

December 10, 2019 Teleconference Notes

Judging Program

Three levels for Guest Judges – Entry Guest Level, Intermediate Associate Guest Level,

Motion: *Approved Associate Guest Level and the details of each level.* – **Carried**

Guest Judges for China shows – Motion: *Recommendation that for shows in China for the remainder of the show season, clubs cannot hire Guest judges* - **Carried**

Split Ring cage requirement – Motion: *Lower the number of cats entered to 150 for all show rules which states 180 cats and leave number of cage requirements as stated.* – **Carried**

Advancement – Bethany Colilla advanced to Apprentice Shorthair (2nd Specialty) – **Carried** 16 yes, 1 abstain

Central Office

Tiered Champions – About \$5000 in programming changes. Tiered title is optional and requires a fee of \$15 for each tier level. For now to claim the title, it will need to be submitted outside of the ecat system. Titles will show up in future pedigrees. To be implemented May 1, 2020. If the number of requests warrants programming changes to automate into the ecat system then further programming changes will be required. *Motion to approve the money for the programming changes of \$5000* – **Carried**

Transfer of ownership – will be put in effect the next show season (2020-2021)

Transfer of Ownership and National/Regional Awards:

Under National Awards at beginning:

A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. The owner(s) of record for the last show in which a cat earns points within a competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) will be considered the owner for the purposes of any awards. The owner(s) of record and national area/regional/divisional area assignment is set as of the first full weekend in January.

Under National/Regional/Divisional Assignment:

6. *Transfers of ownership which affect national area/regional/divisional area assignment must be received in the Central Office before the show at which a new region/area is listed and at the show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January.*

7. *Transfers of ownership which affect national area/regional/or divisional area assignment must be received in the Central Office before the last show in which the cat earns points prior to the first full show weekend in January (see #6)*

7. Transfers of ownership received after the first full weekend in January and before the last full show weekend in April will be reflected for award purposes but will have no effect on the national area/regional/divisional assignment. At least one of the owners must continue to reside in the national area/region/division which was set by the first full weekend in January (see #6).

8. A cat/kitten/household pet whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region, divisional, or national area must identify by the first full show weekend in January the national area/region/divisional area in which the cat/kitten/household pet is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten/household pet earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten/household pet whose owners' residence moves from one national area/region/divisional area to another after the first full show weekend in January will be assigned to the national area/region/divisional area where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January.

Titles and Color Changes: At the October board meeting, CO proposed a change to the show rules to allow a cat which achieved the title of Grand Champion/Premier and subsequently changed its color, to keep the title of Grand. With the focus on genetically registering cats, there are instances when a sire or dam color needs to be corrected before registering offspring. Breeders/Owners are hesitant to do this because they don't want to lose the Grand title the cat achieved. Following is the change proposed in October:

6.11 A cat that has been confirmed a Champion, Grand Champion, or Premier or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and the titles of Champion and Premier earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class. Grand Champion or Grand Premier and higher titles (e.g. National and Regional titles) remain if a cat's color is changed.

Additionally, the Scoring section of the National/Regional Awards program states "All points credited must be earned while competing as a particular color/tabby pattern. Cats/kittens that have earned points under more than one color/tabby pattern description

will only receive those points earned under the color/tabby pattern description for which they were eligible and last shown.” and there is a reference to show rule 6.11.

The discussion evolved to allowing a cat to keep all of its points regardless of the color shown. Although examples cited were a Cornish being shown as a red spotted tabby or a red mackerel tabby and a solid Persian being shown as a tabby Persian, by removing the reference to a cat receiving points shown as one color this potentially opens up the possibility of an Aby earning points as a red and then earning points as a ruddy and all the points earned as these two colors being attributed to one color, let’s say ruddy.

Show rules required to make this change will be discussed in February.

Clarification from August motion - Kittens without registration numbers will be counted for China shows.

Board meetings at the Cleveland Marriot for October 2020 and February 2021 – **Carried**

Motion: *Endorse the policy that regional fundraising at the International Show be limited to the region in which the Annual Meeting is being held the year following the show (e.g. the Gulf Shore can fundraise at the 2020 International Show)* – **Carried**

International Show West

Three options presented

- a) On the same date as the existing International Date – Will have two shows on the same weekend - **Failed**
- b) For 2020 to be held on the last weekend of October. October 31 – November 1, 2020 - **Failed**
- c) To be held on a weekend and location to be determined – **Passed**

Budget

May through October 2019 CFA realized a loss of \$27,224. Although this is a loss, it is much less than we had at this time last year, and the year ended up showing a profit

Offer next steps to execute Regional Incorporation and establish steps required to set up Regional checking accounts. – **Carried**

Finance Committee

As of December 4, 2019, the combining account balances total \$2,585,736.02

Motion: *Approve an increase of up to \$16,000.00 to the CFA/Regular Show Sponsorship Fund if needed* – **Carried**

Motion: *Approve increasing In-Conjunction Show budget if needed* – **Carried**

Should the Board approve 2, what amount is the Board willing to increase In-Conjunction Show funding to? Motion: *To raise budget from \$10,000 to \$12,000* – **Carried**

Board Member Confidentiality Agreement

Motion: *To approve revised confidentiality agreement* – **Carried**

Club Applications

Al Andalus Cat Club, Region 9 - Villamayor, Salamanca, Spain - **Accepted**

All Cats Are Beautiful (A.C.A.B.), Asia (Note: this club originally applied as Hogwarts Cat Club and subsequently changed the name due to trademark concerns) - Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea - **Accepted**

American Shorthair Lovers of Europe, Region 9 - Limburgerhof, Germany - **Accepted**

Cat Fanciers Club of Turkey “Angora”, International Division - AWA/CSA; AWA/CSA, Kucukkoy, Istanbul, Turkey - **Accepted**

FCC (Fluffy Cat Club), International Division - Asia; Asia; Anyang-Si, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea - **Accepted**

German Phoenix - Cat Friends of Europe, Region 9; Kleinich, Germany - **Accepted**

Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club, International Division - Asia; Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong - **Accepted**

Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club, International Division - Asia; Selangor, Malaysia - **Accepted**

Nebraska Fine Whiskers Society, Region 6; Omaha, Nebraska, USA - **Accepted**

Palatina Blue Cat Club, Region 9; Limburgerhof, Germany - **Accepted**

Sherwood Manx Club, Region 9; Kerava, Finland – **Accepted**

Welcome new clubs to CFA!

Strategic Planning

The Board will meet from noon to 8 pm the Friday before the February Board meeting to again engage in Strategic Planning.

Constitution Bylaw Review Committee

Since we had already committed \$5,000 and have \$2,025 remaining, we should discuss hiring this attorney. Motion: *to hire Nixon Peabody for “not to exceed \$7,000”* - **Carried**

ASAP – in hopes of having something completed for the delegation to vote on in June 2020; otherwise 2021.

Catwriter's Association

Motion: *Approve \$1500 in award sponsorship for upcoming event* – **Carried**

ID

Request the upcoming ballots and the instructions to be translated into Mandarin

ID Representatives and ID Chairpersons are requesting Motion: *Only one show per weekend be licensed through Feb 9, with future restrictions to be evaluated after the Strategic Planning session. Shows will be approved on a first come basis.* – **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 am EST