

SHORT-HAIRED CAT SOCIETY

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY held via Zoom
SUNDAY 22nd May 2022 at 2.00pm

1. Chairman's Address.
 - The chair extended a warm welcome to our Club President Mrs Caroline Wren and to club member Mrs Sue Dalton-Hobbs from the committee (Catherine Kaye, Angela Cooper, Lynda Ashmore, Jenny Bauerfiend, Karen Kempself and Steve Parkin).
 2. Apologies for Absence.
 - Jan Hirst and Jeanette Knapp. Karen Kempself and Steve Parkin were not in attendance.
 3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
 - There were no corrections.
 - Acceptance proposed by Mrs Wren and seconded by Mrs Ashmore
 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
 - There were no matters arising.
 5. Secretary's Report from the Committee.
 - Nothing to report
 6. Treasurer's Report.
 - 2021 Accounts and ratification of accounts examiner.
 - The 2021 accounts were submitted to the GCCF, following examination by Stephen Bunce.
 - Overall the club 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 116 members of which 63 are Life Members and 53 have paid annually.
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:
Miss Angela Cooper and Mrs Jenny Bauerfiend. All committee appointments were approved unanimously.
 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. 2022 Show Report.
 - The feedback overall was good. There were some complaints regarding the temperature of the venue in the morning and this has been raised with the venue.
 - Some of the changes made by the venue, such as catering, we weren't aware of in advance to make any alternative arrangements.
 10. 2023 Show.
 - The SHCS has applied to move the 2023 show to 23rd July 2023 and the GCCF Board has approved this and the show licence has been received.
 - The main reasons for moving the show from January to July were;

- The SHCS show has always been around the third Saturday of January and was usually surrounded by breed shows in the weeks before and after. The semi-longhair clubs have now changed from breed to all-breed and this has an impact on entries and judge availability.
- The existing date in January makes getting entries difficult due to Christmas.
- Due to the closing date taking place over the Christmas and New Year period the GCCF office is closed until the start of January, which makes organising, printing and receiving all the paperwork in time for the show difficult. This year the show paperwork was received on the Friday afternoon, which gave very little time for it to be checked, and any errors identified.

11. GCCF Delegates Report.

- Since our last AGM there have been three GCCF council meetings held via Zoom.
- The first meeting on 17th July 2021 was not the usual Electoral meeting but did provide the timetable for the Elections with nominations opening in August 2021 and the Election Closing in mid-September 2021. Nine breed clubs and ten All Breed/Specialist clubs requested dispensation to enable them to continue sending a delegate to council, which was approved. Michelle Ferris of Albert Goodman Accountants presented the 2020 accounts, which appeared far clearer than previous years and easier for all club delegates to understand. The vote to appoint Albert Goodman Accountants for 2021 was unanimous among all delegates in attendance.
One of the major changes approved at this meeting was the change to the Show Year to align with the calendar year. The approval for this change required a majority decision and just went through with 53% for and 41% against. This change is Effective from January 2023.
- The November council meeting took place on 6th with a tiebreak vote for the fifth board member and the first reserve. The vote was very close with Anna McEntee gaining the 52% majority and Ketill (Kit) Game with 48%. An election also took place for the Appeals Committee; the two successful applicants were Sally Woolrich and Cynthia Cullen.
A proposal was submitted to discontinue the practice of vetting in; this proposal was rejected by 76% of attendees.
- The third meeting took place on 19th March 2022 via Zoom, which is now standard practice. The process for Board and Finance Committee candidates was agreed at this meeting. The value of the first fixed penalty fine was approved to increase it to £250. The Cinnamon and Fawn Group presented a proposal that the relevant BAC must approve judges prior to them awarding any certificate. This would apply to judges on the accelerated scheme. The Cinnamon and Fawn Group had been disbanded but was supported and endorsed by the Oriental Bicolour Group. The proposal was disapproved at this meeting.
- 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 16th July 2022

12. Reports from Breed Advisory Committees.

(a) BRITISH SHORTHAIK GROUP COMMITTEE

- There have been two meetings in the past year. July 2021 and March 2022 and the next meeting is planned for July 2022.
- Due to the number of Pupil Judges (PJs) each club takes turns to feedback into the BAC. There were a few PJ reports to discuss. Overall they are progressing and no major concerns and there are one or two that the group are keeping a close eye on.
- A query was raised at the July meeting regarding the Manx Registration Policy and the removal of the use of the British Shorthair as an outcross as approved at council. Karen Kempsell is looking into this matter.
- The main topic for meetings has been updating the Standard of Points and the subgroup has been extended. The second draft has been presented at the March meeting and will come back to the next BAC meeting and hopefully with progress to council for approval.
- Hilary Dean has now resigned and a new secretary has been appointed, Margaret Lynch. Margaret is also the secretary of the Burmese BAC. Michele Clare is still the Chair and will continue if the meetings remain online via Zoom.

(b) RUSSIAN BAC UPDATE

- There have been three main meetings and numerous ad-hoc meetings focussed on one issue.
- No changes to the officers: Maria Chapman-Bier Chair, Val Anderson Vice Chair, Laurie Emtage (prev Curtis) Secretary, Kate Kaye Treasurer.
- There has been a minor update to the outcross policy, which has been approved at Council.
- All PJs are progressing well.
- The Russian Blue siblings of Russian Blacks and Whites will have Full Register status once the amended registration policy is submitted.
- The ad-hoc meetings were as a result of a RBBA member requesting cats with A carrying b blood type be allowed registration. Currently only blood type A can be registered and the diversity study carried out

only reported blood type A cats and no A carrying B or B blood type were identified. Blood group B is common on the continent and in Australia and testing of blood type is not done as a matter of course.

- A Russian with blood type B it would have to be registered with TICA and once bred and a blood type A kitten is produced then it can be imported from TICA into GCCF complying with the registration policy and test required. The Genetics Committee advised the BAC that no changes should be made.
- Following a judge from another organisation cited a fault as a reason to award a Best of Breed. The judge has been informed and advised they must adhere to the GCCF Standard of Points. Updates for a guide for judges are to be agreed.
- A Colour Point Russian kitten was born recently. Both parents are Russian Blues and the sire was a recent import that appears to have tested clear for the Siamese gene. Unfortunately the two breeders involved are not open to advice from the BAC or RBBA committee.

(c) ORIENTAL JOINT BAC

- The OJBAC is hoping to hold a seminar in September 2022 in conjunction with the Siamese BAC.
- Mr Phil Cornish is the only PJ and has not submitted any reports but has since withdrawn from the OJBAC..

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

- Most of the work has been presented at council.
- The JAS has produced a timeline. As much as they would like to make major changes they would not get through council. The planned changes will be by Grand Group.
- The minutes for both groups are available on the GCCF website under Shows, Review Groups.

14. Any Other Business.

- None.

The AGM was closed at 3.10pm