

## SHORT-HAIRED CAT SOCIETY

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY held via Zoom  
SATURDAY 22nd May 2021 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 and Steve Parkin).
  2. Apologies for Absence.
    - Jan Hirst and Sue Dalton-Hobbs
  3. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.
    - There were no corrections.
    - Acceptance proposed by Mrs Bauerfiend and seconded by Dr Kempzell.
  4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
    - Page 1, Item 4 – Mrs Kaye asked Dr Kempzell to confirm the condition referred to as ALP. The condition is Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (ALPS).
  5. Secretary's Report from the Committee.
    - It has been a quiet year and the committee has met several times via Zoom. There was no show in 2021 and it was agreed that this was the correct decision. The show licence for 2022 has been applied for.
  6. Treasurer's Report.
    - 2020 Accounts and ratification of accounts examiner.
    - The 2020 accounts were submitted to the GCCF, following examination by Stephen Bunce.
    - Mrs Goadby was contacted to arrange for repayment of the loan of £2500. Mrs Goadby declined the repayment and asked for the money to be donated to club.
    - Overall the cub is in a healthy position.
    - If any one would like a copy of the accounts, that were shared on screen in the meeting, then please email the Treasurer
- Membership.
- There are 107 members of which 63 are Life Members and 44 have paid annually. 15 of the annual memberships have resulted from membership provided with the sale of a kitten.
7. Approval of Committee Appointments.
    - The committee is made up of the following;
      - President – Mrs C Wren
      - Vice President - Mrs D Goadby
      - Vice President – Ms C White
      - Chairman and Hon. Secretary - Mrs C Kaye.
      - Vice Chairman - Miss J Knapp.
      - Hon.Treasurer and Membership Secretary – Miss A Cooper
      - Minutes Secretary – Miss A Cooper
      - GCCF Delegate - Miss A Cooper
    - The following members' terms of office are over and all are willing to stand for reelection:  
Mrs Jan Hirst and Mrs Lynda Ashmore. All committee appointments were approved.
  8. Election of Committee Members.
    - There are currently three committee vacancies and we welcome applicants whose interest is in any shorthaired breed but you must be a fully paid-up member of the club. The committee holds three meetings a year, either by Zoom or face-to-face. Also required to assist with the annual show both prior to and on the day.
    - A form is available from the chair or membership secretary and on our website.
  9. 2020 Show Report.
    - Nice feedback had been received from judges and exhibitors following the show in January 2020.
    - The 2020 Show was the Sapphire Show and the next show anniversary will be the 50th (Golden) show in 2026.
  10. 2022 Show.
    - LA, CK and AC have recently had a planning meeting to discuss the judges to be invited. Judges that can judge Olympian Classes and then Pupil Judges and Full Judges that are taking part in the

accelerated scheme have been considered first with other judges to fill the potential gaps in breeds and classes. CK and AC will be sending the invitations out to the judges shortly.

- There is a lot to think about and deposits paid for the venue will roll over if for any reason the shows are not allowed to go ahead due to government guidance.

#### 11. GCCF Delegates Report.

- Since our last AGM in 2019 there have been three GCCF council meetings held at Conway Hall in London.
- The first meeting on 19th June 2019 was an Electoral meeting and the first meeting following the submission of Club Returns, Eight breed clubs and six All Breed/Specialist clubs requested dispensation to enable them to continue sending a delegate to council which was approved. Three breed clubs applied for full membership however the membership of one club was deferred due to objections made at the meeting, the other two were approved with a majority.  
The 2018 accounts were presented and accepted and Monahans were appointed to examine the accounts for 2019.  
Updates were provided on the 2019 Supreme, the World Cat Congress due to take place in 2021, general business matters and some rule changes all of which were accepted by the council delegates.
- The October council meeting took place on 16th with 75 delegates in attendance. There was an election for the appeals committee with four applicants with two members and two reserves. The full membership for the club deferred in June was approved.  
Revisions to the Manx registration policy were submitted by the BSGC. The British Shorthair had been removed as the approved outcross and foundation tailless, stumpy and tailed Manx indigenous to the Isle of Man (foundation cats) substituted. The use of GCCF Rules (1:12c ii) to allow the fast track progression of the quality progeny (and their progeny) of foundation cats via exhibition with critique classes had been added. This was approved with a majority.  
The BSGC also submitted revisions to the SOP for the BSH van pattern bi-colour, which were approved. There had been extensive revision particularly in respect of the head markings. There was also some allowance for a very small amount of colour on the body and it was noted these changes should allow more cats to make a show bench appearance.
- When the council meeting took place on 26th February 2020 we didn't realise that it would be the last council meeting for some time. 66 delegates attended this meeting. There were breed applications from the ABY BAC for promotion to Championship status for the red-series Abyssinian having been at preliminary level for 40 years and it was very pleasing to see that the promotion was approved unanimously and classes could be included at shows not yet closed and at shows held after 26th June 2020. Unfortunately they have had to wait a little longer for their Championship debut.  
The OJBAC also requested recognition of the Oriental White as a new colour for an existing breed. Registration policies and SOP were prepared and approval was given for Oriental Whites to be shown in their own classes at assessment level.
- Due to the pandemic the council meetings were cancelled and the June 2020 elections took place remotely using CIVICA and the process was completed in November 2020 with Sean Farrell appointed as Chairman and Peter Colin as Vice Chairman. The new board structure is available on the GCCF website.
- On 13th March 2021 the council meeting took place via video conference with 98 delegates in attendance. There were the usual glitches of mute or un-mute but the first order of business was to vote to allow the meeting to take place electronically. A quite complicated vote was taken on the Temporary Provisions for the 2021 Electoral Process with the outcome being that a further council meeting would be held in July via video conference and organisation of the electoral process to take place in June/July. There were several changes to registration policies and SOPs as the majority of the BACs had continued meeting via Zoom in the past year and had taken advantage of the lack of shows to update their documents.
- Judge appointments are published on the GCCF website for approval in between council meetings and then confirmed in the minutes of the meeting.
- The minutes from all meetings as well as a report by Jen Lacey are available on the GCCF website.
- The next Council meeting is planned to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- KK was surprised that the BSH is no longer an allowable outcross for the Manx as this is not what was agreed by Manx breeders in GCCF. She believes the Manx registration policy as agreed by Council is incorrect and as these matings are currently taking place this could create a very serious issue for Manx breeders so she will raise this issue with the BSGC asap.

#### 12. Reports from Breed Advisory Committees.

##### (a) BRITISH SHORTHAIIR GROUP COMMITTEE

- Financially the BAC is in a sound position and as it was felt that the BAC could afford it, the committee has requested that all paperwork for meetings, when collated, be printed and posted, in the first instance, to the constituent clubs secretary or nominated representative. However, it was felt that all representative should receive a printed copy, be this at their own expense or their clubs. The committee has agreed to pay for this extra copy – approx. £10 per copy.

- We have promoted one judge to FJ status: Mark Pearman and three to PJ: Ross Davies, Sandra Moore and Sally Tokens.
- A long-standing PJ reapplied for promotion to FJ after being deferred in 2018. The vote was a majority to reject her application. Unfortunately, she has struggled throughout her time as a PJ, was unable to fulfil the requirements requested of her during the last year and has already had the full allowance of extensions.
- All our current PJ's are, in the main, progressing well. Although there are major concerns with one judge and lesser concerns with one other, both of whom are completing a further year's training after being deferred in 2018.
- Another PJ is experiencing some problems with his health and has been advised to request some time out, the BAC can only request extensions so this has to come from him. Although numerous attempts have been made to communicate with another PJ there has been no response to date and she will "fall off" the list in 2021 unless this situation changes.
- There is one steward and she has now applied and been promoted to PJ.
- The Accelerated Scheme is now up and running but there are no judges who qualify for this within section three.
- There has been an update to the SOP for the Van Pattern and a revised registration policy for Manx approved and both are for ratification by Council next week. The name CYMRIC for LH Manx has been approved and this means that there will be a further update needed to the registration and breeding policies for the Manx and a SOP created.
- The Board have announced a major review of all registration policies, it is acknowledged that the BSH is one of the most complicated and it will take time to ensure this is correct but it also gives the BSGC the opportunity to re-examine the policy especially in light of the newer pattern and colour varieties that are being proposed. A SOP review had been agreed some years ago but the pressure of dealing with PJ reports and more immediate matters had overtaken it. It was felt that the BAC needed to ensure this review took place as soon as possible.
- There is a proposal for full recognition of the Tabby and White cats, including Silvers, under review however it has been agreed that breed numbers should be given to all of these cats and that they be on the reference register with no progression for the present.
- There is a desire for the recognition of the Silver Tipped Colourpointed but as of yet a proposal has not been officially submitted to the BAC. This would bring them in line with the Golden Tipped Colourpointed.
- It has been ascertained that the BLH has reached the position in which to apply for championship status but no evidence has so far been forth coming.
- The BSGC was overdue in providing a seminar due to a lack of organiser, however Sue Dalton-Hobbs has agreed to help organise one and it took place on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 either at Bugbrooke, nr Daventry.
- There was some discussion about lowering the number of representatives per club from 2 to 1 but after some discussion it was decided to leave it at 2.
- Sadly, both Michelle and Hilary have expressed their wish to give up their roles as Chair and Secretary so if anyone has any suggestions..... Michelle has agreed to remain as Chair until the review of the registration policy and SOP is completed and it is hoped that Hilary will also remain with us until that time.
- Sadly, national events overtook us all and the last face to face meeting was in 2019. Since then, the BAC has held a couple of virtual meetings via Zoom with the first one discussing all reports submitted prior to the cessation of shows.

(b) RUSSIAN BAC UPDATE

- No changes to the officers: Maria Chapman-Bear Chair, Val Anderson Vice Chair, Laurie Curtis Secretary, Kate Kaye treasurer.
- Work has continued over the past year and more meetings than usual have taken place.
- The first meetings dealt with the Judges Reports. David Redtfeldt wrote to the BAC to return to the Russian list and this was approved. There have been no further judge applications and there are 9 PJs and 4 FJPs.
- The registration policy was then reviewed following queries raised from the transfer of the registration policy into the GCCF Phoenix system. The permitted outcross was reviewed and a reduced and clearer route was agreed. There was also a query regarding the Rex gene and this has been clarified in the new registration policy.
- The BAC received a request to look at the required blood group of cats for registration. The Russians in the UK are blood type A. Worldwide there are some Russians that are blood type B or A carrying B. The discussions are on going.
- The next task is to update the guide to the Russian Black and Russian White.

(c) ORIENTAL JOINT BAC

- No changes to the officers: Sally Tokens Chair, Irene Rothwell Secretary, S Lloyd treasurer
- There have not been any meetings since March 2020 and are hoping to have a meeting in November.

(d) KORAT BAC.

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

- The SHCS do not contribute financially to the Korat BAC and it is not feasible to change to full membership status and send the number of breed knowledgeable representatives required. The link will remain on the website as it is one of the clubs that the SHCS cater for. However, it was agreed that the Korat BAC will be removed as a standing matter from both the committee and AGM agenda's and will only be discussed if an issue arises.

12a. Show Structure Review Group/Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group reports

- There have been changes to the two groups.
- Lyndsey Robinson is Chair of the Show Review Group.
- Any suggestions, comments or feedback on Shows and the commencement should be sent to Lyndsey Robinson.
- Catherine Kaye is Chair of the Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group, taking over from Dr Peter Collin that has been very busy with the current pandemic.
- Terms of Reference have been created and two meetings have taken place so far.
- The minutes for both groups are available on the GCCF website under Shows, Review Groups.

14. Any Other Business.

- The 2022 show will be looking for sponsorship and gifts/prizes if there is anyone that can assist with this then please contact the Show Manager or Assistant Show Managers.

The AGM was closed at 5.05pm