

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 2.00pm

1. Chairman's Address.
  - The chair extended a warm welcome to all attendees from the committee (Catherine Kaye, Angela Cooper, Jenny Bauerfiend, Karen Kempzell, Jeanette Knapp, Jill Martin and Caroline Wren) and thanked Stephen McConell for taking the time to attend the AGM.
2. Apologies for Absence.
  - Lynda Ashmore, Steve Parkin, Wayne Vessey, Jan Hirst, Annette Harrison and Jacqueline Skey.
3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.
  - There were no corrections.
  - Acceptance proposed by Miss Martin and seconded by Mrs Bauerfiend.
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
  - Page 2, Item 12, Paragraph 8 – Raised by JM, what does ALP stand for. There are two possible conditions that use the abbreviation ALP. Action – CK to check the original BAC document for the full condition name.
5. Secretary's Report from the Committee.
  - Not a great deal to report for the AGM, all work continues through another year. The Show license request for the 2020/2021 show will be submitted ahead of the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.
6. Treasurer's Report.

2018 Accounts and ratification of accounts examiner.

  - The club accounts from 2018 have been submitted to the GCCF and were ratified by Stephen Bunce.
  - There is an amount of £2500 loaned to the club from Mrs Goadby when she was treasurer and it has been agreed to repay this money as soon as possible to Mrs Goadby.
  - The amount outstanding from the Asian Group Cat Society will be requested via Mr Richard McRae.
  - The 2019 show accounts have been issued to the clubs and detail the money owed to each club from the Shorthaired Cat Society Show Account. In the case of the Asian Group Cat Society, Laperm Cat Club and Snowshoe Cat Society they all have an amount to pay to the club.
  - Travel expenses incurred attending BAC, Council and Committee meetings were discussed. CK will check to see if a rule change is required, if it is this change would need to be agreed at the 2020 AGM.

Membership.

  - There are currently 114 members; there have been a number of new members that joined with their show entry and the membership form is available on the website.
  - Membership was discussed and the following suggestions were made. Offering payment via Paypal as a way to encourage overseas members. Creating a Standing Order form for regular payment of membership.
  - A number of people join the club solely for the purpose of having their prefix application supported with the GCCF. A minimum membership term prior to a prefix application being supported or payment of several years membership in advance are options to retain members for more than 12 months. These items to be discussed further in future committee meetings.
  - The club could also offer mentoring for new members, as required, as an additional benefit of membership and this service could be added to the membership welcome/renewal letter.
7. Approval of Committee Appointments.
  - Since the death of Mrs B Wolstenholme the position of President is now vacant. The committee offered this role to Mrs C Wren, as the longest standing Vice-President. Mrs Wren thanked the committee and was very honoured to accept the position.
  - All committee appointments were approved. Ms C White is to be offered the position of Vice President and we will be very honoured if she accepts this position.
  - President – Mrs C Wren
  - Vice President - Mrs D Goadby
  - Vice President - Vacant
  - Chairman and Hon. Secretary - Mrs C Kaye.
  - Vice Chairman - Miss Jeanette Knapp.
  - Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary – Miss A Cooper
  - GCCF Delegate - Miss A Cooper

8. Election of Committee Members.
  - Miss Jill Martin has tendered her resignation from the committee today and Mr Wayne Vessey has also resigned.
  - There are now three vacancies for committee members. If anyone knows of people that would be interested in joining the committee then please get in touch. The committee holds three face to face meetings a year and are also required to assist with the annual show. We are not the only club that is struggling to find committee members.
  
9. 2019 Show Report.
  - The 2019 show was very successful. The majority of the issues encountered in 2018 were ironed out. We did use the GCCF STAR system and this created some other issues. All but three of the smaller clubs made a small profit and it was unfortunate that the schedule was published so late on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the final closing date was 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
  
10. 2020 Show.
  - The 2020 Show is the clubs 45<sup>th</sup> Sapphire anniversary Championship Show and will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The venue will be the same as this year and has been booked along with penning and the hotel. The judges have also been booked but as yet the classes have not been allocated. CK and AC will be encouraging LA to complete this in a timely manner to allow the schedule to be published on time this year.
  - Some of the problems experienced with paperwork for the 2019 Show was due to the change of office staff at the start of the year. There is a new Office Manager, Denise Williams, she does not have a cat fancy background but is a very experienced office manager.
  
11. GCCF Delegates Report.
  - The minutes of the council meetings are available on the GCCF website. Jen Lacey also publishes her notes from the meeting on the website shortly after the meeting has taken place.
  - The 2019 Supreme Show will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the NEC in Birmingham.
  - The proposals relating to Breeder Licensing have now come into force. Commercial breeders require a licence from their local authority however hobby breeders do not. There is additional information and guidance on the GCCF website, the general advice is to keep receipts and accounts for transactions relating to breeding activities.
  - The GCCF are currently putting money to one side to host the World Cat Congress in 2021, which will celebrate 150 years of the cat fancy as we know it. No venue or dates have been advised. If you have any suggestions or feedback then please send it to the GCCF board.
  - A review has taken place of the Judges and Stewarding Scheme. The Stewarding Scheme is ready to commence shortly and forms two parts. The first stage is the GCCF Steward and the second stage is BAC steward. Stewards can remain as a GCCF Steward and it is assumed that if the second stage is pursued the steward will then progress to Pupil and then to Full Judge. All BACs will follow the same rules regarding stewards.
  - The Accelerated Judges Scheme is ready to commence in June 2019 but there will be no changes to the overall judges training scheme.
  - All judges that have been impacted by the change have received information on the requirements. Changes are only for sections that have an odd number of Grand classes i.e. Section 3 has 2 Grand Awards and judges need to be able to award both to be able to award an Imperial certificate. Section 2 and 4 has 3 Grand Awards and judges need to be able to award 2 Grand Certificates to award an Imperial certificate.
  - The proposed changes to BACs is to ensure a consistent approach and less focus on punctuation and more on the placing of cats by the Pupil Judges.
  
12. Reports from Breed Advisory Committees.
  - (a) BRITISH SHORTHAIK GROUP COMMITTEE
    - No changes to the officers: Michelle Clare Chair, Kate Kaye Vice Chair, Hilary Dean Secretary, J Oughtibridge treasurer.
    - Financially sound with some £872.07 in credit but it cannot be complacent.
    - The GCCF rules and regulations of the Judges Appointment Scheme have been reviewed and updated in view of extra clubs attending the BAC meetings.
    - Accepted Shelley Elloit-Jenkins as a Steward
    - Promoted four judges to full status; Hayley Wild, Lizz Adair, Karen Kempself and Joanne Seggie
    - Two PJ's deferred: Celia DeMartino and Caroline Roberts
    - Current PJ's: Mark Pearman, Eileen Fryer, Brenda Hollandt, Jonathon Emery.
    - J Emery has requested time out due to personal reasons
    - Bruce Bennett resigned as a PJ due to health reasons and sadly passed away earlier this year.
    - Sandra Moore's application for promotion to PJ was held over until she had successfully completed three stewarding engagements as she was unable to submit any evidence of familiarity with the BSH.
    - There have been some minor amendments made to the SOP with regards to the Red Tabby, red self and cream have been submitted to the Board and agreed at council.

- Registration policy and the SOP need updating and it is intended to organise a working group to undertake these and feed back to the main committee.
- There has been a proposal from the Northern BSH and BLH cat club to promote Tabby and White BSH cats. Currently this variety of coat pattern is not recognised within the BSH although it is in the BLH.
- It was felt that as there is a very active club catering especially for the varieties of BSH tabby and spotted cats that this club should have been party to this proposal and therefore it has been referred back to the NBSH & BLH club with the advise that they should liaise with the TCC.
- The AC Van Pattern and Harlequin have been promoted to championship status.
- There were some concerns as to how this BAC would be affected by the proposed changes to the BAC system but as a single breed BAC, albeit with a variety of colours and patterns, it is believed that there will be little change as there is no proposal to included any other breed.
- Sadly the last meeting had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum and it now appears that the next meeting will be some time in June or early July.

(b) RUSSIAN BAC UPDATE

- No changes to the officers: Maria Chapman-Beer Chair, Val Anderson Vice Chair, Laurie Curtis Secretary, Kate Kaye treasurer.
- Financially struggling with approximately £120 in credit. The meeting venue costs in London are shared with the RBBA but is still the greatest cost. Application to GCCF for the deficit of funds during the 2016 – 17 was successful.
- Stewards: currently none
- No judges promoted to full status.
- Two judges promoted to PJ: Janet Williams and Kaye Wilson.
- Karen Kempell's application for promotion to PJ was held over until she had successfully completed two stewarding engagements, as she was unable to submit any evidence of familiarity with the Russian Breed.
- Current PJ's: Sarah Bower, Sally Rainbow-Ockwell, Sue Danks, Caroline Roberts and Jon Trotter.
- Dorothy Stone is still suspended and is likely to fall off the list due to running out of the time scales allowed for completing the pupil stage of training and applications for extensions not being allowed while under suspension.
- There have been some minor amendments made to the registration policy – the removal of the need to test imported neuters if evidence of neutering supplied at the time of application for registration.
- The GCCF Veterinary Officer highlighted some research being undertaken in Sweden with Russian suffering from the onset of cataracts. The BAC members were already aware of this issue and the research programme. However as the type bred for in Sweden is very different to that bred for in the UK it was felt unlikely that cats would be imported from Scandinavia by UK breeders that register with GCCF but it was an issue that would be monitored.
- Due to the recognition of Blood type B Russians in Holland an article has been written to advise breeders should they find that their cat or cats are Blood group B. UK Russians are deemed to be Blood Group A but, although imports must be tested to ensure they are Blood group A for registration to be allowed with GCCF there have been a number of imports from the affected catteries in Holland prior to blood testing becoming mandatory so breeders need to be aware of this issue especially if they have a Dutch import in their pedigrees.
- There were some concerns expressed as to how this BAC would be affected by the proposed changes to the BAC system as they will be joining a multi breed BAC but until the full proposal is available it was felt that little could be said.
- Sadly the proposed seminar was cancelled due to the lack of an organiser. GCCF was informed and the hope is that another will be arranged as soon as possible.

(c) ORIENTAL JOINT BAC

- No changes to the officers: Sally Tokens Chair, Irene Rothwell Secretary, S Lloyd treasurer
- Financially sound with some £4500 in credit.
- Promoted five judges to full status; Ross Davies, Maria Chapman-Beer, Peter Williams, Neil Carter and Linda Martin
- Current PJ's: Helen Marriott-Power, Phil Cornish, Sue Dalton-Hobbs, Craig Dryden, Barbara Prowse J Pounds and Clare Whitby
- Heather Roper has resigned from the Judge appointment scheme.
- There have been some minor amendments made to the Oriental Bi-colour SOP and registration policy that have been submitted to the Board but it is agreed that there are still some more that need to be made. P Williams has agreed to lead on this.
- Registration policy amendments are under way in light of the recognition of the Oriental White.
- All blue eyed whites from Oriental breeding will be tested to ensure they are correctly register and competing to the right class.
- It has been agreed that the Foreign White will move to the Siamese Grand class but this has not yet been instigated.
- Line drawings for inclusion in the breeding policy are under review.
- There is still some concern over the inclusion of the Suffolk in Section six as it is perceived that there are few judges with the appropriate qualification in the section.

(d) KORAT BAC.

- There has not been any communication from the Korat BAC this year.

12a. Show Structure Review Group/BAC & Judges training reports

- This item has already been discussed, see item 11.

14. Any Other Business.

- No further business.