

SHORT-HAIRED CAT SOCIETY

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY held at
MBK Training Centre, High Street, STUDLEY, Warwickshire, B80 7HJ
SUNDAY 6th May 2018 at 2.00pm

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Address.
 - o The chair extended a warm welcome to all attendees unfortunately as it is a bank holiday weekend no members attended.
2. Apologies for Absence.
 - o Lynda Ashmore, Steve Parkin, Wayne Vessey, Doreen Goadby, Jeannette Knapp, Jenny Bauerfeind.
3. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.
 - o There were no corrections,
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
 - o Page 3 – JH to send Item 12c report.
5. Secretary's Report from the Committee.
 - o All work continues through another year. The Show license request for the 2019/2020 show will be submitted ahead of the deadline of 31st July 2018.
6. Treasurer's Report.
 - 2017 Accounts and ratification of accounts examiner.
 - o The 2018 show accounts have been approved and issued to the clubs that took part for their contributions. To date the Colourpointed British Shorthair Cat Club has paid their portion of the charges. The Egyptian Mau and Abyssinian Cat Association will be sending payment shortly.
 - o The club accounts need to be with the GCCF by 01/05/18. They are in process at the moment and will then be reviewed ready for the auditors.
 - Membership.
 - o The current number of members was not available; there have been a number of new members that joined with their show entry and the membership form is available on the website.
7. Approval of Committee Appointments.
 - President - Mrs B Wolstenholme
 - Vice President - Mrs C Wren
 - Vice President –
 - Chairman and Hon. Secretary - Mrs C Kaye.
 - Vice Chairman - Miss Jeanette Knapp.
 - Hon.Treasurer and Membership Secretary - Mrs D Goadby
 - GCCF Delegate - Mrs D M Goadby.

All committee appointments were approved. Mrs D Goadby is to be offered the position of Vice President and we will be very honoured if she accepts this position.

8. Election of Committee Members.
 - o Three committee members are standing for re-election and have agreed to continue working with the club. Thank you to Ms Karen Kempself, Mr Stephen Parkin and Mr Wayne Vessey.
9. 2018 Show Report.
 - o The 2018 shown went well however there were some issues with printing errors, next year we may use the new GCCF service.
 - o Only one complaint was received from an exhibitor but it wasn't within the allotted 7 days. The complaint related to the following things:
 - o No vetting in signs.
 - o No automatic doors at the venue.
 - o Limited menu/food available at the venue.
 - o Other items/issues noted on the day;
 - o PA system was not working in the afternoon
 - o No announcement regarding the raffle so several prizes were unclaimed.
 - o A person to cover the door and entry is essential.
 - o Royal Canin had not booked a space but turned up which took space away from club table.
 - o Best Of Variety results were not available.
 - o Judges asking for certificates and other paperwork when not ready and taking up limited space behind table.

10. 2019 Show.
- The same venue has been booked for the 2019 show and the date is Saturday 19th January 2019.
 - The show manager is now looking at the judges to be invited.
 - Sadly the Abyssinian Cat Society, Burmese Cat Club and Singapura Cat Club have decided not to join with us for the 2019 show however we look forward to welcoming the Midshires Siamese Cat Association.
11. GCCF Delegates Report.
- Three very busy meetings with much of it being relevant to unrelated breeds but where it is specific to the breeds wherein we attend the BAC meetings the issues will be noted therein.
 - At the electoral meeting of June 2017 the delegates agreed to a major change to the process of electing members of the Board so as to ensure a continuity of knowledge and experience. Members will no longer be elected annually. From June 2017, members will be elected to serve a three year term and only one third (5) of the members will be required to stand for re-election in June of any subsequent year. To ensure fairness and to set up the rotation at the 2017 electoral meeting, of the 15 members, elected 5 will serve until 2020, 5 till 2019 and 5 until 2018.
 - All Full judges within a section will automatically become Full Judge, unless they chose to opt out, of any preliminary breed that is allocated to that section.
 - BLH/BSH Harlequin and Chartreux have been granted preliminary recognition and have been allocated to the Section Three joining the BSH and Selkirk. The BLH and Chartreux will join the Selkirk Grand class when they achieve championship status.
 - The Lykoi has been recognised in name only but it does mean that they can now be shown on exhibition.
 - The changes to the sectional structure at shows has been agreed and will be implemented in June 2018
 - BOB is to longer be classed as an extra class at shows.
 - The GCCF have been asked to host the World Cat Congress in 2021. This will be a celebratory occasion as it will mark the 150th year of a recognised Cat Fancy. The GCCF played a pivotal role 150 years ago in creating the recognition of a formal approach - akin to that of the Kennel club for dogs - to celebrating and promoting the pedigree cat.
 - There is still considerable concern over the proposals for breeders to be registered however the current advice is that you will only need a licence if you are making a profit and can be deemed a commercial breeder. The current advice is that accounts should be kept so that it can be proved that a profit is not made.
12. Reports from Breed Advisory Committees.
- (a) BRITISH SHORTHAIR GROUP COMMITTEE
- There were three meetings during 2017- 2018, all officers were returned unopposed.
 - Overall the accounts are in a healthy position but there is no room for complacency.
 - During the year S Rainbow-Ockwell and J Harrison have been promoted to Full Judge and B Holland and M Pearman accepted as Pupil judges. All PJ's, on the whole, are continuing well with their training, C DeMartino has applied for and been given an extension for one year.
 - There have been some minor changes to the SOP for the Golden Tipped.
 - After considerable debate over two meetings and votes, the amount of white expected within the Harlequin pattern was reduced from an expectation of 75% to the lower percentage of 60%.
 - It was decided that a major overhaul of both the SOP and the registration policy was required and a sub group is to be set up to tackle this.
 - There has been considerable communication between the BSGC/GCCF Board and the BLH group over the longstanding BSHv (BLH). Sadly once the BLH gets Championship status breeders will no longer have to option to use the BSHv code to register any LH kittens born to two SH carriers.
 - The BAC was notified that cases of ALP have been recorded in British cats in Australia and New Zealand. There have been no recorded cases in the UK British breed population but breeders are asked to be aware of this issue especially in they are considering importing from these countries.
- (b) RUSSIAN BAC UPDATE
- There have been two meetings since the last report. At the electoral meeting the officers remain as were.
 - Financially we manage to just keep our heads above water but again we shall be in the situation that we will have to apply to GCCF for assistance.
 - We have accepted Sally Tokens as a Full Judge and three new pupil judges:
 - Sally Rainbow-Ockwell
 - Carolyn Roberts
 - John Trotter
 - Our current Pupil Judges, on the whole, continue to progress well however there are still considerable concerns over one with the perception of coat and, although it is appreciated that she has had health issues, the lack of reports this year especially has she has already had one extension.
 - The BAC is due to hold a seminar this year and it was agreed that we would like to share with the Abyssinian/Korat breeds again if they are agreeable. It was also felt that we should invite the Snowshoe and Singapura breeds to join us as they will be part of our grand group from June 2018. Mrs A Cherry

has agreed to co-ordinate the event again, the venue to be Bugbrooke Village Hall and the date agreed December 2nd.

- Due to some recent imports being found to have Nebelung variants within three generations in their pedigrees and which were not picked up by the office due to a lack of understanding that some independent registering bodies codes differ from the universally used EMS method, it was felt that an offer of support be made to the office in checking any import's pedigree.
- The proposals from the BAC review group concerning the changes to the way BAC's are run were discussed at length. It was felt that neither suggestion protected the interests of the Russian breed and it was hoped that a more suitable solution could be found.
- It was acknowledged that the Russian, contrary to people's expectations, was a very subtle breed that was not easy to judge. Many Pupil judges have commented on this when they come on our list! Therefore, it was proposed that a simple guide of Do's and Don'ts when judging Russians be produced.
- A glowing report had been given to an import cat that does not reached the GCCF standard as it was accepted that more and more imported Russian were coming into GCCF this could occur in the future and have a detrimental effect to the breed in the UK. It was decided to produce a pictorial guide to the desirable and undesirable elements expected in a cat shown within GCCF that will be sent to all judges in due course.
- Advice had been requested from the Veterinary committee on the correct way of examining a cat for Luxating patella as it had come to light that there are cats in Europe who have been diagnosed with this condition and some of their progeny have been imported into the UK and are in the background within some well-known UK lines.
- There have also been some minor changes made to the requirements of testing for imported cats, on the advice of Prof Lyons, to include PKD and PKDef to the suite of tests already required.

(c) ORIENTAL JOINT BAC

- There are still discussions regarding an independent chair.
- The BAC is extremely healthy with £5,000 in the accounts. The BAC is therefore only asking for subs of £5. The draft Standard OF Points for the Oriental White to allow blue and odd eyed cats have been circulated.
- A seminar is planned for 10th June at Mappleborough Green.
- A pupil judge has applied for full judge status but there are some issues relating to this.
- Clare Whitby has been approved to Full Judge. Pupil judges Pina Bruno-Grieve, Heather Roper, Barbara Prowse and Phil Cornish are all progressing. There are no stewards at present.
- A concern has been raised regarding judges chatting to exhibitors before BIS and a judge filled in slip incorrectly.

(d) KORAT BAC.

- The Korat BAC has met twice since the last SHCS meeting but the February minutes are not yet available.
- Financially they are in a healthy position and it was agreed that there was no need again to approach SHCS for a levy this year.
- Three judges were promoted to full judge:
 - Mark Pearman
 - Naomi Johnson
 - Sandra Woodleyand one Pupil Judge:
 - Sally Tokens.Their other PJ continues to progress well and it is expected that she will soon start on her assessments.
- There has been a slight change to the registration policy which would led to the Thai's to them being registered now on the full register which brings them in line with the Korat.
- There was some discussion on the possibility of devising an "import" form that would help to simplify the registration policy for people as a number have experienced issues in trying to register their imports who, it transpires, do not meet the registration requirements for the breed as stated in the policy.

13. Show Structure Review Group/BAC & Judges training reports

- The Show Review Group has now been split into Judge Training and BAC Review Group.
- Judge training was discussed at the last meeting by Dr Peter Collin and a suggestion was made to put this back to 2019 pending the review of the BACs. Training will be by the new Grand group.
- The BAC Review Group met at the beginning of the year and there are two options available and an alternative.
- The Present arrangement is the BAC is formed of representatives from the relevant clubs and the judges report into the BAC with the BAC reporting to GCCF.
- Option A: The BAC is replaced with a Judges Appointment Group (JAG). The judges apply to the JAG and this is sent to the Clubs. Each club discusses the judge appointments and sends to the JAG via a representative. The JAG reports to the GCCF.

- Option B: The judges apply to the JAG, the JAG send to each BAC and they then send to the clubs involved for discussion and then each representative from the clubs votes at the JAG. The JAG reports to the GCCF. This option would work for single breed BACs.
 - With Option A & B the BAC will lose funding and the BAC will not be able to discuss judges progress only breed related issues.
 - With a multi-breed Grand for example Group 4 with Russian, Abyssinian, Korat, Snowshoe and Singapura not all breeds will be equally represented and only one representative per club and some breeds would dominate.
 - The Alternative Suggestion is to retain the BAC but they can only discuss Pupil Judges for their own breed and equal representation would be required per breed. The funding for BACs comes from applicants and the JAG would only become involved to deal with any issues that cannot be resolved by the BAC.
 - There is no one size fits all breeds and the option chosen could be determined by the complexity of each Grand Group.
14. Committee's plans for the many cups belonging to the SHCS
- The cups held by the club have been for valuation and an album of photographs and details of each cup has been compiled.
 - The cups selected for awarding and returning to the club are all Solid Silver apart from two, which are Silver Plate. There are a number of cups that weren't selected that are also Solid Silver and it was agreed to swap these for the Silver Plate items.
 - The Pewter Rose Bowl is thought to be Liberty's Art Deco and has been valued at £100 to £150. The committee agreed to sell this item at auction.
 - If the silver plate items were sold in groups it would be expected for them to sell for between £30 to £50 at auction. The committee agreed to sell all the Silver Plate trophies and cups and add the money to the club funds.
15. Any Other Business.
- No further business.