Any transfers from ANCATS are treated as a new prefix application, ANCATS does not clear prefixes with the central registry, most of the time there is no issue however there have been cases where the prefix has been rejected. So, there is work involved.

QICC, Julie Walker, one other question I understand where you are coming from. How many per year would you have to process?

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, 2016 (62), 2017 (142), 2018 (155), 2019 (149), 2020 (123), 2021 (123), 2022 (254), 2023 (120) and 2024 to date 57.

QICC, Julie Walker, so basically the number has remained the same.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, based on \$5 this would have earned approximately \$6,00.00. Given the introduction of alternate National shows this would provide an additional income stream. The affiliation fees have not been increased since 2018.

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Cats WA, Carole Galli, I wish to talk to the motion, essentially, the ACF Secretary is a voluntary role. The honorarium is to cover the cost of repair and maintenance of equipment, that does not include the Secretary's time. ACF does need to look at alternate streams of income, we charge for our titles. This is a one-off fee, the fees for cat breeders compared to dog breeding is minimal. When Cats WA talked about it, we thought as a one-off fee \$20.00 was quite reasonable to get a prefix for life.

FCCQ, Erin Brown, I back Carole, to pay for my judge's license, because I have two dog licenses, in addition to maintain my prefix and my membership is over \$400.00.

GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw, this was discussed by GCCFSA, we agreed that we needed to look at that this and decided to incorporate it into the fee for applications.

TFA, Anne Harvey, we assumed that it would be incorporated into our fee and then each member body would pay ACF, is that the intention?

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the member bodies would be responsible for taking the fees by whichever method they decide, I would maintain a record of prefix applications and transfers and the ACF Treasurer would invoice the member bodies.

QICC, Julie Walker, to be clear, because I must report back to QICC, this is just for new prefix applications?

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, this also applies to transfers, if a breeder moves from one council to another the prefix, must be transferred, they must pay the fee and if they then move to another council they will have to pay the fee again.

QICC, Julie Walker, so central registry does not just approve prefixes they also clear transfers.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, they don't clear the transfer, they update the records. They also record any amendments to the prefix such as adding an additional person on the prefix. The amendments would not incur a charge, only transfers from one organisation to another.

ACF President, Judith Jordan, there are three options, may I have a show of hands for, Option one, \$20.00, Option two, \$15.00 and Option three, \$10.00, okay the majority chose Option three, \$15.00

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the motion to read ACF will charge \$10.00 to facilitate the clearance or transfer of prefixes with central registry

QICC, Julie Walker, I just have one last question as QICC can't increase our fees except at an AGM. So it won't be until next year that we'll be able to increase this fee. We must charge our members the extra \$10.00 to cover this new \$10.00.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, this proposal was pre noticed in the February minutes.

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, GCCFV will not be increasing our fee we intend to advertise or advise our members that this is an ACF fee that would be on top of the prefix fee.

Cats NSW, Tony Hurry, it is the member bodies decision as to how the fee is paid, they can either wear the cost or pass it on to their members.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, what if this comes in from 1 January 2025, six months from this meeting.

Cats WA, Carole Galli, I am happy to accept the amendment.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker the amended motion to read ACF will charge \$10.00 to facilitate the clearance or transfer of prefixes with central registry effective 1 January 2025.

Moved: Cats WA, Carole Galli

Seconded: CANT., Julie Schuller

For: CANT., Cats WA, FCCQ, GCCFSA, QFA, QICC, TFA

Against: Cats NSW, GCCFV.

Motion Carried 7:2

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6. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

a. Judges Guild

We've got all our recommendations to the various parts, but I'll just announce that the committee for this year is President, Anne Harvey, Vice President, Kingsley Schmidtke, Secretary, Julie Schuller Treasurer, Liz Andresen and Felijudge Editor, Peta Sperduty, the Presidents report as circulated.

Moved: ACF Judges Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller

Seconded: TFA, Anne Harvey

Accepted Unanimously

b. 2024 ACF National Show

Cats New South Wales we're very pleased and proud of the response and the running of the show on behalf of ACF. As I walked around there were many comments around the floor, well done, great atmosphere, great show. For those who attended, I'm sure they will acknowledge that the atmosphere of the show was phenomenal. We have all been to shows where you hear the rest of the stuff, at the national show on the weekend, it was just terrific.

The weather contributed to keeping the attendance of the public down, Saturday was quite good with the attendance.

I checked with each of the stallholders each day to see how they were going, for some it was not a commercial success but from an advertising point of view, they were very pleased to be there. Others had a good commercial success.

The other good comments were the on the catering. The Greentree team in the kitchen did a remarkable job, the comment I heard the most apart from the quality of food was it was too cheap. And the coffee van at the start of the parking area was inundated every morning. He was extremely happy with the response.

I think the staging reflected ACF and the professionalism that we tried to promote, the audio system worked well, and everyone could hear and understand the announcements.

The judges, stuck to the timetable, Ali Moore did a great job working it out, who was judging what, how long it should take, and our judges stuck to that. We finished the first day just ahead of time, the second day, one judge was just 10 minutes behind, this didn't delay some of the specials getting underway.

The feedback on the use of the iPad was favourable, everybody here probably knows that it's still really in the beta testing it and to do it at a national show with 380 exhibits. There were some issues, which Ben Dyett resolved in a timely manner, the Wi-Fi wasn't always favourable to the operation of the iPad system, however in general, the positives far outweighed any negatives.

We did have some issues, which the core team addressed effectively in the background, all in all, I think that we will make some reasonable dollars, profit for both Cats NSW and ACF.

The international judges were impressed by the quality of cats that they judged the general feeling in listening was that the quality rightfully rose to the top as it should.

We are very happy and proud of what we achieved.

ACF President, Judith Jordan, an official vote of thanks on behalf of ACF and member bodies to Cats NSW for a wonderful job

Acclamation

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

a. Breed Groups Review Sub-committee

Committee Chair, Carole Galli, In 2022, the ACF Judge's Guild seminar discussed this which arose as FIFe had just gone through the process of changing their groupings. A lot of judges were interested to see how that went and how it was received from the judge's perspective. I am happy to reestablish this and get that going again this year.

Committee Chair, Carole Galli, South Australia and Western Australia, still have quite large Group 2 entries, in the east shows are mainly long hair, and short hair. The feedback from South Australian and Western Australia exhibitors is they don't want longhair, shorthair. This must be considered.

QICC, Julie Walker, it is up to each member body to decide what they do.

Committee Chair, Carole Galli, if we change the groupings members may choose longhair or shorthair.

QICC, Julie Walker, South Australia has four or five groups, so should not affect what member bodies do at their shows.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, I thought the idea was that the committee consider moving some breeds into another group, that is 1, 2, 3.

Committee Chair, Carole Galli, it is going to obviously impact, the training of judges who haven't been trained in breeds we will have to come up with a transition plan and the judges training scheme may need amending.

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, Governing Council has recently in the last 12 months moved to judging longhair and shorthair because our group two numbers have unfortunately declined, we only have one breeder currently exhibiting and may only get three to four desexed exhibits, which is unfortunate. Since the move to longhair and shorthair, the group two exhibitors who were initially worried that with the additional competition they would be uncompetitive. Our group two cats are extremely competitive and are being awarded highly.

GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw, I have gone through this, going from three separate groups to longhair and shorthair, there was pushback about your group twos not being able to go up against all other shorthairs if they are good enough they will.

SA Cat Breeders is running a show this year, they asked permission to governing council to run the show as longhair & shorthair as a trial, we will have to see how it goes so that is on the cards for governing council.

FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone, I was just going to say for the committee how many people do they want if they need an extra person would Linda Kitson be willing to be on the committee.

Committee Chair, Carole Galli, if I need an extra person, I will ask Linda.

Confirmed Sub-committee - Carole Galli (Chair), Julie Schuller, Lesley Morgan & Debs Armishaw

b. Breeding Rules Sub Committee

Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone, I will go through our report one item at a time.

Moved: Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: Peta Sperduty

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I. CANT requested that we define “var” as it is being used and there is no definition, we propose:

- The term variant (var.) is used for a cat whose pedigree or genotype differs from the expected one for the breed. Unless stated otherwise in the ACF Inc. Breeding and Registration Rules, “var.” (variant) primarily refers to the progeny of an allowable mating of recognised longhair and shorthair cats. Because the longhair gene is a recessive gene to shorthair, the progeny would be variant shorthairs carrying longhair.
- When registering subsequent generations, the suffix “var.” is also used to denote a possible gene carrier, such as longhair, on the pedigree. Cats having “var.” as part of their registration number are not considered a separate breed.
- In addition, the cat’s registration number, followed by “var.” may be written on pedigrees even though DNA testing has excluded the cat as a carrier of a particular gene, such as longhair. This is due to other unknown or untested genes and genetic elements in the longhair cat’s genotype that are passed on to their progeny.

ACF Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, the Guild supports the definition

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the motion is to accept the definition of “var”

Approved Unanimously

2. The term Any Other Variety “AOV” is used to classify cats that are the registered offspring of registered parents but are not eligible to enter show classes because they do not have the official requirement for coat colour, coat length or other physical characteristics.

ACF Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, the Guild moved a motion to amend the motion and that AOC be removed

The amended motion to read that AOC be removed from the description and only AOV be used.

Approved Unanimously

3. Motion for interim addition to the Siberian standard: In the absence of any draft ACF standards for Golden and Bimetallic Siberian being presented at the June meeting, the ACF Inc. Breeding and Registration By-Laws committee moves that the following interim note be added to the Siberian standard:

Interim note: Golden and Bimetallic cats and kittens (tabby, tipped, and shaded varieties) should not be penalised for displaying evidence of the Corin wideband gene, including lack of nose liner and pink nose, and/or virtual whitening/off-white/ivory around the whisker pads and chin, neck, chest, belly, and toes. Bimetallic cats and kittens have silver coats with areas of gold. Paw pads and tail tip correspond to the cat's base colour.

Approved 8 For 1 Against GCCFV

4. Motion for interim addition to the British standards: In the absence of any draft ACF standard for Copper British being presented at the June meeting, the Breeding and Registration By-Laws committee moves that an interim note be added to the British shorthair and longhair standards.

Interim note: Golden cats and kittens (tabby, tipped, and shaded varieties) should not be penalised for displaying evidence of the Corin wideband gene, including a lack of nose liner and pink nose and/or virtual whitening/off-white/ivory around the whisker pads and chin, neck, chest, belly, and toes. Paw pads and tail tip correspond to the cat's base colour.

Approved 8 For 1 Against GCCFV

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ACF Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, the Guild supports the interim note being added to the standards.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the motion we were going to vote on has nothing to do with Bengals
GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw, I have just been reminded that while we are talking about Siberian and British that the Corin Gene is in the Bengal breed. There have been instances of judges withholding on awards on Bengals.

Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone, do we need to do an interim note for the Bengal.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, that will have to be brought to the October meeting.

Action: Breeding Rules Sub Committee to put the interim note for Bengals to the 30 October 2024 meeting.

5. Standards for pointed, sepia, and mink Charcoal tabby Bengal cats

ACF Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, the guild was in favour of using the TICA standard but that it be referred to the standards committee as a matter of urgency.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, TICA recognises the Charcoal Bengal seal pointed, brown sepia, and seal mink, they do not recognise blue, this would have to be added as ACF recognises the blue Bengal.

Moved: Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CANT., Julie Schuller

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, can I ask exactly what standard we are looking at. There are explicit points against each of the current colours recognised the eye rings, nose leather and the paw pads are all meant to look like. The TICA standard that we are referring to doesn't have any that description. Looking at our Bengal standard, it states that the standard source is taken 1996 CCCA 2019 for charcoal.

The CCCA standard does not include any description of exactly what all these elements are meant pointed, sepia, and mink Charcoal tabby Bengals.

GCCFV have had a seal sepia pointed in charcoal tabby exhibited at one of our shows which obviously can only be judged as an AOC, it looks nothing like the colour of the photo that was on the cover of Felijudge in 2013.

GCCFV have concerns if we accept these colours, that we haven't had any presented at the show or the Judges Guild for anybody to look at to determine what they are going to be judging them to.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, when the motion to recognise the charcoal in Bengals these colours should have been included.

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, the by-law Part 2 states that new colours and pattern can only be accepted at the ACF Judges Guild AGM or at the National show.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, that needs to be revised as the recognition process occurs at the General meeting.

QFA, Janis Christison, charcoal has been recognised for several years, it is really a housekeeping issue in that it did not automatically apply to every variety.

Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone, it is a housekeeping issue.

GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw, that was a point I was going to raise, Secondly if we need to change 8.I.I.3. can a motion be moved from the floor.

ACF President, Judith Jordan, can the breeds standards committee bring this back to the October meeting.

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, with respect what happened to the action point in the October minutes. The minutes say Action: GCCFSA to take it back to their breeders and submit a written standard for these colours at an ACF Committee and General meeting.

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GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw, given the discussion that has been going on about exhibits not being available for people to see, given the constraints for the costs of transporting cats around the country. Not every affiliate has examples of the colours, how do we train our judges these days, we go out and do some research, we've all got internet capability.

If we want to know some more about a particular breed or colour or pattern there are people that you can reach out to, ask breeders who are generally happy to send photos and discussion.

That's something that we need to look at going forward, at the AGM we discussed about holding meetings with the WCC. At the Guild meeting yesterday, we discussed about some of our seminars going online.

I cannot see why we can't do the same with regards to colours and patterns and getting the information out there to everybody, rather than transport cats all around the country.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, it can be prenoticed for the 30 October 2024 meeting.

FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone, I agree with Debs, with the variety of electronic technology, it is much easier to have meeting with attendees from around the country.

Motion: That prenotice is directed to the Governing Council of South Australia to present a proposal to the October committee and general meeting which must include the colour descriptions, and that there be examples of these colours available for the Zoom meeting.

Moved: Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded; Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty.

ACTION: GCCFSA to take it back to their breeders and submit a written standard for these colours at the 30 October 2024 ACF Committee and General meeting.

5. New gene discovery for dominant Blue eyes in Celestial cats

Further research is needed to identify the other genetic mutations responsible for the different types of dominant blue eyes that may be associated with physical problems.

Therefore, the committee recommends that Member bodies be cautious about accepting new breeds or approving breed development programs for dominant blue-eyed cats until more information on possible detrimental effects of the gene/s and DNA tests become available. Remember that the first dominant blue-eyed cat breed, homozygous Ojos Azules, had lethal genetic defects.

Leslie Lyons advised 2024 WCC not to recognise too quickly – Deafness, possible other health issues

ACF Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, the Guild recommends that caution must be taken before recognition.

Confirmed Sub-committee - Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Jenny Weekes, Kerry Fowler

Moved: Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone that the report be accepted.

Seconded: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

Accepted Unanimously

c. Breed Standards Review Sub-committee

Committee person, Debs Armishaw., the committee has undergone a couple of changes since the last report, Helen Farmer left the committee earlier this year and the position of Chair became vacant, I was nominated to join and accepted the position on the committee.

It occurs to us the process by which many members and chairs are selected to be on a sub-committee is something that ACF needs to review. There was no consultation with the remaining subcommittee members regarding appointments. The position of chair has yet to be filled.

There has been no activity with regards to work on the standards since Helen Farmer proposed changes to Burmese and Burmilla standards. We have received no submissions from the Guild or ACF members to discuss.

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We consider the committee is still relevant., the standards need to be updated, clarified or modified to reflect the addition of newer breeds rewording of standards and updates from genetic research. We want to encourage all Guild and ACF members to continue to submit requests for the Committee's consideration as subsequent submission to ACF for discussion. That

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the sub-committee was created in 2017 pre covid, after covid in 2021 the sub-committee came under the ACF umbrella, as a sub-committee of the Guild any proposals would have to come from the Guild whereas under ACF the sub-committee submits their report and proposals directly to ACF.

The October meeting nominated Debs Armishaw as the new member of the sub-committee, this meeting proposed that the Bengal matter is referred to the sub-committee and that they work with GCCFSA on the proposal to be brought back to the October meeting.

Cats NSW, Tony Hurry, may I move a motion that an additional member be appointed to the Breeds Standard sub-committee and that the committee persons appoint a new chair. I propose that that person should be Peta Sperduty.

Seconded: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw **Approved Unanimously**

Confirmed Sub-committee Jo-Anne Frank, Lesley Morgan, Debs Armishaw and Peta Sperduty

Moved: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

Seconded: Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty **Accepted Unanimously**

d. Feline Health Research Fund

We sent out letters to member bodies of CCC of A and ACF requesting that they contribute regularly. We appreciate QFA's donation of \$50.00 each month, I omitted to thank GCCFV generous donation of \$1800.00 from their show, they also have a levy on the registration of new kittens

Confirmed ACF Representative – Isobel Johnstone

Moved: Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CANT, Julie Schuller **Accepted Unanimously**

e. Feline Terminology Sub-committee

Committee Chair, Isobel Johnstone, we were asked to define “var” the wording has been reduced from that which will be in the by-laws document. It was suggested at the Judges committee that we preface it with unless otherwise stated in ACF Breeding & Registration by-laws that the progeny

ACF Judges Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller, add to the terminology a preface that unless otherwise stated in ACF Breeding & Registration by-laws that the progeny of any allowable mating of Longhair & Shorthair cats be acceptable.

Moved: Chair, Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CANT, Julie Schuller **Accepted Unanimously**

Confirmed Sub-committee – Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Kathryn Hill, Jo-Anne Frank and Lesley Morgan

f. Legislative Watchdog Sub-committee

As circulated

Confirmed Sub-committee – Julie Schuller, Linda Kitson

Moved: Chair, Julie Schuller

Seconded: GCCFV, Linda Kitson **Accepted Unanimously**

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- g. UTH/UTJ Sub-committee
As circulated
Confirmed Sub-committee - Peta Sperduty (Chair), Barbara LaRocca, Linda Kitson, Debs Armishaw

8. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

As provided in the AGM.

9 - SUBMISSIONS – BY-LAWS

9.1 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 **Attachment 9.1**

Motion from CANT

“that By-Laws Part I, Clause 5 - Other Partially Recognised Governing/Registration Bodies Within Australia be amended by deleting

5.I. At, 10th June 2019 these are:

5.I.1. Australian National Cats Inc, (ANCATS); and

5.I.2. The Australian Independent Cat Council Inc. (AICC)

Rationale:

The clause is out of date and not relevant.

Moved: CANT, Julie Schuller

Seconded: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

CANT, Julie Schuller, we feel that clause 5 I.2 is redundant and that clause 5.I shouldn't be in a rules and regulations document. We are proposing that those two points together with 5.I point be removed.

ACF Judges Guild Secretary, Julie Schuller the Guild did not support this proposal

For: CANT., Cats NSW, GCCFSA, QICC

Against: Cats WA, FCCQ, GCCFV. QFA, TFA

Motion Lost 4:5

9.2 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 **Attachment 9.2**

Motion from CANT

“that By-Laws Part I - Clause 5. Other Governing/Registration Bodies Within Australia be amended by adding:

5.I By-Laws Part 2 Clauses 5.8 & 5.9 applies to the registration of cats not bred under the auspices of ACF(Inc.) or CCA Member Bodies in accord with the World Cat Congress Constitution.

5.2 Judges listed by Members of the World Cat Congress are recognised by the ACF(Inc.).

Motion Withdrawn

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9.3 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 - Partial Recognition of Cats Australia
Motion from Cats NSW

Attachment 9.3

“that ACF recognises Cats Australia under the same rules as applies to ANCATS.

By-Laws Part I – Administration – amend to read

Current Wording	Proposed New Wording
5.4.I. ANCATS 5. 4.I.I. Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.I.1 to 5.3.I.4 above may be shown in the Federation’s National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations’ awards	5.4.I. ANCATS and Cats Australia 5.4.I.I. Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.I.1 to 5.3.I.4 above may be shown in the Federation’s National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations’ awards.

By-Laws Part 2 – Breeding And Registration Rules – amend to read

Current Wording	Proposed New Wording
5.16. All kittens bred in Australia must be first be registered with a Cat registering body in the state where the kittens are born which is affiliated with an ACF (Inc.), a CCCA body or ANCATS.	5.16. All kittens bred in Australia must be first be registered with a Cat registering body in the state where the kittens are born which is affiliated with an ACF (Inc.), a CCCA body or ANCATS or Cats Australia.

Rationale:

The rationale for this motion being that ACF accepts pedigrees as they do currently for ANCATS through partial recognition. This would include accepting show entries and allowing breeders to buy and sell cats/kittens and providing/accepting stud service from Cats Australia breeders. Only cats/kittens which comply with ACF Breeding and Registration rules would be accepted. ACF already recognised TICA pedigrees for imported cats and kittens and Cats Australia register their cats according to TICA standards.

Moved: Cats NSW Peta Sperduty

Seconded: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

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

Against: FCCQ, GCCFV, QFA, QICC

Motion Carried 5:4

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

10.I British Shorthair & Longhair

Attachment 10.I

Motion from Cats WA

“that Persians be removed as an allowable outcross in the breeding of British Shorthair/Longhair.”

Rationale:

Persians carry the gene for brachycephalic structure. We do not want to introduce brachycephalic structure into the British Shorthair/Longhair. The allowable outcross was to introduce new colours. British now have all colours including colourpoint so this is no longer required. Unsupervised use of Persian to introduce longhair to breed British Longhair may lead to significant change to the head type and introduce health problems associated with brachycephalic breeds.

Persians being used to develop British Longhair should be done under a supervised breed development programme.

Moved: Cats WA, Carole Galli

Seconded: GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

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Cats WA, Carole Galli, we've talked about this in previous meetings, this proposal is to formally bring it back to the meeting. I expanded it as we have in the meantime accepted British Longhair. The breeding rules had Persian as an allowable outcross for British Shorthair to introduce new colours. I believe everyone would agree that are no new colours in British Shorthair now they don't need to use Persians. I also included longhair for anyone who wants to use Persians to develop a longhair program, they must do so under a supervised approved breed development programme, to ensure that brachycephalic traits cannot get into the British.

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller, suggested the proposal British outcross to Persian is only allowable under ACF rules for Breed Development Programmes, British Shorthair & British Longhair to Persian mating is not permitted.

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

Motion Carried 9:0

10.2 Peterbald

Motion from Cats NSW

“that that ACF adopt the TICA standard for the Peterbald in place of the FIFe standard”

Rationale:

Source of the current Peterbald standard in use by ACF is FIFe 2013. ACF generally uses the country/body of origin when adopting new breed standards. There is discrepancy between the acknowledged body of origin of the breed. In 1996, the breed was recognised by the Russian *Sectional Feline Federation (SFF)*. This organisation no longer appears to be active. TICA recognised it in 1997 and gave full championship status to the breed in 2005. The World Cat Federation (WCF) recognised the Peterbald in 2003. FIFe did not recognise the breed until 2012.

Moved: Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty

Seconded: GCCFV, Linda Kitson

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller, the Guild recommend that the TICA standard for the Peterbald be adopted with a note that straight coated progeny may be used in a breeding programme and are eligible to be judged as AOV in assessment classes.

Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty, we are happy to accept the change

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

Against: CANT.

Passed 8:1:0

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller now this has been accepted the guild recommend that the allocation of points in the standard be referred to the Breed Standards Committee

II - GENERAL BUSINESS

II.I Matters referred from the June 2024 ACF Judges Guild AGM

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller,

☛ we would like to formally recognise the rules developed for brachycephalic for airlines by Isobel Johnstone which are being used worldwide by airlines.

☛ The Guild wish to acknowledge Betty Payne's 60 years of judging with ACF

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II.2 WCC Matters For Discussion

- a. **Leslie Lyons - ICEDogs Press Release Initiative Health Dogs**
- b. **Leslie Lyons - Persian Breed Standards.**

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller, working group regarding Leslie Lyons, the Guild nominated Kerry Fowler and Belinda Penglis to represent ACF.

FCCQ, Erin Brown, may I also suggest Isobel Johnston.

Meeting agreed to adding Isobel.

Action: ACF Secretary to advise Leslie Lyons.

II.3 ACF & CCCA Joint Meeting Minutes – 24 February 2024

- a. **ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker**, updating point (a), feedback on draft Group Two, at the time of the February meeting, CCC of A had not sent it out to their breeders. There is a meeting scheduled for later this month.

- b. **National Titles**

ACF President, Judith Jordan, having moved to alternate years, an exhibitor would have to have their cat on the bench for a very long time to attain a national title under our current rules.

The discussion was that each body allow any three challenges to be used from either body to attain a national title. We would have to amend our by-laws to allow this, if the meeting agrees.

Cats WA, Carole Galli, can they use the same challenge for CCCA as well, is that what you're suggesting? For an ACF national title, you can't then use it for a CCC of A national title.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, the detail of this is still to be developed if both organisations agree to this.

Cats WA, Carole Galli, how many do you need two or 3?

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, there are two options:

Option One - three Challenges, Awards of Merit or Companion Merit awarded at three different ACF National Shows, under three different judges.

Option Two - two Challenges, Awards of Merit or Companion Merit awarded at two different ACF National Shows, by two different judges; plus, three Challenges, Awards of Merit, Companion Merit, awarded at other shows by ACF International Judges or overseas judges.

Cats WA, Carole Galli, one option for an ACF National Title is to require two from an ACF National and one from a CCC of A National

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, we will put this on the agenda to discuss.

ACF Judges Guild, Secretary, Julie Schuller, in 2025 the Guild has agreed to have a morning meeting in July in conjunction with the CCC of A National on the Monday 21 July, we are discussing an ACF & CCC of A joint seminar in the afternoon to deal with like to formally

- c. **ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker**, as it stands, the ACF Judges Guild has agreed to having a physical meeting on the Monday morning and a joint seminar on the Monday afternoon, this would mean ACF holding its physical meeting on the Tuesday.

Cats NSW, Tony Hurry, to assist with communication to our members, have we formally adopted the bi-annual concept other than hearsay. Have we got a motion and a seconder agreeing to adopt the proposals.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, this was at a zoom meeting where the outcome of the voting was announced by a majority vote.

Cats WA, Carole Galli, this was then agreed at the joint meetings.

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, in 2025 the National will be in July and then revert to using the Kings Birthday weekend going forward.

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Cats NSW, Tony Hurry, I move that we formally adopt the outcome of the joint meeting, that there will only be one National per year, commencing from 2025 held by CCCA in NSW in July. After which the National show will revert to being held on the Kings birthday weekend.

Moved: Cats NSW Tony Hurry

Seconded: Cats WA, Carole Galli

Agreed Unanimously.

11.4 ACA Call to action VIC Animal Care Protection Act

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, this is the replacement of the current legislation, which is a Preventive Cruelty to Animals ACT. In Victoria, the original ACT is 1986, as I alluded to in yesterday's meeting, we are nearly 40 years on from that.

There is a lot of stuff that the government has looked at replacing, this has been ongoing, with the government and all the various stakeholder groups, the cat fancy is one, but there' are many stakeholders that they are listening to. This has been ongoing since 2017, we have had a couple of meetings, we attend a blog with other stakeholders to put our feedback.

Governing Council have put in two submissions to government with each stage of the actual draft bill coming out and circulated them to our members, we encourage them to go to the website if they want to make their own submissions. Dogs Victoria did as well, their submission was 50 odd pages, and the second one was 70 pages, they put in huge submissions ours weren't quite that lengthy.

The last public consultation period closed on the 25th of March at this stage, there is nothing more that we can do regarding the ACT other than waiting to see what they are going to come out with,

We would encourage every other affiliate to not let the grass grow under your feet when it comes to legislation. Victoria is the canary in the coal mine with a lot of legislation on what happens does tend to spread out to other states.

The powers that they are talking about is that the police and the rangers have or will be given in this ACT they already have that, when they changed the Domestic Animals ACT in 2016 and all applicable organisations which is the cat and the dog breeding governing bodies. We already fall under that so our breeders already have that potential, if they believe that your breeding cats and dogs and are not registered with the local council, they can already come onto your property, this is not something new to us. They now they have that ability with the ordinary couples, not just for cat and dog breeders.

There wasn't much in the way of change from previous draft that came forward to the latest draft. But as soon as we see the new draft, we will forward it to Julie to circulate it to all member bodies.

11.5 Cats Australia Letter

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, as the motion has passed, we will respond accordingly that they may sell kittens to our member body's breeders which have been registered with Cats Australia in the first instance so long as the pedigrees can be verified and that they may enter the National show and member bodies once again so long as they are acceptable under ACF's breeding rules and regulations. We do need to ensure our registrars and show managers are across this and if uncertain run it passed their committee.

11.6 ACF Facebook Page

When the ACF Facebook page was initially setup it was only for members on ACF's member bodies. I believe that we should open it up to other breeders, judges and exhibitors from other bodies.

Agreed Unanimously.

ACF Committees Facebook Group Forum

As a result of the recent discussions, I have managed to setup a private closed group which is only visible to those who are invited, it is only for ACF Officers, ordinary and deputy ordinary committee persons. Whilst anything discussed in the forum is unofficial, it is a forum for polite debate. When someone is no longer on the committee they will be removed, and the new member invited to join.

Agreed Unanimously.

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11.7 Prefixes, ACF holding a copy of the database, update in real time – Cloud?

ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker, ACF does not hold a copy of the whole prefix database. It would be worth investigating moving the database into the cloud, this would allow CCC of A and ACF to check prefixes for their organisation and update the database in real time. This will not be as simple as extracting the prefix database we will need to look at this in depth and come up with an action plan.

11.8 Cats WA, Carole Galli, last year, I raised the issue of skin issues that appear to be developing in the Lykoi breed, some of the breeders have been discussing this. I was just following last year and asked for some follow up as to whether we had said that there must be annual vet checks and reports submitted because Isobel raised as a concern when we approved the Lykoi. So just wondering if there was any information on that.

GCCFV, Linda Kitson, we no longer have a Lykoi breeder, as far as we are aware they went to South Australia, however we do not know whether the new breeder is with GCCFSA or FASA

11.9 Cats NSW, Tony Hurry, earlier, we talked about data, regarding how many members we have, how many kittens are registered by breed. This important data is provided to the major world registries as well as food sponsors such as Royal Canin.

Can we start considering this and that the information be collected centrally.

ACF President, Judith Jordan, this can be on the agenda for October from one of the member bodies.

Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty, there was a proposal at the 2023 October meeting which passed. That ACF collect data from every affiliate in relation to breeder numbers and numbers of actual breeders observed on an annual basis and share this information with the affiliates.

Action: ACF Secretary to remind member bodies of what they are required to send to ACF by 30 April each year for circulation to member bodies along with the agenda and reports.

11.5 National Shows

- 📌 2025 New South Wales - CCCA
- 📌 2026 South Australia – GCCFSA
- 📌 2027 New South Wales - CCCA
- 📌 2028 Western Australia - Cats WA

11.6 Other Business

Next Meetings:

30 October 2024

26 February 2025

22 July 2025 - TBC

12. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 1230

Confirmed

Judith Jordan
President, ACF (Inc.)
11 June 2024

Robbie Walker
Secretary, ACF (Inc.)
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