

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 4, 2021**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, via Zoom video conference. **President Darrell Newkirk** called the video conference meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time to conduct urgent business. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Darrell Newkirk (President)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Vice President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Steve McCullough, D.C. (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director) – joined the call later
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Ms. Cyndy Byrd (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Melanie Morgan (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Brian Moser (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Shelly Borawski, Special Projects/Yearbook Administrator
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Eva Chen, ID-China Representative
Gavin Cao, China Business Advisor

Absent:

Matthew Wong, ID Representative

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Newkirk: I'm going to call the meeting to order. Rachel, will you please call the roll?
Anger: Sure, I would be glad to. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.]

SUMMARY

1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

2. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS/APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES.

| | Moved/ Seconded | Motion | Vote |
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| MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION | | | |
| 2. | Executive Committee 04.15.21 | For the Cat Lover Alliance of China show April 18, 2021 in Chengdu, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 6.35.c. to allow the club to extend its closing date by two days to 9 PM China time on Thursday, April 15, 2021. | Motion Carried. |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 3. | Executive Committee 04.21.21 | For the Starry Sky Cat Fanciers' Club show April 24, 2021 in Dianjingxiaozen, Xiacheng District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 6.35.c. to allow the club to extend its closing date by two days to 9 PM China time on Thursday, April 22, 2021. | Motion Carried. |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 4. | Executive Committee 04.21.21 | For the China East Cat Club show April 24-25, 2021 in Chongqing, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 6.35.c. to allow the club to extend its closing date by two days to 9 PM China time on Thursday, April 22, 2021. | Motion Carried. |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 5. | Executive Committee 04.28.21 | For the Katnip Kat Klub's 2 LH/3 SH show May 1, 2021 in Longhu Xixitianjie, Xiacheng District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 6.35.c. to allow the club to extend its closing date by two days to 9 PM China time on Thursday, April 29, 2021. | Motion Carried. Calhoun abstained. |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 6. | Anger McCullough 04.29.21 | For its July 17, 2021 portion of a 6x6 show, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the North Atlantic Regional Show and Banquet to have a 5 AB/1 SP show. | Motion Carried. P. Moser and B. Moser voting no. Colilla, Morgan and Roy abstained. Hayata did not vote. |
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Ms. Anger moved to approve Motions that Require Ratification 2 through 6. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, **Motion Carried.** P. Moser and B. Moser voting no.

Ms. Anger moved to amend the motion to approve Motions that Require Ratification 2 through 5. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was ratified by unanimous consent.

Ms. Anger moved to approve the March 16, 2021, April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 minutes, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was ratified by unanimous consent.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

3. VIRTUAL ANNUAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Mastin moved to amend the previously adopted motion regarding reporting of individual delegate votes by substituting the following new provisions in its place. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Carried**. B. Moser, P. Moser and Morgan voting no.

Mr. Mastin moved to amend #1 from one year to 30 days from the adjournment of the annual meeting. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Carried**. Morgan and P. Moser voting no. #1 will now read as follows:

1. CFA shall keep a record of how each delegate voted at the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. This record of individual club votes shall be maintained for a period of ~~one year~~ 30 days from the adjournment of the annual meeting to be used and disseminated as set forth below.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

No action items were presented.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES.

No action items were presented.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

(a) Split Season Kittens.

Ms. Anger moved to score the split season kittens in the 2020/2021 show season, as was done for the 2019/2020 show season. **Motion Failed**. P. Moser abstained.

Ms. Anger moved to allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough**, the main motion (as amended) was ratified by unanimous consent.

Ms. Anger moved to amend the motion by adding *by no later than close of business May 11, 2021*. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough**, the primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Ms. Anger moved to further amend the motion by adding *Up to 5 additional placements will be made available to any kittens that would have otherwise been displaced*. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun**, **Motion Carried**. Eigenhauser, Krzanowski and P. Moser voting no.

The amended main motion will now read as follows: *Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021. Up to 5 additional placements will be made available to any kittens that would have otherwise been displaced.*

(b) Chairs in Judging Rings.

Mr. Curre moved to amend *CFA's Minimum Covid-19 Requirements For The Well-Being Of Clubs And Participants At CFA Events*, CFA Mandatory COVID-19 Requirements section, Paragraph 5.b. to allow for chairs in the judging rings. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough**.

Mr. Curre amended Paragraph 5.b. to read: Judging ring: Clubs must identify “stand/sit here” positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand/sit respecting social distancing.

Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the **primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent and will now read as follows:

5. b. *Judging ring: Clubs must identify “stand here” positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand/sit respecting local social distancing requirements. ~~Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted.~~*

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

| CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda May 4, 2021 | | |
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| 1. | Approve Orders of the Day | Newkirk |
| Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees | | |
| 2. | Ratification of Online Motions/Approval of Prior Minutes | Anger |
| Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees | | |
| 3. | Virtual Annual Committee | Tartaglia |
| Unfinished Business and General Orders | | |
| 4. | Unfinished Business | |
| 5. | Other Committees | |
| 6. | New Business – Split Season Kitten Issue | |
| | ADJOURN OPEN SESSION | |

Newkirk: Everybody received the pre-noticed agenda. Is that correct? So, we need to approve the Orders of the Day. Is there any corrections, additions or deletions, Rachel? Did you get any? **Anger:** Kenny has something to bring up under New Business. **Newkirk:** OK, and what does it refer to? **Anger:** It's regarding providing chairs at shows, at socially distanced locations. Is that right, Kenny? **Currle:** Yeah, primarily for the judging ring. I can discuss it a little bit further right now if you would like. **Newkirk:** No, that's alright. I just wanted an overview of it. We'll cover it when we get to New Business. **Currle:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** So that's one item. Anything else anybody needs to add? **Anger:** Just that Howard is trying to access the meeting, so we will look for him. **Tartaglia:** He should be in. I let him in. I saw he was in the waiting room. He's in. **Newkirk:** I've got to get the list of members up here, so I can see who has their hands up. **Eigenhauser:** I see Howard. **Newkirk:** Is there any objection to the ratification of acceptance of the Orders of the Day, as our one new addition? Hearing no objections, by unanimous consent, we have our Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

2. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS/APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES.

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

| | Moved/ Seconded | Motion | Vote |
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| MOTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RATIFICATION | | | |
| 1. | Morgan Anger 04.15.21 | Approve the posting of the NW/BW survey statistical results in the CFA news. (Comments not to be included). | Motion Carried. |
| No discussion. | | | |

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| | | | abstained. Hayata did not vote. |
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(a) **Action Item:** Approve Motions that Require Ratification (2 through 6).

Newkirk: We'll move to item #2. Rachel, that's you. **Anger:** I was hoping you would move down a little bit more. I think there's one more motion on the next page. I would like to move that we ratify motions 2 through 6 that require ratification. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Newkirk:** Now, I just have one question and that is for Shelly on motion #6, which was an online motion. The Mosers voted no so it was not ratified, actually. Rachel put that the motion carried. I sent a note out to the board list that the motion actually was not approved because we had no-votes. Shelly, would you please address that? How should Rachel term the vote when we don't have a unanimous vote on an online motion? **Perkins:** I think it's just a failure and then it can be pre-noticed for the next meeting and passed at the next meeting if you have enough votes but is more than required. **Newkirk:** OK, so we should put "motion failed" if it's not unanimous. **DelaBar:** No, no. **Perkins:** Yes. **McCullough:** No. **Newkirk:** How about somebody raising their hand and being recognized, Pam and Steve? Both of you spoke without being recognized, so if you want to speak at this meeting, you are going to need to put your hand up. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry. I was not muted. **Newkirk:** Well OK, you're speaking again, Pam. **Anger:** I think there is some kind of verbiage we can use here that will satisfy the intent without confusing things. If we say it failed, then that means it did not get enough votes to carry. It got enough votes to carry but not unanimously so that it goes into immediate effect. So, between now and our next meeting I will get with Shelly and we'll figure out something brilliant. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you Rachel. **Eigenhauser:** How about something simple, like "failed to achieve unanimous consent"? **Perkins:** All of that works for me. Technically it's considered a failure, but I can understand that what we're trying to do is put out there that it's going to pass when we get to the meeting, if people stand by what they have already voted online when we get to the meeting. So, I think that saying it failed to achieve unanimous consent so it must be brought up at the meeting would be the correct way probably to get away through the intent that you're trying to get.

Newkirk: I think that motion #6 needs to be excluded from 2, 3, 4 and 5 because we actually have to present it and offer debate. Is that correct, Shelly? **Perkins:** That's correct. **Newkirk:** So Rachel, can you amend your motion? **Anger:** I will amend my motion to read that we are addressing motions 2 through 5 for ratification. **Krzanowski:** And Carol will amend her second. **Newkirk:** Alright great, thank you. So, let's call the vote on that. Is there any objection to the ratification of the motions here, 2 through 5? Seeing no objection, by unanimous consent, those four motions are ratified.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Newkirk: Rachel, let's go to #6. **Anger:** I would like to move that we ratify motion #6. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carol. So, this motion is up for debate. Since it was an online vote and it did not get unanimous consent, so now it's open for debate. Is there

anyone wants to speak on this motion? I see no hands up. Is there any objection to the ratification of the motion as presented? **P. Moser:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, I'll call for the vote. All those in favor of the ratification of item #6 here, please raise your hands.

Newkirk called the motion. **Motion Carried.** P. Moser and B. Moser voting no.

Newkirk: The yes votes are Steve McCullough, George Eigenhauser, Cyndy Byrd, Sharon Roy, Carol Krzanowski, Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, John Colilla, Hayata-san, Cathy Dunham, Rich Mastin, Kathy Calhoun, John Colilla, Howard Webster, Kenny Currle. Just make note that a few of you abstained on this motion, OK? Melanie, are you still on? **Morgan:** I'm here. I can't seem to raise my hand. I'm a yes. **Newkirk:** You're a yes, OK. If everybody will take your hands down, and the no votes please raise your hand. Brian and Pam Moser are no votes. Is there any abstentions? No abstentions? OK Rachel, you can announce the vote when you have it. **Anger:** Thank you. 15 yes votes, 2 no votes, zero abstentions. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much. So, the motion is agreed to.

(b) Action Item: Approve the March 16, 2021, April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 minutes, as published.

Newkirk: Let's go on to the approval of the minutes. Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I would like to move that we approve the minutes from March 16, April 6 and April 20, as published. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carol. Alright, is there any discussion? **McCullough:** What happened on the first motion? We skipped to 2 through 5, but we didn't vote on 1. **Newkirk:** I don't think it needs – Allene, can you scroll up? It doesn't need ratification. Is that correct, Rachel? **Anger:** That's correct. It passed unanimously. **Newkirk:** It was unanimous. **McCullough:** OK. **Newkirk:** So, it doesn't need to be voted on. If they pass unanimously, we don't have to vote on them, we just need to put them in the minutes. Allene, you can scroll back down to where we're going to approve the minutes, as published. Any objection to the approval of the minutes, as published? Hearing no objections, by unanimous consent, the minutes are approved.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

3. VIRTUAL ANNUAL COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: **Rich Mastin**
Committee Co-Chair: **Allene Tartaglia**
List of Committee Members: **Darrell Newkirk, Kathy Calhoun, Rachel Anger, George Eigenhauser, Cyndy Byrd, Cathy Dunham, Vicki Nye, Shelly Perkins, Nancy Dodds, James Simbro, Shelly Borawski**

Current Happenings of Committee:

Quorum: *there has been much discussion and attention given to having a sufficient number of delegates signed up to constitute a quorum and conduct business (voting on amendments and resolutions) at this year's Virtual Annual. Following is how a quorum is determined.*

1. *The number to declare a quorum is 50% of the clubs in good standing as of June 1. Good standing = paying club fees and submitting a membership list and, if an ID club, having held a show during the 2020-2021 show season. As of April 26, the number of clubs in good standing is 512. This number will continue to increase until June 1 as clubs meet the fees and membership list requirement, however, we don't expect it to increase by more than 12-15.*
2. *Based on the 512 number, at least 256 clubs must have paid their club fees and submitted a membership list by April 29 (this date changes every year since it is 50 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting) AND filed delegate information by May 3. (May 1 is the official date according to the constitution but because this is a Saturday, the deadline is the next business day, May 3.)*
3. *As of April 28, 2021, 202 clubs have submitted delegate info, 54 short of the minimum number needed at this time of 256.*
4. *We will know after May 3 how many clubs are eligible to and submitted delegate information. The target number will be at least 256, possibly a bit higher if more clubs pay dues and send a membership list.*
5. *However, we're not out of the woods yet. Assuming 50% is met as of May 3, the final quorum number cannot be determined UNTIL June 1 (deadline to determine good standing) AND actual delegate check-in which occurs on Tuesday, June 15. For example, if 300 clubs are eligible to seat a delegate but only 200 actually finish the process by checking-in on June 15, we will not meet the quorum.*

The information and procedures outlined above are no different from prior years. Meeting a quorum is always a concern, it simply hasn't been a concern in the past for anyone other than those directly involved with the process (CO, Credentials, Legal Counsel, President and Secretary). An update on numbers will be provided at the board meeting.

Newkirk: Let's go to Business Order #3. Allene, Virtual Annual Committee. **Tartaglia:** I'm not going to go through the entire report. I'm sure everybody has read it. So, if there's any questions, certainly I'll be happy to answer them but I did want to give you an update on the number of clubs we have as of today. There are 304 clubs who have submitted delegate information, so we have plenty of clubs signed up, so there should be no issue in getting a quorum. Our next challenge will be making sure that we get all those delegates who have registered to check in on Tuesday. I think people somehow think this is different because it's a virtual annual, and it is, but we still have to do almost all of the same things that we do at an in-person annual, so it's going to be really important that we rally the troops to get everybody to check in that Tuesday before the annual meeting. We'll be getting with everybody about that.

Tartaglia: The only other thing I wanted to mention is that we are starting the practice sessions next week. We will be contacting the delegates to make sure that they log on. We'll be providing the Regional Directors with their delegate information, as well, to also encourage people to log in so that they can hopefully learn how to attend and participate in the virtual annual.

Tartaglia: The team of James, myself, Shelly Borawski, Amber Goodright and Cathy Dunham – that will be the core team of people who will be attending as many – well, we plan to attend all the practice sessions so that all of us who are doing the trouble shooting behind the scenes will have first-hand experience with these practice sessions.

***Delegate Votes** (written by George Eigenhauser): the CFA Virtual Annual committee met online via Zoom on April 15, 2021. One issue of concern was reporting of the votes of individual delegates at the Annual. At the April 6, 2021 CFA Board meeting a motion was made and passed to keep track of club delegate votes and provide a list of those votes as follows:*

*“**Morgan:** That we include as part of the reporting process the club voting. That we include club voting in the reporting process at the 2021 virtual meeting.”*

Although the Board has voted to report how a club votes it is not entirely clear how this information is to be used, how long it is to be kept, and to whom it will be provided. This would be a new practice and very likely set a precedent for future club voting.

There are important reasons to keep a record of the votes. A delegate may wish for assurance that their votes cast were recorded correctly. The club represented by the delegate may wish to assure the delegate followed the club's wishes while voting. Even after voting is completed it is important that the Credentials Committee be able to verify the accuracy of the votes.

But a permanent written record of how each club voted for people to share could easily be abused. Any club could be harassed for the vote taken at the Annual. While it is true that during in person Annual meetings the votes are done openly, no permanent record is kept regarding how each individual club voted. With several hundred delegates voting at once it is difficult to determine how each club voted without a roll call vote. There is some protection of club privacy by being part of a crowd.

When clubs cast votes for the board of directors – the fact a club voted is made public, but not how they voted. Breed council members cast votes on breed council polls. No one is provided the

information of how a specific member votes, only that they did vote. Club and exhibitor surveys are conducted anonymously. Publicizing how a club votes at the annual is a complete departure from any other type of voting in CFA.

Board Action Items:

Move to Amend the Previously Adopted Motion regarding reporting of individual delegate votes by substituting the following new provisions in its place:

Tartaglia: The next item, which I believe Rich is going to speak to, is about the delegate votes and how we are going to publicize that information during the annual meeting. **Mastin:** I would like to move to amend the previously adopted motion regarding reporting of the individual delegate votes with the following four motions. **Newkirk:** Can we scroll up so we can see them? Go ahead, Rich. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to bother you but I wanted to have them up on the screen so we can see them. **Mastin:** That's OK. I move to amend the previously adopted motion regarding reporting of the individual delegate votes with the 1, 2, 3 and 4 action items listed right here in front of us. **Anger:** Rachel seconds. **Newkirk:** Shall we take them one at a time, Rich, or do you want to do them en masse? **Mastin:** If there's no objections, we can do them all at one time, unless anybody has any questions or objections. **[unidentified speaker]:** I do. **Mastin:** OK then, we'll take them one at a time.

1. CFA shall keep a record of how each delegate voted at the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. This record of individual club votes shall be maintained for a period of ~~one year~~ 30 days from the adjournment of the annual meeting to be used and disseminated as set forth below.

DelaBar: Why keep them for one year? We don't even keep our ballots for that long, and in the past we have not kept recordings of our minutes for that long. **Mastin:** Pam, do you have a recommendation? **DelaBar:** I'm not particularly in favor of having to keep this record of the ballots past the meeting. **Calhoun:** The only thing – and I didn't catch this before, I apologize Rich – the period of one year, we might want to just a year from what point? From the date of the meeting? Just to be more specific, or whatever period we decide it turns out to be, to be specific around a period. **Newkirk:** Rich, what's the purpose of keeping a record of them? **Mastin:** We weren't sure if we wanted to keep them for any technical difficulties. I don't know that it is necessary. However, we may want to keep them long enough for Nancy [Dodds] to review them. **Newkirk:** OK. Is there any reason why they should be kept more than 30 days? **Mastin:** I don't believe so.

P. Moser: While I appreciate what Rich is proposing, I think there are two topics that need to be addressed. First and foremost, has the Committee prepared a contingency plan? We have all seen in the last year what can happen when an internet response is overwhelmed. Just today, we were unable to get into cfa.org. Vaccine scheduling centers and online unemployment offices have shut down. My own experience while I was working for a very large company showed me that it's not that hard to shut down a server, not just for seconds but for hours. How will your process adjust if that happens? Will delegates be asked to sit there and wait until the system is up again? Which brings me to my second point. What guarantees are in place and how quickly can CFA respond if there are obvious or [inaudible] electronic votes not being received

in a timely fashion to count? I know of an example of where an email sent from South Africa to the U.S. took 6 hours to get. We all know that emails are not always delivered simultaneously and when you verify with a return email, you double the chances of the vote and vote confirmations being caught in cyberspace. Some email programs have filters that slow down delivery as the program determines if the email is virus free. Here is my suggestion. If all clubs have a unique identifier – an anonymous one – then why can't we show that club number voted, how they voted, and that their votes were recorded anonymously? Show it on a master screen and show the screen as one of the windows on the Zoom call. This is how Congress and state legislatures do it. The delegate can see that their vote has been received and recorded, and everyone can personally see what the result is. In closing, I would like to remind my fellow board members that they voted to learn whether judges are fully vaccinated or not, without any determination on how the information would be used. That precedent has already been set, gathering and keeping information when it is not entirely clear how this information is to be used. **Newkirk:** Is that it? **P. Moser:** Yeah. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Eigenhauser: A couple of things. Because there are delays, because there are slips, that's why it needs to be maintained for some period of time. A year might be too long, 30 days might be good, but there does need to be some ability for people to check up on this after the annual, just to make sure. So, it should be some reasonable period of time. You guys can figure out what that is. The second is, the clubs are not voting by email. They are going onto the CFA website and voting just like you vote in other CFA elections. The only email that's being used is sending a confirmation to the delegate and to the club secretary and to the club president. The club delegate will know how they voted already because they will have done it one line. When they close it out, it will tell them that they voted. So, the one who needs the information fastest will have it in real time. Because the club secretary and the club president may not get it for a couple of days, I think that's the reason why it needs to be kept available for at least some period of time after the annual. My suggestion for the language for whatever time period we use is, "for a period of [blank] after the annual meeting is adjourned."

DelaBar: I am wondering if we're not setting a dangerous precedent – a precedent that we may not want to engage when we start having our in-person meetings again, hopefully next year in Louisville. How are we going to gauge a raise of hands in that aspect? I feel that this is going to be great for a virtual contest, but to do this so set and for so long, I'm concerned about any of the ramifications and what it suggests to people is the fact that a club does not trust their delegate in voting. Something does not ring right with me on this. **P. Moser:** This is just to let Allene know that Melanie says she is sitting there waiting to be put in. **Newkirk:** Are you in Melanie? I don't see her. Shelly Borawski, do you show her as being in? **Borawski:** No, I don't show her as in. She was joining and then it went away, so I'm watching to see if she comes back again. **Newkirk:** Alright. Well, she lost her signal so let's continue on. Pam, second notice. **P. Moser:** Sure. Nobody has answered my question of, what are you going to do if something happens and the system goes down. How are all of these emails that are coming in to you – if you are sending out 900 emails to 300 people showing how they voted, I mean, one of the – you know, and I haven't gotten my email back saying I even voted. How do I even know I ever voted? **Mastin:** I'm having a hard time following all that Pam Moser is concerned about. Pam, are you saying that, at this point in time, you are unable to vote through CFA's way of collecting votes when you receive an email? **P. Moser:** No, no. That's not what I'm saying at all. I'm saying that if I send in my vote, they are going to send me back saying that they'll send it back to

me saying that they've gotten it. That needs to be instantaneously. It can't be, you know, 10 days later or whatever, because if I have a problem and they didn't record my vote correctly, I want to be able to object and I'm not going to be able to do that because I'm never going to be able to see my vote coming back to me. I'm saying that could happen. I'm not saying it will happen.

Mastin: Maybe Allene and James can answer that question. **Newkirk:** They have their hand up. I was getting ready to call on them. **Tartaglia:** As far as the voting, you actually receive a confirmation on the screen in addition to the email confirmation. So, as soon as you vote, you get a message on that screen live that your vote has been cast. The email confirmation is almost like a back-up. It's going to the secretary of the club in case the person wasn't the delegate, so the delegate sees right away. **Colilla:** Melanie is in the waiting room waiting to be let in right now. **Tartaglia:** She's not in there.

Krzanowski: I would like to add a little more to what Pam DelaBar said. I'm wondering if we're overthinking this in wanting to provide emails to the president, the secretary and the delegate after each vote. I think that's maybe overdoing it a little bit. The clubs have always elected their delegate and have trusted their delegate to vote the way they want. This seems like a little overkill to me, to be sending all this information to the president and secretary after every vote. I just think we're kind of overdoing it a little bit. **Eigenhauser:** I think people need to put this in context. We already voted to make how each and every club voted on every issue public. This is actually narrowing it down, not expanding it. The original vote we took – when was it? April 6th – was that we were going to make this part of the official report of the meeting so that everybody could see how everybody voted on every issue all of the time. This is an attempt to narrow it down to rather than just spamming it out to the world, who might legitimately have a reason to know? So, a no vote on this actually makes it more public and makes it a bigger record and available to more people, because this is an attempt to winnow it down to the people who actually might need the information.

Newkirk: Anyone else? Rich, you want to bring it home? **Mastin:** I think what we need to do is, I'm OK amending the first motion from one year to 30 days from the adjournment of the annual meeting. **Anger:** Rachel will second that amendment. **Newkirk:** Is there discussion on the 30 day amendment? Rachel, I just sent you a text. **McCullough:** What was the Credentials Committee recommendation? **Mastin:** I'm trying to remember what Nancy – George or Allene, can you help me with that? **Eigenhauser:** She was part of the meeting and was part of the input in creating this. **McCullough:** And what did she say? **Newkirk:** I think they answered that, Steve. She inputted what the final outcome was. Do you need further clarification? **McCullough:** Yeah, because if she said it's a year then it has to stay a year because that's her committee. It can't be amended. **Newkirk:** I think we're the board. We can amend just about anything we want. **Eigenhauser:** This went to the Virtual Annual Committee. She is part of that Committee but she's not the Chair of that Committee. **McCullough:** She is Chair of Credentials that counts the ballots that validates the votes. **Eigenhauser:** But that's not the committee making this recommendation. **Newkirk:** OK guys, we're not having a personal conversation on here. We're going to get recognized, and people can talk and address the issues. This is not a chit-chat session, it's a board meeting. So Steve, make your second comment and then the debate is expired. **McCullough:** I just want to know what she had to say about it. Nobody knows, so it was answered. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Roy:** I'm just wondering if, looking at the worst-case scenario if something goes wrong, if perhaps we want to say a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of, say, 60 days just to be on the safe said. **Newkirk:** When do you determine what

day it is, between 30 and 60? We need an end date. We need one date that's an end date, so it's either 30 days, 60 days, 180 days or 352 days. Do you have any comments on that, Rich?

Mastin: If somebody wants to make an amendment to my amendment to 60 days, they are welcome to. **Newkirk:** I don't see any hands up, so we're going to stick with 30. Any more comments on changing the one year to 30 days in this proposal? OK, I'll call the vote. All those in favor of the amendment – we're just voting on the amendment, and that's changing it from one year to 30 days – please raise your hand.

Newkirk called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Morgan and P. Moser voting no.

Newkirk: The yes votes are Rachel Anger, Carol Krzanowski, George Eigenhauser, Cyndy Byrd, Kathy Calhoun, Brian Moser, Rich Mastin, Sharon Roy, Kenny Currle, Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar, John Colilla, Hayata-san and Howard Webster. If you will please take your hands down, and the no votes please raise your hand. Steve McCullough is a no.

McCullough: No, Steve was a yes. **Morgan:** Melanie is back in and I'm a no. **Newkirk:** OK, Melanie is a no. So Steve, did you vote yes? **McCullough:** I did. **Newkirk:** OK. Pam Moser, I didn't see your vote? You're a no? So, Melanie and Pam are no. Any abstentions? The amendment is agreed to, so the one year is now changed to 30 [days]. **Anger:** And the vote was 15 yes, 2 no, zero abstain. **Newkirk:** Thank you Rachel. I appreciate the announcement of the outcome of the amendment.

2. *As each vote is cast at the 2021 Virtual Annual meeting an e-mail confirmation of how the club voted will be sent to the delegate. The club secretary and the club president will be sent an e-mail confirmation of how the delegate voted to their address in club roster on file with CFA.*

3. *The CFA Credentials Committee shall have access to the record of how each delegate voted at the 2021 CFA Virtual Annual Meeting.*

4. *The delegate for a club, the club secretary of record, and the club president of record shall each be entitle to the record of how the club's delegate voted at the 2021 CFA Virtual Annual Meeting for a period of ten days after the close of the Annual Meeting.*

Newkirk: Alright, so we're back to this proposal to look at all four of these. We've amended it to read 30 days instead of a year. Is there any further debate on this? I'll call the vote. We are doing this en masse. That's, all four are included in the motion. Everyone that's in favor of the board action item here, please raise your hand.

Newkirk called the motion. **Motion Carried.** B. Moser, P. Moser and Morgan voting no.

Newkirk: The yes votes are Steve McCullough, Rachel Anger, George Eigenhauser, Cyndy Byrd, Sharon Roy, Kenny Currle, Carol Krzanowski, Hayata-san, Pam DelaBar, Cathy Dunham, Rich Mastin, John Colilla, Cathy Dunham. Thank you all, please take your hands down. The no votes, please raise your hand. The no votes are Brian Moser, Pam Moser. Melanie, how is your vote? **Morgan:** Melanie. **Newkirk:** What's your vote? **Morgan:** I'm a no. **Newkirk:** Any abstentions? I see no abstentions. Rachel, you can announce the vote when it's tabulated. **Anger:** I did not get a vote for Kathy Calhoun or Howard Webster. **Newkirk:** Kathy,

are you a yes or a no? **Calhoun:** I'm a yes. **Newkirk:** Howard, are you a yes or a no? Howard, your vocal chords didn't work last meeting. Are they working this meeting? **Mastin:** He is showing a sad face, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I don't know what that means. **Mastin:** Or a crying face. I'm not sure what that means. **Newkirk:** How about a thumbs up if you're a yes, Howard, and a thumbs down if you're a no? OK, he's a yes, thank you. OK Rachel, you're on. **Anger:** 14 yes votes, 3 no votes, zero abstentions. **Newkirk:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to note that I don't know if it's the same on everybody's screen, but on mine when I click *Reactions* one of the choices is a green yes check or a red no check, so if you have trouble getting your thumb up, just unambiguously say yes or no with your *Reactions* screen. **Newkirk:** Yep. Everybody see where that's at? I'm assuming everybody does.

Newkirk: Allene and Rich, do you have anything else additionally here? **Mastin:** I do not. **Tartaglia:** Did all four pass? **Newkirk:** Yes. We voted on them en masse, all of them together. OK? Was that you Allene that asked? **Tartaglia:** Yes, sorry. **Newkirk:** They all passed. **Tartaglia:** OK, thank you. **Newkirk:** You're very welcome.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Allene Tartaglia*

Unfinished Business and General Orders

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Newkirk: Let's go on to Unfinished Business and General Orders. Is there any Unfinished Business to cover? I see no hands up.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES.

Newkirk: Any Other Committee reports to present? I don't think we approved any.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

(a) Split Season Kittens.

Motion #1: Score the split season kittens in the 2020/2021 show season, as was done for the 2019/2020 show season.

If Motion #1 fails, **Motion #2:** Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021.

Newkirk: Let's move on to New Business. Rachel, I'll let you start here with the first item and then we'll get to Kenny's addition. **Anger:** Great, thank you. This addresses the split season kitten issue. I think we all agree that we have to do something. There was not really a movement by any particular board member to bring a specific thing forward, so what I did here was to take some input that we received from exhibitors who have a vested interest in this. These were the two options that were mentioned. It has gone back and forth on which one is preferred. I presented them in this order. It made more sense to me, to have a hard and fast rule to go by, so everybody is under the same scoring system. It was mentioned that exhibitors wanted to choose which season. I don't believe we have ever done that before. Although Motion #2 does have substantiation with the statistics that Allene gave us. It would keep things in place a little bit more like the way it is now. However, I ordered them in this order because that is what makes more sense to me. **Newkirk:** Rachel, are you saying by Motion #1, all kittens will be scored in the current show season? There will be no carry-over split kittens. **Anger:** Is that the way that we have done it in the past year. That is the way we did it for the show season that just concluded. **Newkirk:** Yeah. OK, Allene, do you want to put up your chart of the split season kittens by region? Do you have that available? **Tartaglia:** Shelly, do you have that or do you want me to put that up on my screen? There you go. You'll have to make it a little bigger, Shelly.

In preparation for tomorrow night's topic about split season kittens, Darrell asked me to prepare the attached report showing the kittens being scored for the 2020-2021 season combined with the split season kittens to be scored in the 2021-2022 show season. This is the data for regions 1-9.

I took only those kittens which met the minimum points of 200, put the split season kittens in red and combined the two lists. The # of rings counted for next show season is 20 instead of the 40 for the show season just ended. Some split season kittens have already reached the 20 rings. They could continue showing to replace rings until they age out in the 2021-2022 show season.

Region 1: placements affected

Region 2: one added award

Region 3: placements affected

Region 4: placements affected

Region 5: placements affected

Region 6: placements affected

Region 7: one added award

Region 8: placements affected

Region 9: no change

We are still sorting out the data for China regarding location (north, east or west) and we don't have the final listings yet to combine. There is no effect on the ID awards since there are only 3 split season kittens and their points are less than 22.

Kittens & Split Season Kittens Combined - R1-9

Split Season Kittens in Red

Only kittens with 200 point minimum are included

| Rank | Points | Rings | Region |
|-----------------|---------|-------|--------|
| Region 1 | | | |
| 1 | 491.05 | 19 | 1 |
| 2 | 368.35 | 14 | 1 |
| 3 | 289.85 | 8 | 1 |
| 4 | 277.4 | 8 | 1 |
| 5 | 210.9 | 10 | 1 |
| Region 2 | | | |
| 1 | 579.6 | 16 | 2 |
| 2 | 362.4 | 11 | 2 |
| 3 | 285.9 | 18 | 2 |
| Region 3 | | | |
| 1 | 1008.15 | 40 | 3 |
| 2 | 613.6 | 33 | 3 |
| 3 | 584.2 | 22 | 3 |
| 4 | 504.05 | 23 | 3 |
| 5 | 442.05 | 35 | 3 |
| 6 | 385.1 | 14 | 3 |
| 7 | 363.55 | 33 | 3 |
| 8 | 338.2 | 26 | 3 |
| 9 | 323.25 | 23 | 3 |
| 10 | 287.3 | 34 | 3 |
| 11 | 283.4 | 20 | 3 |
| 12 | 276.55 | 23 | 3 |
| 13 | 253.9 | 15 | 3 |
| 14 | 240.4 | 40 | 3 |
| 15 | 239.45 | 21 | 3 |
| 16 | 239.2 | 17 | 3 |
| 17 | 216.7 | 13 | 3 |
| 18 | 200.75 | 20 | 3 |

| Rank | Points | Rings | Region |
|-----------------|---------|-------|--------|
| Region 4 | | | |
| 1 | 1039.25 | 38 | 4 |
| 2 | 614.4 | 18 | 4 |
| 3 | 505.65 | 29 | 4 |
| 4 | 415.4 | 8 | 4 |
| 5 | 411.05 | 15 | 4 |
| 6 | 381.4 | 13 | 4 |
| 7 | 339.65 | 24 | 4 |
| 8 | 293.65 | 13 | 4 |
| 9 | 236.45 | 10 | 4 |
| 10 | 229.8 | 7 | 4 |
| 11 | 204.6 | 11 | 4 |
| Region 5 | | | |
| 1 | 685.75 | 24 | 5 |
| 2 | 326.5 | 7 | 5 |
| 3 | 267.85 | 17 | 5 |
| 4 | 241.75 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 225.55 | 7 | 5 |
| 6 | 225.45 | 7 | 5 |
| Region 6 | | | |
| 1 | 550.1 | 26 | 6 |
| 2 | 413.05 | 25 | 6 |
| 3 | 373.45 | 11 | 6 |
| 4 | 302.95 | 14 | 6 |
| 5 | 237 | 11 | 6 |
| 6 | 231.9 | 21 | 6 |
| 7 | 200.5 | 8 | 6 |

| Rank | Points | Rings | Region |
|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Region 7 | | | |
| 1 | 1166.9 | 37 | 7 |
| 2 | 736.35 | 31 | 7 |
| 3 | 645.6 | 28 | 7 |
| 4 | 584.7 | 30 | 7 |
| 5 | 560.7 | 24 | 7 |
| 6 | 501.6 | 22 | 7 |
| 7 | 470.05 | 8 | 7 |
| 8 | 441.35 | 21 | 7 |
| 9 | 423 | 16 | 7 |
| 10 | 406.6 | 16 | 7 |
| 11 | 373.8 | 9 | 7 |
| 12 | 372.4 | 8 | 7 |
| 13 | 348.1 | 29 | 7 |
| 14 | 329.45 | 16 | 7 |
| 15 | 302.1 | 8 | 7 |
| 16 | 297.25 | 29 | 7 |
| 17 | 288.1 | 12 | 7 |
| 18 | 273.25 | 6 | 7 |
| 19 | 269.3 | 7 | 7 |
| 20 | 266 | 16 | 7 |
| 21 | 265.65 | 14 | 7 |
| 22 | 223 | 12 | 7 |
| 23 | 214.7 | 13 | 7 |
| 24 | 211.1 | 22 | 7 |

| Rank | Points | Rings | Region |
|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Region 8 | | | |
| 1 | 521.9 | 40 | 8 |
| 2 | 426.45 | 39 | 8 |
| 3 | 414.3 | 34 | 8 |
| 4 | 383.35 | 29 | 8 |
| 5 | 362.25 | 37 | 8 |
| 6 | 355.55 | 23 | 8 |
| 7 | 347.85 | 24 | 8 |
| 8 | 346.05 | 28 | 8 |
| 9 | 337.65 | 18 | 8 |
| 10 | 322.7 | 22 | 8 |
| 11 | 283.95 | 26 | 8 |
| 12 | 276.6 | 23 | 8 |
| 13 | 252.2 | 22 | 8 |
| 14 | 241.5 | 17 | 8 |
| 15 | 214.55 | 18 | 8 |
| Region 9 | | | |
| 1 | 318.45 | 18 | 9 |
| 2 | 262.25 | 12 | 9 |

Newkirk: Allene, if you can scroll through the regions there a little bit. All the split season kittens are in red, OK? So, everyone should note that scoring them in this current season will rearrange the order of the awards, but no kitten will be knocked out of a regional award. Is that correct, Allene? **Tartaglia:** Well, the placements are affected. **Newkirk:** That's what I said, that's what I said. The order of the awards is affected, but no one will get knocked out of an award. **Tartaglia:** Correct. **Newkirk:** Anyone else want to talk about the motion here? **Roy:** I don't think we can automatically put all those kittens into last show season or this past show season. I had a call on Saturday from somebody that went to the – wherever the show was in Georgia, that had a kitten that came out the second week of April and picked up several points there. She wouldn't make a regional win if it was scored in last season, but she wants to attend shows between now and July when the kitten ages out. I think we've got to give those people who had kittens that didn't come into the show season until sometime in April a chance to say yes or no. **Newkirk:** Anything else, Sharon? **Roy:** No. **DelaBar:** We don't really have that many that we're concerned with on the split season kittens. I would prefer to take option #2 that Rachel has presented and give those particular people the option that they must declare by the end of this month which season they wanted to stick with.

Krzanowski: Actually, I don't like either of the motions. For one thing, I think if we move them into the previous show season, it changes too many placements that are already listed. Some kittens that were Best Kitten now are no longer Best Kitten, down to maybe 3rd or 4th. I don't think it's fair to those exhibitors. On motion #2, we have never let anyone choose the season in which they want to compete. That's in my mind not any different than region shopping and I just don't agree with that at all.

Colilla: I support the option of letting them option in when they want to, because some of them aged out in early May. They really don't have any chance to show much at all, to get a regional win. It's not that hard, program-wise, to have them opt in and opt out. **Anger:** I also agree that option #2 is a bit out of the box. I hate that phrase, but that's what we're doing here. This year, we as a board decided very late in the game to give national wins. Some of those exhibitors who showed their kittens did not really have a chance to put together a campaign and run their kitten for a win, so I think that they should have the option to choose because it's just not fair to them. My second point was, someone mentioned that there aren't that many. If I was one of those people, it wouldn't matter to me how many there were, I would be concerned about my kitten – the one that I'm showing, and the one that my time and money are invested in. So, I think, especially because we decided so late in the game, we should allow exhibitors to choose their season to be scored in. **Morgan:** I may have missed some of the stuff. I apologize if I'm duplicating. I looked at this pretty hard and listened to a lot of input from exhibitors. I don't think option #1 works at all. Option #2, although different and unprecedented, goes along with the fact that we're in unprecedented times and we have changed things on the exhibitors on the fly, which is what we needed to do to adjust for things. Again, there are not that many kittens that are affected there, but this gives people the option to give the titles that they have. Yes, it will change some placements, but it won't take that RW title away from anyone. I think that's important. I think we need to give our exhibitors that choice. So, I'm not supportive of motion #1; I am supportive of motion #2. Thank you Darrell. Sorry to jump in. **Newkirk:** It's OK, we want your input. That's why I let you cut in here. **Morgan:** Thanks. **Newkirk:** You're welcome. **McCullough:** I probably agree with option #2, to let them decide how they want their kittens to

be scored. We've changed the rings, we've changed everything late, and they know best what they want for themselves. **Newkirk:** Thank you Steve.

Eigenhauser: And I can't support option #2. The whole reason we started doing the split season kitten thing was because some people, just by accident of when their kitten was born, winds up in an awkward situation and we were trying to protect them from some of the negative consequences, but to give people a choice to allow them to choose which season allows them to manipulate the situation. It gives certain individuals who happen to have a split season kitten this year the option to make a determination that's going to affect other people next year. It's going to affect people this year. The people they are affecting have no voice in this. They don't get a say. So, what we're essentially doing – I think Carol Krzanowski put it best – this feels like forum shopping to me. It seems like region shopping to me. People shouldn't be able to pick and choose how other people are going to get scored, and that's what's happening. When you choose to move into this year or you choose to move into next year, it affects other cats. So, this isn't just a matter of giving a few among the affected people a choice. I don't think people should be able to manipulate it that way.

Currle: Option #2 all the way. We've had such an unprecedented time. Our exhibitors have been through literal hell, even to get out and get showing. We need to give them some flexibility as far as their choices are concerned at this time. I hate to choose, rather than trust them, to think that they are going to do something nefarious, so with the so few that we've got, I'm going to support #2.

Dunham: I don't necessarily have a problem with option 2#. However, as one region that has already started planning their regional celebration, I can't wait an entire month for somebody to make this decision. I need to know if this is going to happen, and if this passes the exhibitors have to make a decision. I have awards that need to be ordered and completed, so we can't just let them have forever to make this decision.

Mastin: I'm a little confused and I need some help on understanding this a little bit better. I thought we as a board decided we weren't going to score national wins for the 2020-2021 season. Now, after the season is over, we're being asked to consider national kitten wins for either last year or the year we're in now. What are the unintended consequences here? Are we going to have premiers, Household Pets and champions now wanting to be receiving national wins for 2021 because we as a board may want to do something like this? So, somebody please educate me on that. I'm a little confused. **Newkirk:** Rachel, do you want to explain it to him? Because I don't think we're giving national wins, it's just regional placements for last season. **Anger:** Yes, that is correct. If someone wants to choose to be scored this year, perhaps they know they're not going to have enough points to earn a national win next year. That's kind of the whole point. Whatever someone said about season shopping, yes but that's on us because we have not made a decision. We need to make a decision, so somehow this has to end up with a solution that's as fair to as many people as we can make possible. This is not going to be fair to everybody. The people that can delay their scoring until next year and go for a national win will have that choice. There's nothing that guarantees they are going to get a national win. We don't know how many shows we're going to be having in the upcoming show season, so for them it's a total crap shoot. They are going to take the facts that they have, the kitten that they have, and come up with a solution that is the most comfortable for them. However, I do want to make a

point about what Cathy said. She brought up something very good. May I amend motion #2? **Newkirk:** Sure. **Anger:** *To Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in, by what do we want to say, May 15th? May 30th?* **Newkirk:** May 30th is too late, isn't it Cathy? **Dunham:** Way too late. I'm thinking more like this week. **Newkirk:** We need to give them 7 days at least, to be fair. **Dunham:** Give them 10 days. I can deal with that. **Morgan:** Might I suggest that if they don't say something, that they are scored the way we would normally do; which would be the next season. So, if they want to move into the previous or last season, they have to let someone know within 7 days. Rachel, does that make sense? There are some people who may not be aware of things like this. **Newkirk:** I'm sure there's a whole lot of people with split season kittens that are watching this live stream. **Anger:** I think they all are. **Newkirk:** Yes, I agree, I agree. **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to get confirmation on exactly what date are we closing this out. Are we giving 7 days? Are we giving until next Friday? Who's responsibility is it to contact them? I assure you that we will end up with people saying, "I didn't have enough time. I didn't know." Perhaps not, but that's usually what happens so I just want to know how set we are in whatever date we choose. **Newkirk:** I think by Melanie's comment, if they don't respond within 7 days, they go to the old system; which is, they will compete in next season. **Tartaglia:** So, within 7 days of ... ? I need a deadline. **Newkirk:** Today. **Tartaglia:** So, by next Tuesday. **Newkirk:** The 11th. Rachel, is that OK for your amendment? We need somebody to second it once we – **McCullough:** Steve will second. **Anger:** Boy, I hope that's enough. I was thinking more like 10 days, because that would put us at a week from Friday. **Newkirk:** I want Cathy Dunham to respond to that, because she's on a time table. **Dunham:** I would prefer that the regional directors contact those kittens that need to make this decision this week. If we could do it by no later than the 10th, I'm still OK to get my awards. I have three kittens that will change the order of my awards if they all pick to go back to the previous season. My event is June 5th, so I am always on a deadline for our region to get awards in a timely manner, so the quicker we can do this, certainly the better. **Calhoun:** I just wondered if any of the other regional directors that were impacted had any feedback about timing, if we were to go with option #2 or motion #2. **Colilla:** There's only one in my region. I don't think it will be an issue for me to contact them. **McCullough:** My awards are in August, so it's no big deal. Whatever timeline is fine. **Currle:** Any time is fine with me. **Roy:** I'm fine either way. We're not until July, so whatever works best for the person with the tight timeline. **Anger:** I just wanted to give a clear amendment to that motion. Are we ready for that? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Anger:** OK. My amendment would be Motion #2, and it will read *To Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in, by no later than close of business May 11, 2021.* **McCullough:** Steve seconds.

Newkirk: We need to vote down #1. That's fine, we've got it on here so let's take them one at a time. Is everyone ready to start voting on Motion #1? It looks like people are in favor of Motion #2 but we have to vote on Motion #1.

Cao: If we allow people to choose which season their kitten will be scored in, what if some – because I think in China there are some split season kittens that meet the requirement, but if they pick to be scored in this season, then some other kitten will be squeezed out. **Newkirk:** You've got more than 25 winners? **Cao:** I think with some of the regions we do. So, maybe they will squeeze out one or two kittens. That will create some problems as well, right? **Newkirk:** Allene, do you want to address that? **Tartaglia:** I missed some of it because James and I were talking about how we're going to trick the system to put certain kittens in this show season, so

I'm sorry, I missed some of the conversation. **Newkirk:** His comment was that there are more than 25 split season kittens in certain areas/regions in China. **Cao:** No, no. My question is, for some of the regions, I think we will have top 25 Divisional Winners. If we allow a split season kitten owner to pick their kitten to be scored for this season, then maybe one of the kittens that normally would be scored for this season will be squeezed down, right? So, let's say the #25 spot kitten will now receive a Divisional Win for this season because of the choice of a split season kitten owner and that might not be fair. **Newkirk:** Well, it may not be fair Gavin, but you know what? We can't solve every individual circumstance on this. We've got to do what's best for the organization. **Krzanowski:** This is still my problem with letting people move into this season, because the placements are going to be changed. If I had the Best Kitten in Region 1 and then suddenly I only have 3rd Best Kitten in Region 1, I certainly would not be happy. Is there any chance we could just do ties? Tied placements for this season if we decide to move these kittens in? **Newkirk:** Rachel, you made the proposals. I'll let you answer that. **Anger:** I don't know about the ties. That's a second issue we can take up, but in response to Gavin's point, no matter which season the kittens are scored in, they are going to bump somebody out if their kitten is that big of a winner. So, it doesn't really make sense that that's a valid argument. This is going to turn out where some kittens are going to be in and some kittens are going to be out. There is never going to be a level playing field. **DelaBar:** The Chart that we got from Allene shows the current status as of the end of the past show season. Is that correct? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **DelaBar:** So, no kittens are being bounced out. This is the status as of 30 April. If the kittens decide to stay there, there's no change in the order. If they decide to go ahead in the new season – the new season is just starting and nobody knows what's going to happen – I don't see what the problem is if they make either choice. If they move out of this process and go with 2021-2022 show season, then that could raise past season kittens up higher in the ranking of their region. So, I don't see the negative to this, at all. **Cao:** Let me give you an example. Right now there are already 25 kittens, not all qualify for a DW win in China West area, right? I know for a fact there are a few split season kittens. I think there's at least 3 or 4 that I'm aware of. If we allow them to be scored for this season, the 3 or 4 will get into the top 25 and squeeze down [inaudible] out of DW placement for this season. If I'm the owner of the kitten that's being squeezed out, I'm not going to be happy about it. To me, the rule has always been, split season is scored next season, right? Just because an exception has to be made here, I'm being deprived of my DW win. That doesn't seem fair to me. That's my point. **Newkirk:** I understand your point. Rachel, would it be possible that if any kitten gets knocked out of a regional win – we did this year before last – give a few additional regional wins there? We could go up to 30 in one area. We don't want people to lose their regional win, so if there are 28, then all 28 would get a regional win. **Anger:** For the season we just completed, those wins are already set. There's nobody going to be knocked out of anything, so I'm totally not tracking the conversation here. If one of those kittens wants to score next season, that leaves room for someone else to come in. So, I don't understand how bumping out is going to happen. They are already bumped out if they don't have a win right now. No matter what we do today, it's not going to get them a win. So, if they're in right now, they're in. **Newkirk:** Rachel, what Gavin is saying, they've got 25 already. **Anger:** Yes. **Newkirk:** So, there are some kittens currently that are going to be scored for next season. If they choose to come into last season, then those three kittens could knock out 23, 24 and 25 because they would be displaced downward. **Anger:** I see, OK. **Newkirk:** That's the issue. Rachel, are you interested in giving additional regional wins? If for some reason, any region knocks a current regional winner out, we would go to 30 or whatever you want to do. **Anger:** I'm perfectly fine with that. I

would like to vote on this motion and if somebody wants to make a subsequent motion to create extra placements, that's great.

Motion #1: *Score the split season kittens in the 2020/2021 show season, as was done for the 2019/2020 show season.*

Newkirk: OK. Let's vote on Motion #1 and get that cleared up. **Anger:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** If that passes, then we don't have to worry about anything else. I'm going to call the vote. You see Motion #1 on the screen, and that's basically all the split season kittens will be scored in the show season that just ended. **Anger:** I am making that motion with the right to vote no. **Newkirk:** Everybody in favor of that motion, please raise your hand.

Newkirk called the motion. **Motion Failed.** P. Moser abstained.

Newkirk: The yes votes are Kenny Curre. **Curre:** No. **Newkirk:** Well then, take your hand down Kenny. **Curre:** I was going to make a comment but you went to the vote. My comment was, did somebody ever second Motion #1? **Newkirk:** I thought Steve did. **Anger:** Steve did. **McCullough:** Steve did. **Curre:** OK, then I'll take my hand down now. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much. All those voting yes on Motion #1. No yesses. All those opposed to Motion #1 raise your hand. We have Rachel Anger, Carol Krzanowski, Pam DelaBar, Sharon Roy, Cathy Dunham, Cyndy Byrd, John Colilla, Kathy Calhoun, Steve McCullough, Hayata-san, Rich Mastin, Kenny Curre, George Eigenhauser, Brian Moser, Howard Webster. If you will take your hands and thumbs down, any abstentions? I have Sharon Roy abstaining. **Roy:** Sorry, it just took me a minute to get my hand down. **Newkirk:** Pam Moser, are you an abstention or a no? **P. Moser:** Abstention. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Rachel? **Anger:** We need a vote from Melanie if she is on the call. I do not see her. **Newkirk:** We can always add her if she comes back in. **Anger:** That's 15 no votes, zero yes votes, 1 abstention. **Newkirk:** OK, so the motion is not agreed to.

*If Motion #1 fails, **Motion #2:** Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021.*

Newkirk: Let's go to Motion #2. That motion was altered. I haven't stated the motion, so we can change it up until the time it's put on the floor for debate again. Rachel, will you read what you amended it to? **Anger:** I will. *Allow exhibitors to choose which season their split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021.* **Newkirk:** Now, does anybody want to add on if any kitten gets knocked out of a regional win because of displacement by the addition of these, that they will retain a regional win? Does anybody want to change that, or do we just want to vote on what Rachel said? **Calhoun:** I would like to change that, as stated. **Newkirk:** Up to 30. No more than 30 regional wins. Is that OK? **Calhoun:** No more than 30. **McCullough:** Steve seconds. **Newkirk:** Thank you. We've actually amended it, so let's vote on the amendment. We'll extend up to 5 regional wins if any regional winner gets knocked out of their regional win. Is there any debate on that? Is there any opposition? Anybody opposed? By unanimous consent, it has been amended.

The primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Newkirk: Rachel, will you now read what the amended motion is again please, so everybody knows what we're voting on? **Anger:** *Allow exhibitors to choose which season their*

split season kittens will be scored in by no later than close of business May 11, 2021. Up to 5 additional placements will be made available to any kittens that would have otherwise been displaced. **Calhoun:** Kathy seconds. **Colilla:** Melanie cannot get back in. **Morgan:** I'm on the phone now. I finally got in on the phone, thanks. **Newkirk:** Thank you Melanie. Do you want to debate any of this? **Morgan:** What are we on? Sorry. **Newkirk:** We voted down #1 and now Rachel changed the wording on Motion #2. They have to make the decision by May 11th. Then we amended and just passed an amendment to allow up to 5 additional placements if any current regional winner would get displaced by a cat that chooses to go into last season. **Morgan:** I have no comments. I'm fine. **Newkirk:** OK, good deal. **Calhoun:** Did you need a second on that? **Newkirk:** Didn't Rachel and you? I thought it was the two of you. **Calhoun:** OK. **Newkirk:** Rachel, did you second that? **Anger:** I made the motion. Kathy seconded it. **Calhoun:** I'll second. I'll second. **Newkirk:** Thank you, alright. **Mastin:** Clarification purposes. If we do not receive the information by May 11th, they are automatically placed into the new show season, correct? **Newkirk:** Under current scoring system. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to point out to everybody that in at least two regions the #1 kitten may get bumped if a split season kitten that should have been scored next year is given the option of bumping the #1 by being scored this year. In both Region 1 and Region 5, the Best Kitten may get bumped if we make the selection an option. **Newkirk:** Thank you George. Anybody else? Our motion has been amended. Let's vote on it. All those in favor of motion #2 as amended.

Newkirk called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Krzanowski and P. Moser voting no.

Newkirk: The yes votes are Steve McCullough, Sharon Roy, Kenny Currie, Pam DelaBar, John Colilla, Cathy Dunham, Cyndy Byrd, Rachel Anger, Brian Moser, Hayata-san, Kathy Calhoun, Rich Mastin and Howard Webster. **Morgan:** And Melanie. **Newkirk:** And Melanie. Thank you Melanie. I need the no votes. The no votes are George Eigenhauser, Carol Krzanowski, Pam Moser. **Morgan:** Darrell, did we make it clear in that motion who people are supposed to contact? I know we said when, but we need to make it really clear. Give clear instructions out to them. **Newkirk:** You weren't on but we talked about the regional directors contacting them. **Morgan:** OK. Alright, sorry. **Newkirk:** Is that correct, Rachel? Wasn't that? **Anger:** Yes. **Colilla:** Who do the Regionals contact in CFA to let them know someone is opting in? **Newkirk:** You'll have to notify Central Office. Allene. You let Allene know. She is the one who compiled this list. Let's finish the vote here, OK? Is there any abstentions? Rachel, you can announce the vote. **Anger:** That's 14 yes votes, 3 no votes, zero abstentions. **Newkirk:** OK, so the amended motion is agreed to. Allene, you need to make sure each Regional Director has a list of these specific split season kittens so that they can contact the person and have a choice made and a copy of the email choosing which season they want to go in, be sent to you. **Tartaglia:** That's fine. Just so you know, I will confirm receipt of that email, so if someone emails me with the information, and you don't receive confirmation of "I've got it," please contact me again. **Newkirk:** So, we're done with the split season kitten issue.

(b) Chairs in Judging Rings.

Newkirk: Kenny, you have an issue under New Business for judging ring chairs. **Currie:** I do. In the last several weeks, I've been to a couple of shows. One of the biggest complaints that I get – of course, I see it particularly towards the end of the day on a Sunday – people can barely

stand up because they are so tired of running from ring to ring. So, I just wanted to bring up the fact that we need to accommodate our people. What may convince us in doing this is that they did take a very accurate poll at this past show this past weekend in Atlanta where people would put a marble into a bowl if they have been vaccinated and to put one in another bowl if they hadn't been. Then they had a middle bowl for those who were definitely going to get vaccinated. Anyway, the outcome of that survey [inaudible] of exhibitors in attendance at that show had already been vaccinated. We do know that CDC rules are fluid and they change daily, but they need a chair, particularly to watch the finals. They can be socially distanced if that's what we require at this point, but I do know that fully vaccinated people, particularly if you know them, are able to get together so basically what I would like to do is amend the COVID-19 procedures for show set-up in judging rings to allow these spectator chairs socially distanced so that our exhibitors can have somewhere to sit. We're not a young cat fancy and we need to take care of our people. That's my motion. **McCullough:** Steve seconds. **Newkirk:** Thank you Steve.

Calhoun: I have no problem with this. In fact, I support it, as well. I don't know. My concern is that the clubs still adhere to the local mandates. I don't think local mandates really dictate whether you're sitting or standing. So long as your local mandate says 6 feet social distancing or 3 feet social distancing, whatever it is, I don't think that they dictate whether it's standing or sitting. Certainly, I think at this point in time things are getting much better – and that's a true blessing that it is – so I would support this. **Newkirk:** Do we have a copy of that, so we know what we're changing? Allene, do you have a copy of it? I see you shaking your head no. Rich? **Mastin:** I've got to get it. **Calhoun:** I think I have a copy. **Currle:** It's on the CFA website. Look it up. It's under show procedures. It's just a small section where it specifically states that no spectator chairs are allowed in the judging rings. So, I just wanted to change that for allowance, socially distanced and placed as such. That's basically what I would like to see implemented. **Newkirk:** Let's let Rich find it, and he can read us the sentence. So, we're going to do a strike-out and replacement. Is that correct, Kenny? **Currle:** Yes, as amended. Certainly, Rich can chime in because I know the committee that he was part of had written these rules, as well as George. **Mastin:** I'm still looking for it. **Newkirk:** Allene, can you find it on the website and maybe share it? **Tartaglia:** [inaudible] right now in a document.

5. b. *Judging ring: Clubs must identify “stand here” positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand/sit respecting local social distancing requirements. ~~Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted.~~*

Calhoun: I think I have something. If you go to *Recommended COVID-19 General Practices, Show Set-Up*. **Newkirk:** There it is. OK, #1. **Calhoun:** e. says, *Private chairs should only be allowed in front of their benched cat*. That would have to change, because it says “only”, so that word “only”, we would have to strike that. **Newkirk:** We're talking about the judging ring. **Calhoun:** No, no, but that said it can only be there, so that word there has to go – the word “only”. That would mean that someone – if you had a private chair, you could take it to the judging area if you wanted to. **Tartaglia:** Darrell? Darrell? In the COVID Requirements of March 22nd, and I could share my screen, there's one called #5, *Social distancing is required in all areas*. It's under *CFA Mandatory COVID-19 Requirements*. In the judging ring it says, *Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted*. **Newkirk:** So, that's what Kenny is wanting to change, and so I think his motion is to strike out where it says *not permitted* and have *Spectator chairs in the judging rings are allowed, as long as they are socially distanced*. Is that

correct, Kenny? **Currle:** Correct. **Calhoun:** You are referring to 5.b., correct? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Calhoun:** It's 5.b. **Newkirk:** Where is that at? **Calhoun:** *CFA Mandatory COVID-19 Requirements*. **Newkirk:** That's not being shared on the screen. **Tartaglia:** I can do that. Just give me a second and I will share my screen. **Newkirk:** No problem. We just want to make sure we're doing the right change and not messing up.

Eigenhauser: The part we are looking at right now are recommended, not mandatory. The 5.b. is the mandatory section, so that part has to be changed. In the *Recommended COVID-19 Event Practices* section, we can still leave that it's recommended, but in terms of mandatory, striking out the last sentence and replacing it in 5.b. will take care of it in the mandatory section. That's the only part we really need to change, because recommended isn't binding. **Tartaglia:** So, I believe all we're doing I removing this sentence, *Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted*. **Newkirk:** What you're doing is, *Spectator chairs in the judging rings are allowed, as long as they are socially distanced*. Kenny, is that what your aim is? **Currle:** Rather than call them spectator chairs, because we don't have spectators right now, just simply say *Chairs in the judging rings are allowed, as long as they are socially distanced*. **Newkirk:** So, strike out *Spectator* and then we're going to put *Chairs in the judging rings are allowed, as long as they are socially distanced*. **Tartaglia:** What about the first sentence here: *Clubs must identify "stand here" positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand respecting social distancing*. That's now kind of in conflict with having chairs. I think that had to do with no chairs. Do I have that right? **Newkirk:** Yes, it is in conflict. **Eigenhauser:** Can we just add, *or sit* after the word *stand*? **Newkirk:** Yes, that would work. That's got spectators in it. We're going to be able to have spectators at some point in time. I'm not sure that we want to remove that completely. We can always re-insert it. Kenny, it's your motion. What do you want us to do? **Anger:** Are we still raising hands or what? **Newkirk:** Yeah. I want Kenny to answer this though, and I'll come right back to you. Every time the screen share goes up, I lose my list of participants. **Anger:** I think the first sentence should stay in there, because we're still going to want to have a socially distanced "stand here" area for spectators if they come in the show. The sentence that we're modifying, if we just say *socially distanced chairs in the judging rings are permitted*. **Newkirk:** Why couldn't we put between *stand here* a slash sit? Stand or sit, as long as it's socially distanced. **Anger:** Perfect. **Newkirk:** Then you can take out the spectator chair sentence altogether. **Anger:** Perfect. **Newkirk:** Kenny? **Currle:** I like it. **McCullough:** I like it. **Currle:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. **Newkirk:** OK, so we're going to strike out the last sentence and we're going to put *stand/sit* here, and that's the amendment.

Mastin: You have to do that twice in that sentence. You have to do it after it says *positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand/sit respecting social distancing* but you can say *respecting local social distancing requirements*, because it is changing. **Newkirk:** Alright, that's a good catch. Thank you. Kenny, are you OK with that? **Currle:** I'm perfectly fine with that. **Newkirk:** Anybody object to the amendment to Kenny's motion? Seeing no hands up, by unanimous consent, the amendment is adopted.

The primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Newkirk: Any further debate on changing this? **Calhoun:** The only thing is the place where it says that if you have your own chair, that we didn't change. It says "only allowed in the benching area." **Newkirk:** These chairs in the judging ring are not personal chairs, they're chairs

that the show committee sets up. **Calhoun:** That's what is intended. I agree with that, but for some reason – it just seems like for some reason if they didn't have enough chairs and somebody brought a chair and sat there, that now they're in violation of the recommendation. I would just think that while we're looking at this that we might want to adjust that. Just a suggestion. I realize it's recommended, but you're allowing it one place and then you're saying no somewhere else. **Eigenhauser:** It's easier to do these one at a time, so let's kind of conclude this one before we go on to the next one. My thought on the next one is, when people bring chairs from home and just park them in the middle of the benching area – which is what we're usually talking about – there's no little X's on the floor for them, telling them where to put it. That's one of the reasons why the chairs from home are a different issue than the chairs that are provided by the club, because the exhibitors are setting them up, not the club. **McCullough:** I was going to reiterate what George said, because some of these people have those scooters they sit in, and they have to be on an X. **Newkirk:** Kathy, have you got more comments? **Calhoun:** No. **Newkirk:** Is there any objection to the amended motion that we're going to vote on? Hearing no objection, by unanimous consent.

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.

Newkirk: There you go Kenny. It passed. **Currle:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** Kathy, do you want to make a motion about your private chairs? **Calhoun:** No, I agree with what George stated, that there is no – the club is not setting up those chairs, so I'm fine with it as is. **Newkirk:** Thank you so much, Kathy. That concludes that order of New Business.

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Newkirk: Is there anything else? So, we'll adjourn the meeting. It's 6:30 my time, 9:30 Eastern. Let's take 10 minutes. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
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