

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 22-25, 2023

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at the JW Marriott Tucson Star Pass Resort and Spa, Tucson, Arizona. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time with the following members found to be present following a roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger**:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Mark Hannon (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Melanie Morgan (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Kristi Wollam, Assistant Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

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

(1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

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

Board member service was acknowledged for the following:

Board Member Service Awards

5 Years

Kenny Currle
Melanie Morgan
Michael Shelton

10 Years

Rich Mastin

(2) **APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**

Ms. Anger moved to approve the list of committee members for participation in the June 22-25, 2023 Annual Meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Committee Chair: Nancy Dodds

Region 1: Marilyn Conde
Region 2: Kendall Smith
Region 3: Cheryl Peck
Region 4: Martha Auspitz
Region 5: Hilary Helmrich
Region 6: Nancy Petersen
Region 7: Donna Andrews

Alternate: Betty Bridges
Alternate: Erin Cutchen

Central Office Liaison: Amber Goodright

Credentials Committee service was acknowledged for the following:

15 Years

Jill Archibald

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(3) **SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS**

(a) **Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.**

None

(b) **Ratification of February 4/5, 2023 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.**

Ms. Anger moved to approve the February 4/5, 2023 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Executive Committee 04.04.23	For the Japan Region's 6 AB awards show April 22, 2023 in Tokyo, Japan (Region 8), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and increase the entry limit from 150 to 175. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
4.	Executive Committee 04.12.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Khao Manee Cat Club to change their licensed show format from 4 AB/2 SSP CH; 1 AB/5 SSP K&P to 4 AB/1 LH-SH/1 SSP CH; 1 AB/1 LH-SH/4 SSP K&P for its April 15/16, 2023 show in Orange, France.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
5.		Provide the Khao Manee Cat Club with their show sponsorship in advance of the show, consisting of \$1000 regular sponsorship, \$700 for an out of region CFA judge, and the in-conjunction sponsorship of \$1000.	Motion Failed.
6.	Executive Committee 04.20.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 2.03 to implement bay check-in where a breed has more than 39 entries in all shows in China licensed April 22-23 and April 29-30 in China.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
7.		Grant an exception to Show Rule 10.22.b. to provide that all shows in China conduct bay check-in if the show is licensed April 22-23 or April 29-30 and the number of cats in a breed exceeds 39.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
8.	Executive Committee 04.25.23	For its 2 AB/3 SSP show in Hong Kong on April 30, 2023 (ID-Other), grant the Universal Feline Fanciers an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and allow them to increase their entry limit from 150 to 165. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change and send notifications to all entered exhibitors, the judges and the ID Representative.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
9.	Executive Committee 04.27.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 2.03 to implement bay check-in in Indonesia the weekend of April 29, 2023.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
10.		Grant an exception to Show Rule 2.03 to implement bay check-in where a breed has more entries than the total number of judging cages to be used in the smallest judging ring at that show (12 or 16).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
11.	Executive Committee 05.09.23	For the United Feline Odyssey's May 13/14, 2023 shows in Hong Kong, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a change the show format from 5AB each to 3AB+2SSP each.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
12.	Executive Committee	For its June 3/4, 2023 show in Parkville MD (Region 7), grant the Colonial Annapolis club an exception to Show Rule 4.06	Motion Failed. Hannon voting no.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
	05.11.23	and allow them to include one OCP ring each day.	Anger abstained.

Ms. Anger moved to ratify the Motions #1, #4 and #6-11, as published. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(4) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for advancement:

Advance to Apprentice:

Lyn Knight	(SH – 2 nd Specialty)	18 yes
Chate Ruengruglikit	(LH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes
Pattama Weeranon	(LH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Oscar Silva Sanchez	(Longhair – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes
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Elevation to Emeritus Status:

Ellyn Honey (1999)	Vote sealed
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Ms. Morgan moved to adopt the following Judging Program rule change in purple effective immediately. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations

f. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These two (2) sessions may be completed in Regions 1-7, 9 or Japan or, with the approval of the JPC, in the Asian countries of the International Division.

g. Trainees in the European Region may complete training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Region 9 or Regions 1-7.

h. Trainees in the International Division-Asia/Latin America must complete at least 2 training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Japan, Asia or Regions 1-7 or 9. If these sessions are completed in Regions 1-7, they may be held a week apart to minimize expenses. It is highly suggested that the last supervised and the first solo sessions be completed with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9.

Secretary's Note: In a series of executive session motions, the Board of Directors approved the request from the Cat Fanciers' Federation for full guest judging reciprocity (CFA judges to guest judge for CFF; CFF judges to guest judge for CFA).

(5) **PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser moved to accept the Committee's recommendation on the protests not in dispute. **Motion Carried.** [Vote sealed].

(6) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Hannon moved to authorize the Central Office to automatically post the online link to a show's breed summary at the time the show is licensed, effective August 1, 2023. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(7) IT REPORT.

No action items were presented.

(8) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Chair Mrs. Wilson had no action items.

Secretary's Note: In an executive session motion, the Board of Directors approved Central Office to provide breed council members with a free electronic cattery report once a year.

(9) BREEDER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Liaison Mrs. Wilson presented no action items.

(10) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Chair Mrs. Krzanowski moved on standing motion:

- No changes to a new club application, however minor, will be permitted after the application has been pre-noticed to the CFA community. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun**, **Motion Failed**. Calhoun, Colilla, Currle, Krzanowski, Morgan and Webb voting yes. Dunham, Hayata, Moser and Noble abstained.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following transcript also appears in Sunday's Agenda Item #62 – New Business/Old Business Unfinished Business, at which time it was taken off the table and voted on.]

- If a club applicant wishes to make changes to the application after it has been pre-noticed to the CFA community, the application shall be withdrawn so that it can be corrected and presented at the next available Board meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.
- Approve the request by the Keystone Cat Fanciers to change their name to Burmese Fans, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

The following club applications were presented for acceptance on standing motion by **Chair Mrs. Krzanowski**, with a standing second by **Ms. Anger**:

1. Cat Adept Republic Eden, International Division - Asia. **Motion Failed**. Morgan abstained.
2. China Meow's Secret Club, International Division – China. **Motion Carried**. Moser voting no.
3. Diamond State Cat Fanciers. **Motion Carried**. Eigenhauser, Morgan, Moser and Roy voting no.

4. Fantastic Tiara Russian Blue Club, International Division – Asia. **Motion Failed.** Morgan and Wilson voting yes.
5. Felidae Beyond Infinity, International Division – Asia. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
6. Galaxy Cat Club, International Division – Asia. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
7. Garnet State Feline Fanciers, Region 1. **Motion Carried.** Moser abstained.
8. Hong Kong Bengal Cat Association, International Division – Asia. **Motion Carried.** Moser abstained.
9. Kit & Kaboodle Cat Club, Region 7. **Motion Failed.** Anger voting yes. Currle and Webb abstained.
10. Mahameru Cat Club, International Division – Asia. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
11. Sandcastle Cat Fanciers, Region 1. **Tabled.** Later, **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to take the motion off the table. Seconded by **Mr. Webb**, the motion [to untable the main motion] was **ratified by unanimous consent.** Oyster Bay Cat Club, Region 1. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(11) TREASURER’S REPORT.

Chair Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

(12) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Co-Chairs Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Wong had no action items.

(13) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Mr. Hannon moved that CFA sponsor the 2025 World Cat Congress event. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(14) SHOW RULES.

Mr. Currle moved to table until Sunday if the delegation passes Amendment #4, the Committee’s motion that *the following Show Rule changes will go into effect immediately if Proposed Bylaw Amendment 4 is passed at the Annual Meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023. Should Amendment 4 not pass, they will have no effect.* Seconded by **Mr. Hannon**, **Motion Carried.** Colilla, Eigenhauser, Krzanowski, Morgan and Shelton voting no. DelaBar and Anger abstained.

1. *Adjust the requirements mandating the number of rings which must be judged by CFA judges to remove reference to Russia.*

Article III – Invitations to and Acceptance by Judges, amend 3.13	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording

<p>3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges at the show are as follows:</p>				<p>3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges at the show are as follows:</p>			
Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia)		International Division (including Russia)		Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia)		International Division (including Russia)	
# of Rings	CFA Judges	# of Rings	CFA Judges	# of Rings	CFA Judges	# of Rings	CFA Judges
2-3	2	2-3	2	2-3	2	2-3	2
4-5	3	4-5	3	4-5	3	4-5	3
6	4	6	4	6	4	6	4
7	5	7	5	7	5	7	5
8	6	8-9	6	8	6	8-9	6
9-10	7	10-11	7	9-10	7	10-11	7
11	8	12	8	11	8	12	8
12	9			12	9		
As used above,				As used above,			

Tabled.

2. Add Russia and Russian designation to the area of residence on the entry form.

<p>Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.22</p>		<p>CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>		<p>Proposed Wording</p>	
<p>6.22 It is the responsibility of the owner to indicate the correct region/area of residence on the entry form using the following designations: 1=North Atlantic, 2=Northwest, 3=Gulf Shore, 4=Great Lakes, 5=Southwest, 6=Midwest, 7=Southern, 8=Japan, 9=Europe, AS=South or Central America, AW=Africa & Western Asia, EC=East China, WC=West China, NC=North China, HK=Hong Kong, ID=Indonesia, IL=Israel, KR=South Korea, MY=Malaysia/Brunei, PH=Philippines, SI=Singapore, TH=Cambodia/Laos/Myanmar/Thailand, TW=Taiwan and VN=Vietnam (see CFA's Bylaws Article VIII, for regional boundary specifications).</p>		<p>6.22 It is the responsibility of the owner to indicate the correct region/area of residence on the entry form using the following designations: 1=North Atlantic, 2=Northwest, 3=Gulf Shore, 4=Great Lakes, 5=Southwest, 6=Midwest, 7=Southern, 8=Japan, 9=Europe, AS=South or Central America, AW=Africa & Western Asia, EC=East China, WC=West China, NC=North China, HK=Hong Kong, ID=Indonesia, IL=Israel, KR=South Korea, MY=Malaysia/Brunei, PH=Philippines, <u>RU=Russia</u>, SI=Singapore, TH=Cambodia/Laos/Myanmar/Thailand, TW=Taiwan and VN=Vietnam (see CFA's Bylaws Article VIII, for regional boundary specifications).</p>	

Tabled.

3. Remove “east of the Ural Mountains” when referring to Russia.

Article XXVII – Obtaining Titles – Champion/Premier, amend 27.03 a	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
27.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Qualifying rings are not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held	27.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains) , Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Qualifying rings are not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held

Tabled.

4. Remove references to “east of the Ural Mountains” for Russia.

Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles – Grands, amend 28.04 b.	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)					
Existing Wording			Proposed Wording			
28.04 b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:			28.04 b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:			
<u>Country/Area</u>	<u>GC Pts Rqd</u>	<u>GP Pts Rqd</u>	<u>Country/Area</u>	<u>GC Pts Rqd</u>	<u>GP Pts Rqd</u>	
Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75	Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75	
Maritime Provinces of Canada			Maritime Provinces of Canada			

United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25	United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains , International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25
Hong Kong	125	75	Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25	Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia	125	50	Malaysia	125	50
Ukraine	200	25	Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan, Vietnam	90	40	Taiwan, Vietnam	90	40

Tabled.

5. Remove reference to Russia and correct reference to Ukraine.

Article XXIX – Obtaining Titles – Household Pets, amend 29.02a	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Province of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural Mountains) and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title.	29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Province of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural Mountains) and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title.	

Tabled.

6. Add Russia to the International Division for season end awards.

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/ Divisional Awards Program, amend International Division Awards	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	

<p>International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong • Indonesia • South Korea • Israel • Malaysia/Brunei • Phillippines • Singapore • South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; • Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand • Taiwan • Vietnam • Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) <p>Three areas in China defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East China - (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai) • North China - (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang) • West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China). 	<p>International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong • Indonesia • South Korea • Israel • Malaysia/Brunei • Phillippines <u>Philippines</u> • <u>Russia</u> • Singapore • South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; • Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand • Taiwan • Vietnam • Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) <p>Three areas in China defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East China - (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai) • North China - (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang) • West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China).
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Tabled.

7. Clarify that only points earned in Russia can be used for Russian divisional wins.

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/ Divisional Awards Program, amend Regional Definition 4	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
4. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the following exceptions: a) cats/kittens/household pets from outside of the	4. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the following exceptions: a) cats/kittens/household pets from outside of the

China DW Award geographical area may NOT earn points at shows in the China DW Award geographical area, b) only points earned at Singapore shows will be accrued towards Singapore DW awards, c) only points earned at Taiwan shows will be accrued towards Taiwan DW awards, d) only points earned at Africa/Western Asia shows will be accrued toward Africa/Western Asia DW awards, e) only points earned at Central/South America shows will be accrued toward Central/South America DW awards, and f) only points earned at shows in Israel will be accrued toward Israel DW awards. In addition, points earned at the CFA International show may be used toward this award.	China DW Award geographical area may NOT earn points at shows in the China DW Award geographical area, b) only points earned at Singapore shows will be accrued towards Singapore DW awards, c) only points earned at Taiwan shows will be accrued towards Taiwan DW awards, d) only points earned at Africa/Western Asia shows will be accrued toward Africa/Western Asia DW awards, e) only points earned at Central/South America shows will be accrued toward Central/South America DW awards, and f) only points earned at shows in Israel will be accrued toward Israel DW awards, <u>and g) only points earned at shows in Russia will be accrued toward Russia DW awards.</u> In addition, points earned at the CFA International show may be used toward this award.
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Tabled.

8. Amend the Show Rule Addendum which modifies the requirements to obtain the grand title to exclude reference to Russia.

Amend Show Rule Addendum 5.	CFA Board																															
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording																															
5. Extended the modification of the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title, and 25 points for the Grand Premier title and in Mainland China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title, and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table for the 2023-2024 show season.	5. Extended the modification of the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title, and 25 points for the Grand Premier title and in Mainland China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title, and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table for the 2023-2024 show season.																															
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Tabled.

(15) SHOW PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

Liaison Mrs. Dunham presented no action items.

(16) ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Liaison Ms. DelaBar presented no action items.

(17) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser had no action items.

(18) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.

Liaison Mr. Eigenhauser presented no action items.

(19) EXPERIMENTAL FORMAT PROGRAM REPORT.

Chair Ms. Roy presented no action items.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(20) SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Shelton presented no action items.

(21) ABUSIVE CONDUCT PREVENTION POLICY.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to approve the CFA Abusive Conduct Prevention Policy, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Currie**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(22) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None.

(23) OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

(24) NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Hannon moved that Clerking Service awards will return to recognition with a pin with the number of years included on the pin. Clerks who received pins will receive pins retroactively. The timing for these awards will remain the same. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Borneo Cat Fanciers to change their licensed show format from 4 AB to 5 AB for its July 8, 2023 show in Jakarta, Indonesia. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Ms Anger moved that, for their show on May 25, 2024 in Cambridge, Ontario (Region 4), grant the Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a Canadian Cat Association club on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the

Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Secretary's Note: Agenda Items #25 through #31 were dealt with in Executive Session.

(32) CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

(33) SOUTHWEST REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.

Southwest Regional Director Michael Shelton welcomed everyone to the 2023 CFA Annual Meeting.

(34) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

President Mastin declared a quorum, with 300 delegates checked in when the meeting was called to order. [**Secretary's Note:** The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 314 out of 530 registered delegates eligible to vote. There were 530 clubs which had paid dues and submitted membership lists by June 1.

(35) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

President Mastin appointed Shelly Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel; as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

(36) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

President Mastin had **CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2023 Annual Meeting, Shelly Perkins** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting.

(37) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved that the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting, as printed, be approved without objection. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(38) 2023 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 313

Number of votes for a simple majority: 157

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 209

*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 314]

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2023 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4 – Regional Assignment, to clarify that a physical address is required for the club secretary, as follows:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the ~~mailing address~~ primary residence address of the secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. If at any time the secretary's primary residence address moves outside of the region, the secretary must inform Central Office of the secretary's new primary residence address. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary's residence. Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

RATIONALE: A club's region is based on the mailing address for the club secretary. The address could be a PO box which might be in a different region than the actual mailing address. A physical (street) address for the club secretary is required on the initial club application; however, a physical, street address is not required for any future changes. CFA should require a physical address to determine if a region has changed. Some people don't want to supply us with a physical mailing address and for valid reasons. Therefore, upon request by a club secretary, the Central Office will only use a PO box address in the club database instead of a physical address.

Carried.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, to allow for flexibility in securing an appropriate and affordable venue for CFA's Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in the geographical area of any of following regions: in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern. For the purpose of the Annual Meeting location, the regions are divided into three (3) areas: East (Regions 1, 4 and 7), Central (Regions 3 and 6) and West (Regions 2 and 5). No specific rotation within the areas is required other than the meeting must take place at least once in each of the three (3) areas every seven (7) years. The meeting may be held consecutively in one location for more than one year.

~~There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A location city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.~~

...

RATIONALE: CFA is faced with significant challenges in finding a suitable hotel for our Annual Meetings. Some areas of the U.S. are particularly difficult due to cost of living. CFA is required by our by-laws to hold the 2026 Annual in Region 1 – North Atlantic; however, the best guest room rates we are able to secure for suitable properties are in the \$275-\$375 range and this doesn't include tax. Even the hotel where the last Annual in Region 1 was held, Turning Stone Resort in 2019 with a room rate of \$139, is now quoting us prices in the \$275-\$375 range, more than double the room rate in 2019!

CFA, through the assistance of Helms-Briscoe which has a massive network of contacts in the hospitality event industry, has yet to find an affordable venue for Annual Meetings in 2026 and beyond. It should be noted that with higher room rates also comes higher food and beverage costs.

By not being required to adhere to a strict rotation pattern amongst all 7 regions, CFA will have the flexibility needed in today's environment to better secure affordable and appropriate hotel properties. For instance, using Region 1 as an example, Philadelphia, a more expensive area, is in the southernmost section of Region 1, whereas Virginia, in the northernmost section of Region 7, may be more affordable. Having 3 large, demographic areas to locate an Annual with the additional option of a two-year contract, versus rotating every year to a different region in Regions 1 through 7, provides the needed flexibility in contracting, yet still requires the Annual Meeting be located throughout the overall U.S. (Regions 1-7).

Failed.

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, subparagraph c. – Candidates, to more clearly indicate an individual running for the office of Regional Director must reside within the region, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any club member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large. ~~and Any club member residing within the region and~~ in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular that region may run for Regional Director from that region. No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

RATIONALE: To declare for the office of Regional Director, the general understanding is that a candidate declaring for this office must live within the region; yet, there doesn't appear to be anything in the By-Laws which clearly states this. Section "c. Candidates", addresses being a member of a club assigned to the region. However, someone could belong to a club assigned to Region 7, yet live in Region 1. This could be interpreted to mean they can declare for Region 7 Regional Director even though they reside in Region 1.

Carried.

– 4 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, REGION 9 – EUROPE, redefining the countries within Region 9 Europe and assigning Russia to the International Division, as follows:

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, ~~Luxemburg, Luxembourg~~, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, ~~Russia~~, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

RATIONALE: The country of Luxembourg is now spelled correctly.

Due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the political and economic sanctions against Russia have essentially stopped travel to and from the country, except for some exceptions. The current emotional climate in Region 9, due to this war, is not favorable to positive camaraderie. This is a situation, even when the war is over, will take a lot of time to heal.

Currently, Russian CFA clubs can host shows, only in Russia, with only Russian judges and Russian exhibitors. The proposed amendment will allow Russia to be placed in the International Division where the breeders and fanciers can earn divisional wins and possibly national wins. The Board will enact the necessary show rule changes to implement this amendment, should it pass. In the meantime, pray for peace.

Failed.

– 5 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws – Appendix A – Breed Council Standing Rules – Membership – to permit an expanded timeframe for acceptance of applications while maintaining the August 1 requirement for voting, as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. ~~An optional two year membership will be available in even-numbered years for those members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. A two year membership will begin May 1 of even numbered years and end on April 30 of the next even numbered year.~~ When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications ~~for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year~~ will be accepted year-round but must be received by August 1st to vote in any poll or election conducted during that membership year.

Carried.

(39) BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.

10 Years

Richard Mastin

5 Years

Kenny Currle

5 Years

Melanie Morgan

5 Years

Michael Shelton

(40) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the Treasurer's Report to the delegation.

(41) MARKETING REPORT.

Marketing Director Desiree Bobby gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the Marketing Report to the delegation.

(42) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.

EveryCat Health Foundation President Vickie Fisher gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the EveryCat Health Foundation's Report to the delegation.

(43) PRE-NOTICED RESOLUTIONS.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

– 6 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 11.37 to correctly state the name of EveryCat Health Foundation and adds the Breeder Assistance Program.

- 11.37 Clubs are not expected nor encouraged to give judges' gifts to judges that are presiding at a show. However, should they want to either continue the practice or have a practice in place to do so, some suggestions are: donations to the ~~Winn Foundation~~ EveryCat Health Foundation, Breeder Assistance Program, or the CFA Legislative Fund in the name of each judge. CFA funds or gift cards not to exceed \$50 in value. If clubs give gifts to their judges, they should be providing the same gift or equivalent to all their judges. In some cultures, the refusal of a gift may be considered an insult. If this occurs, you should accept the gift on behalf of CFA and consult with the Judging Program chair about how the gift should be treated.

Carried.

– 7 – *Chamberlin On The Bay, Pawprints in the Sand, Ocicats of North America, Star City Cat Fanciers Clubs*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS, to modify the hybrid scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc. ~~6th best 75%, 7th best 70%, 8th best 65%, 9th best 60%, 10th best 55%.~~
3. ~~14th~~ 6th Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 1 point less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best; ~~12th~~ 7th Best 2 points less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best, ~~13th~~ 8th Best 3 points less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best, etc.
4. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
5. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.

6. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show.

RATIONALE: This resolution is a compromise between those who would like to see cat's points earned more closely reflect the number of cats defeated while recognizing the value of placing high in a final and preserving the benefit received for those cats in small counts. This does not change the decrement for the orange ribbon (2nd Best of Breed/Division) or for champion/premier points.

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Delegates voted to change the Show Rules to award 1 point in a final to a cat based on each cat defeated. At the February 2023 CFA Board Meeting, the Board replaced the Show Rule the Delegates voted for with a "hybrid" system, preserving the 5% decrements through 10th place and replacing the scoring for the placements between 11th and 15th to 1 point less than the placement above it.

Most CFA Shows do not have counts large enough to award top 15 placements so the hybrid system the board implemented would not benefit cats in most shows. This resolution would reward cats in all shows.

Our current scoring system highly rewards cats in low counts and unfairly penalizes cats as the count grows larger. In a count of 10, the 10th place cat earns 4.95 points while defeating 0 cats. In a class of 85 cats the 10th placed cat earns 46.20 points while defeating 70 cats.

A review of scoring options is below.

	Current Board Hybrid system decrements stop at 10th		Proposed Hybrid system decrements stop at 5th	
Count	Current Points @ 10th place	Current Points @ 15th place	Proposed Points @ 10th place	Proposed Points @ 15th place
10	4.95		2.20	
20	10.45		10.20	
21	11.00		11.00	
30	15.95	10.95	18.20	13.20
40	21.45	16.45	26.20	21.20
50	26.95	21.95	34.20	29.20
60	32.45	27.45	42.20	37.20
75	40.70	35.70	54.20	49.20
85	46.20	41.20	62.20	57.20

Bottom line – Acknowledging the difference of opinion between those in favor of keeping a 5% decrement system with those who prefer a simplified system of 1 point per cat defeated, this compromise would address both concerns and could be instituted at minimal cost.

Failed.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

None.

(44) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

Judging Program Chair Melanie Morgan updated the delegates on the Judging Program.

(45) **JUDGING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARDS.**

5 Years

*Bethany Colilla
Pam DeGolyer
Emiko Misugi*

10 Years

Irina Kharchenko

15 Years

*Cathy Dinesen
Jim Dinesen
Anne Mathis
Lorraine Rivard*

20 Years

Iris Zinck

25 Years

Edward Maeda

30 years

Kayoko Koizumi

35 Years

Victoria Nye

40 Years

Yukiko Hayata

(46) **JUDGES' ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT AWARD.**

Judges Association President **Jacqui Bennett** announced this year's JA Spotlight Award winners:

Peter and Yanina Vanwonderghem

(47) **CFA FOUNDATION.**

CFA Foundation Director Lorraine Shelton gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the CFA Foundation and Feline Historical Museum Report to the delegation.

(48) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.**

15 Years

Jill Archibald

(49) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

Credentials Committee Chair Nancy Dodds gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified and announced the election results for CFA Directors at Large.

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2023-June 2025 were as follows:

CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (480 votes tallied)

*Auth, Mary221
Griswold, Marilee338*
Honey, Ellyn125
Huhtaniemi, Pauli292*
Krzanowski, Carol342**

<i>Mathis, Anne</i>	262*
<i>Morgan, Melanie</i>	217
<i>Newkirk, Darrell</i>	252*
<i>Sweeney, Teresa</i>	222
<i>Wood, Beverly</i>	129

*** Elected**

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to destroy the ballots. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(50) CLERK SERVICE AWARDS.

5 Years

Jacqueline Bates
Jennifer Deel
Edward Goatseay
Hideki Kudo
Jon Lee
Bingqin Ma
Holly Mueller
Sarah Sau Wah Ng
Zikun Wang

10 Years

Ayano Adachi
Kitty Barie
Sung Jun Kim
Kimie Shiratori
Izaddin Syah Yusof

15 Years

Tuija Aaltonen
Linda L. Flanigan
Zhen Hao Gao
Christina Makl
Kiyoko Ueda

20 Years

Laurie Coughlan
Sharon McKenzie

25 Years

Donna Andrews
Mariane Toth
Makoto Wakamatsu

30 Years

Cheryl Coleman
Donna Hinton

35 Years

Linda S. Bartley
Nancy Grandison
Mary Frances Marron

40 Years

Ronna Colilla
Howard R. Webster

50 Years

Mark Hannon

(51) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.

International Division Co-Chair Kathy Calhoun gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the International Division Report to the delegation.

(52) CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.

Tier V Superior

Kitzn

Owner: Keith Kimberlin & James Frederick
United States

Tier V Superior

Castlkatz

Owner: Paul & Ginger Meeker
United States

Tier V Superior

Seaflower

Owner: Deborah & Clinton Parker
United States

Tier VII Superior

Stedam

Owner: Dawn & Michael Skupin & Lyn Knight
United States

Tier VIII

Cacao

Owner: Janet, Rebeckah & Carissa Altschul
United States

Tier VIII Superior

D'Eden Lover

Owner: Frederic Gaspard & Valery Boucher
France

(53) STAR AWARDS/DIAMOND STAR AWARDS.

Star Awards

Carissa Altschul	Mentoring New Breeders/Exhibitors
Martha Auspitz	Awards Committee
Thanaban Authongmak	Support of CFA in Thailand
Cyndy Byrd	Awards Committee
Loretta Baugh	Judging Program - Education Subcommittee
Leslie Carr	Awards Committee and Support of Southern Region breeders/exhibitors after Hurricane Ian
Cathy Dunham	Work on ad hoc Count Manipulation Committee

Indra Faizal	Support of CFA in Indonesia
Doerte Haendel	Maine Coon Rescue in Ukraine and ensures breeders who stayed with their animals had cat food and supplies
Mark Hannon	CFA rebranding and website redesign
Kathi Hoos	Judging Program Applications Administrator and general support
Pauli Huhtaniemi	Development of CFA throughout the Nordic and Baltic countries
Thomas Yiu Wing Kai	Support of CFA International Division in Hong Kong
Eva Librianti	Support of CFA in Indonesia
Rich Mastin	Contributions to the budget and finance committees
Ginger Meeker	Breeder Assist Fund Raising, Cattery Management Book
Melanie Morgan	CFA rebranding and website redesign
Zhu Ning	Support of CFA in China
Vicki Nye	Reorganization of the Judging Program files
Masayuki Okada	Support of Japanese Clerking Program and CFA in Japan
Anne Paul	Breeder Assist rescue
Cary Plummer	Going Above and Beyond for the welfare of a cat in the show hall
Ed Raymond	CFA Ombudsman
Dr. Cynthia Rigoni, DVM	Breeder Assist Rescue
Diana Rothermel	CFA Judging Program Ombudsman
Gritthanut Srikritsanaarak	Support of CFA in Thailand
Albert Sweitzer	For his support of CFA Junior Fanciers
Andy Valles	Burmese Rescue Program in Ukraine
Peter Vanwongerghem	Judging Handling Schools

Leona Wong	Support of the International Division
Matthew Wong	Contributions to the International Division Committee and the Budget Committee
Suki Wong	Support of CFA in Hong Kong and China

Diamond Star Awards

Linda Berg	CFA Breeder Assist, Breed Rescue Board President, and CFA Animal Welfare Chair
Nancy Hitzeman	CFA Breeder Assist Food Pantry Chair
Dick Kallmeyer	CFA Statistical Analysis
Jan Rogers	CFA Breeder Assist, Breed Rescue Fund Raising

(54) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

– 8 – *Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 28.04.b. to remove Mexico from the Regions 1-9 grand requirements of 200/75 and include Mexico in the 75/25 grand requirements, to read as follows:

b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, <u>Mexico</u> , Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25
Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia	125	50
Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan and Vietnam	90	40

RATIONALE: In the past, CFA has had activity in Mexico, but very little in recent years and no show producing activity in a very long time. Due to many factors, Mexico has experienced economic challenges and has underperformed in terms of growth, inclusion, and poverty reduction compared to similar countries. which caused the CFA cat fancy in Mexico to wind down. However, Mexico is on the verge of change. It is currently among the 15 largest economies in the world and the second-largest economy in Latin America. We have seen a recent uptick in registrations and activity from Mexico,

evidencing renewed interest in CFA. However, considering that it is a 16 hour drive or a 2-1/2 hour flight from Mexico City to Houston, it is difficult for our fanciers living in Mexico to attend shows. This proposal requests the same exception as, for instance, the Maritime Provinces of Canada, who may experience a 6 hour drive to a CFA show. Until the fancy grows in Mexico and clubs are able to be formed and hold shows, CFA must provide achievable goals for exhibitors in this remote area. CFA already provides a reduced qualifying ring requirement for Mexico in Show Rule 27.03.a. We are asking that Mexico be granted the grand point requirements for other similar remote areas.

Carried.

– 9 – *New England Meow Outfit, Inc., Happy Alternative Cat Club, Ozark Cat Fanciers, Fort Worth Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, German Phoenix Cat Friends Europe*

RESOLVED: That the Show Rules Committee is hereby requested to develop a procedure for disciplining or penalizing exhibitors who are found to have caused substantial damage to a hotel room in an official show hotel.

RATIONALE: Every year, it becomes more of a challenge to find hotels willing to allow cats, and when exhibitors do not take proper care of their hotel rooms, the sponsoring club may find itself responsible for covering the cost of any damage in order to be able to maintain a relationship with the hotel.

Currently, the only recourse a club has when an exhibitor is found to have damaged a hotel room is to either file a protest or follow up with the exhibitor and request that they cover any costs involved. Since there are no negative consequences to the exhibitor for refusing to do so, there's no reason why they should pay up. The protest procedure is long and involved and not well suited to this type of situation.

Something shorter and sweeter is called for. We are requesting the help of the Show Rules Committee in devising it in order to bring it to the Annual next year for the delegation's approval. Were we to create such a procedure ourselves, it would be likely to take two or three years before the delegation and the Board would be comfortable approving it. A proposal originating from the Show Rules Committee is likely to be more thorough and concise and able to be implemented within a shorter time frame. We would be very grateful to the Committee for addressing this situation, which is important to all show-producing clubs.

Carried.

– 10 – *Havana Brown Fanciers*

1. It is my understanding that all clubs have a Charter that was submitted when their club was submitted for acceptance into CFA.
2. By being accepted by CFA, each club was given a voice in the form of a vote, provided the club remained in good standing.
3. Over the years, many clubs have come and gone, and the purpose of some clubs has changed, but their charter was never updated. There are different club types, some are show producing, some are breed clubs, some are social clubs that provide feline education, support charities, research or have other value to the cat fancy community.
4. My proposal is that CFA convene a committee to review club charters to verify that clubs are in compliance with the charter that was submitted. Should a club be found not to be in compliance with its charter, it will be given a three year term to either
 - (a) Update/revise its charter and have it approved by CFA
 - (b) Become compliant with the existing terms outlined in its charter

- (c) Close the club
5. Should a club not meet the requirements within the allotted time, it will lose their right to vote. It doesn't mean the club won't exist, just that it will no longer have bargaining power within the organization if they cannot make a contribution.

RATIONALE:

- It is known to many that there are a small number of people who hold a large number of 'paper clubs'. By this we mean clubs who pay dues every year but do not make a contribution to the organization in any form (educational, breed support, charitable fundraising, hosting shows, etc.) yet still have voting rights at the annual and for officer positions. Collectively, these few people holding paper clubs are able to manipulate the vote in their favor and are not likely to vote themselves out of power or against anything that is not in their interest, even if it is not best for the organization.
- The three year rule would allow a club that was chartered to produce shows to gather the support of new members, search for venues and get an acceptable date to plan a show. This does not happen quickly and any club that WANTS to be productive should be given the opportunity to do so.

This is a fair and reasonable proposal but many will vote against it. When it comes time to vote, please look around you at those who decided NOT to vote for this proposal and ask them why.

The organization needs to be run by those who are actively participating in its success or failure. People who hold clubs with the intention of stuffing a vote are no better than the exhibitors who stuff shows to manipulate the count in their favor.

Carried.

– 11 – Poppy State

The best way to increase our exhibitor base is through cattery registrations. I would like to go back at least 5 years and send out an email to those who registered catteries or kittens saying, "Would you like to show your cats in CFA? If so please check the box. By checking the box CFA can help put you with the right mentor to help you understand what you need to show your cat/kitten in a CFA show."

Failed.

– 12 – Havana Brown Fanciers

The 500 mile radius show rule was implemented in an effort to support shows as we saw the population of exhibitors dwindling. At the time, it seemed like a reasonable way to address the problem. There were too many shows and a limited number of exhibitors, so to prevent clubs from competing for entries, we required that shows be distanced apart so that only a few 'campaign' exhibitors would be choosing which shows to attend rather than attending the shows local to them.

The problem: very few show are now local to anyone! The exhibitor base hasn't changed much in volume and we now have reduced the public view of the Cat Fancy significantly by eliminating shows in many demographic areas.

What we have seen in the last couple of years is that the entry in a show is not what makes a show financially successful, but rather the spectators/gate. They really don't seem to care if we have 120 cats or 220 cats; they want our shows to be close to their homes so they can take their families for a day out and enjoy the cats.

By removing shows from a lot of local communities, we have not only reduced visibility of the Cat Fancy but we have reduced the ability to engage the public in the purchase of pedigreed cats. Seeing the cats and meeting breeders at shows is one of the most valuable ways to find homes for kittens.

While I don't believe it is realistic to have shows on back-to-back weekends in the same geographic area and expect to make money, an area MUCH SMALLER than 500 miles will be necessary to get people back in the show halls. We are losing local spectators as well as more senior exhibitors who don't feel comfortable with driving 6-10 hours every other weekend.

Can we please change our focus from exhibitor base to public interest? This will not only help clubs make money, but will also introduce more people in more places to our hobby. And, in case anyone has forgotten, a small show can be a lot more fun than a big hectic one. I'll happily produce 4, one-day, 6-ring shows each year in my local communities but have no interest in being involved in shows that are a day drive away and require months of planning and coordination to make them a success.

Smaller, 200 miles/322 kilometers.

Carried.

(55) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING.

Saturday, June 24, 2023

International Division Committee Co-Chair Kathy Calhoun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the ID Committee members present, and attendees from the International Division, both in person and via Zoom, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

(56) BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING.

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs (or their representatives) present, both in person and via Zoom, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

(57) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

(58) APPOINTMENT OF CFA LEGAL COUNSEL AND PARLIAMENTARIAN.

President Mastin appointed Shelly Perkins as the CFA Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian.

(59) TAKING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OATH.

Ms. Perkins asked the Board to stand and affirm that they will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed** by all.

(60) DISTRIBUTION AND SIGNING OF BOARD-REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

[Secretary's Note: All current members of the Board of Directors executed the Board of Director's Code of Ethics, which is kept on file by the Keeper of the Records, CFA Secretary Rachel Anger. Board members must verbally agree to the oath when taken at Sunday's board meeting.]

(61) VERBAL REPORT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

President Mastin queried the board members and requested a verbal response from each board member regarding conflicts of interest.

(62) RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

2023-2024 CFA Committee Appointments

Committee	Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Co/Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Agility	Jill Archibald	Nikki Feniak	Sharon Roy	Jellyb1083@aol.com
Ambassador	Karen Lane		Kenny Currle	karenllane@comcast.net
Annual Meeting Site Selection Challenges	Cathy Dunham			Cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Audit Committee	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Awards Committee	Cathy Dunham			Cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Breeder Education	Carissa Altschul		Marilee Griswold	Carissa_altschul@hotmail.com
Breeds and Standards	Annette Wilson		Darrell Newkirk	arwilson@prodigy.net
Budget	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Bylaws	Cyndy Byrd		Marilee Griswold	cbyrdcfa@gmail.com
Clerking Program	Bethany Colilla	Ronna Colilla	John Colilla	believerscattery@gmail.com
Clerking Advocate	John Hiemstra			cfaclerkadv@gmail.com
Club Membership	Carol Krzanowski			Carol.cfa@gmail.com
Community Outreach and Education	Pending			
Corporate Sponsorship	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
United States	Jodell Raymond			Jodell1@rochester.rr.com
Europe	Pauli Huhtaniemi			Pauli.huhtaniemi@gmail.com
China	Agnes Sun			
COVID Advisory	George Eigenhauser		Marilee Griswold	geigenhauser@allmail.net
Credentials	Nancy Dodds		Rachel Anger	fenwaynd@earthlink.net
Diversity & Inclusion	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com

Committee	Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Co/Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Executive Committee	Four Officers & Kenny Currle			rmastin@billgrays.com
Experimental Formats	Sharon Roy			sharonroy@grolen.com
Finance – Show Sponsorship	Rich Mastin			rmastin@billgrays.com
HHP Advisory	Jenny Wickle		Rachel Anger	jwteacher02@gmail.com
International Division	Kathy Calhoun	Matthew Wong		calhounkathy38@gmail.com
China	John Colilla	Wain Harding		jrcolilla@sbcglobal.net
Asia (outside of China)	Robert Zenda			zendabob1@cs.com
AWA	Jan Rogers			Travelcatz15@gmail.com
CSA	Brad Newcomb			Newbrad756@gmail.com
International Show East	Mark Hannon	Ed Raymond	Rich Mastin	markh_@yahoo.com ed.raymond@thomsonreuters.com
International Show West Exploratory	Ed Raymond	Pam Moser		ed.raymond@thomsonreuters.com
IT System Optimization	Tim Schreck	James Simbro	Rich Mastin	tschreck2003@yahoo.com
Entry Clerk Program	Cathy Dunham			cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Master Clerk Program	Paula Noble			Angel_09_96@yahoo.com
Show Technology	Cathy Dunham			cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Show Entry Automation	James Simbro			jsimbro@cfa.org
Statistical Analysis	Dick Kallmeyer			rhkallme@ix.netcom.com
System Update (CSU 2022) & Website Compatibility	James Simbro			jsimbro@cfa.org
Judging Program	Russell Webb	Vicki Nye		Whiteweb00@aol.com
Junior Fanciers	Sheri Shaffer	Albert Sweitzer	Anne Mathis	Sherilyn.shaffer@pchas.org
Legislation Committee and Legislative Group	George Eigenhauser		Anne Mathis	geigenhauser@allmail.net
Marketing	Mark Hannon	Melanie Morgan	Rich Mastin	markh_@yahoo.com emau@emaucats.com

Committee	Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Co/Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
New Exhibitors	Leslie Ann Carr	Jodell Raymond	Carol Krzanowski	elseas@aol.com
Protests	George Eigenhauser		Mike Shelton	geigenhauser@allmail.net
Publications	Mark Hannon		Carol Krzanowski	markh_@yahoo.com
Regional Incorporation	Kathy Calhoun			calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Scientific Advisory	Roger Brown		Cathy Dunham	dotsrnb@aol.com
Show Rules	Ed Raymond		Carol Krzanowski	ed.raymond@thomsonreuters.com
Show Scheduling (Domestic)	Pam Moser	Mary Auth		Bp.moser@comcast.net
Special Investigation Committee	Cathy Dunham			cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Virtual Cat Competition	Nancy Kerr		Marilee Griswold	
CFA Non-Committee Appointments				
Legal Counsel – Parliamentarian	Shelly Perkins			shelly@perklegal.com
Board Meeting Notes	Pam DelaBar			satltcl@aol.com
Board Ombudsperson	Sharon Roy			sharonroy@grolen.com
Ombudsperson	Ed Raymond		Sharon Roy	elraymondjr@gmail.com
Affiliates				
Animal Welfare/Breeder Assist/Food Pantry/Breed Rescue	Charlene Campbell		Pam DelaBar	jcampb4244@aol.com
CFA Foundation	Don Williams		Carol Krzanowski	williamsdj2@aol.com
EveryCat Health Foundation	Vickie Fisher		Kathy Calhoun	vfisher@everycat.org
Show Promotion	Mike Altschul		Pam Moser	twomikea@yahoo.com
World Cat Congress				
Delegate	Rachel Anger			camberwel@aol.com
Advisor	Pam DelaBar			Satlctl@aol.com

Mr. Newkirk moved that Russell Webb is the Chair and Vicki Nye be listed as Co-Chair, not Vice Chair, of the Judging Program Committee. Seconded by **Mr. Webb**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Mr. Newkirk moved to ratify the committee appointments, as amended. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(63) NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following motion also appears at the end of the original presentation in the New Club Report.]

Mrs. Krzanowski moved that if a club applicant wishes to make changes to the application after it has been pre-noticed to the CFA community, the application shall be withdrawn so that it can be corrected and presented at the next available Board meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(64) BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE.

**CFA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
July 2023 – July 2024**

- *July 11, 2023, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- August 1, 2023 - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom
- *September 5, 2023, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- October 16 & 17, 2023 – 9:00 am Eastern both days after the International Show in Cleveland Ohio at the Crowne Plaza Cleveland Airport
- *November 14, 2023, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- December 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom
- *January 2, 2024, Emergency only – 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- February 3 & 4, 2024 – 10:00 am Eastern (both days) via Zoom
- *March 5, 2024, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- March 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom for Budget Committee 2024-2025 Annual Budget Review (optional)
- April 2, 2024 - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom
- *May 7, 2024, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*
- *May 14, 2024, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom for Special Investigation Committee review of 2023-2024 End of Show Season Concerns*
- June 27 & 30, 2024 - 9:00 am Central both days at the Annual Meeting in Coralville Iowa at Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
- *July 9, 2024, Emergency only - 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom*

Tuesday evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm Eastern, with the intent to adjourn by 11:59 pm Eastern.

Emergency meetings will occur for emergencies that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

All motions submitted online at least 14-hours prior to the meeting after the conclusion of the Annual Delegate Meeting and at least 24-hours prior to all other meetings will be accepted as pre-noticed.

Unable to attend contact Secretary Rachel Anger at camberwel@aol.com / President Rich Mastin at rmastin@cfa.org / 585-455-7089.

Mr. Newkirk moved to accept the schedule. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

(65) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

23-009-0329 CFA v. Ratanaprasert, Kultharin

Violation of Show Rule 1.01

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: (1) a 6 month suspension of all CFA services and a \$500 fine payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full; (2) CFA shall void all points, wins, titles, and awards earned by Lukor-Fold Foster (CFA # 8440-02990816) earned during the 2022-2023 show season. [vote sealed]*

23-013-0501 CFA v. Niu, Stephanie

Violation of Show Rules 6.15, 6.18, and 10.23

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: (1) a one year suspension of all CFA services and a \$1,000 fine payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full; (2) CFA shall void all points, wins, titles, and awards earned by Harley Neveskiy Modern (CFA # 3792-02996027) earned during the 2022-2023 show season. [vote sealed]*

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the party, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondent.

None.

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None.