

2023 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 24, 2023

(55) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING.

Attending In Person:

Kathy Calhoun, Chair
Matthew Wong, Co-Chair
John Colilla, China Subcommittee Co-Chair
Bob Zenda, Asia (outside of China) Subcommittee Chair
Pattama Weeranon, Siam Blue Eyed Cat Fanciers
Chate Ruengruglikit, Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand
Sunan Sowprasertsuk, Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand, Thai Coordinator
Leonie Zhang, Starry Sky Cat Fanciers' Club
[inaudible name], West Lake Club
Agnes Sun, China Corporate Sponsorship
Suki Lee, Persian & Exotic Cat Club, ID Treasurer
Rain Fung, Hong Kong Black Cat Club
Phebe Low, Hong Kong Black Cat Club, ID Treasurer
Russell Law, United Feline Odyssey
Virginia Liu

Attending via Zoom:

Wain Harding, China Subcommittee Co-Chair
Allen Shi, Shanghai China
5D Wang, China
Alex Chan, Hong Kong
M. Hafidz Rahmat
Malaysia Cat Fanciers
Rahman
Jon Lee
Nadia
Chris Lee
Hazlin
Howe Gao
Indra Faizal
Izzadin Syah
Zhi Ning

• ***Welcome and Introductions***

Calhoun: Good morning, everyone. Thanks for attending the International Division annual meeting. First of all, I would like to have our Board of Directors introduce themselves. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, lame duck. **Krzanowski:** Carol Krzanowski, Director at Large. **Wilson:** Annette Wilson, another lame duck. **Anger:** Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary.

Thank you for coming, everyone. **Moser:** Pam Moser, Region 2. **Roy:** Sharon Roy, Region 1. **Morgan:** Melanie Morgan, another member of the lame duck club. **Hannon:** Mark Hannon, Director at Large. **Webb:** Russell Webb, CFA Vice President. **Currle:** Kenny Currle, Region 7 director. Everybody come to my great show in September, thank you. **DelaBar:** I can't say anything because I'm judging. Pam DelaBar, Director for Region 9 – Europe. **Mastin:** Rich Mastin, CFA President. **Perkins:** Shelly Perkins, Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian. **Hayata:** Yukiko Hayata, Region 8 – Japan. **Dunham:** Cathy Dunham, Region 6. **Noble:** Paula Noble, Region 3. **Shelton:** Mike Shelton, Region 5. **Calhoun:** Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer. **Wong:** I'm Matthew Wong from Hong Kong, CFA ID Committee Co-Chair, plus ID Rep. **Colilla:** John Colilla, the Great Lakes Region Director. I'm also the Chair of the China Committee. **Zenda:** Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair of ID Asia – except China. **Weeranon:** Pattama Weeranon from Thailand, Siam Blue Eyed Cat Fanciers. **Ruengruglikit:** Chate Ruengruglikit, from Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand. **Sowprasertsuk:** I am Sunan Sowprasertsuk, Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand, and I am Thai Coordinator. **Zhang:** Hello everyone. I'm Leonie Zhang from China and the secretary of Starry Sky Cat Fanciers' Club. **[inaudible name]:** Good morning. I am [inaudible name] from West Lake Club, China. **Sun:** Agnes Sun, China Corporate Sponsorship. **Lee:** Hello, this is Suki, Persian & Exotic Cat Club and International Division Treasurer. **Fung:** Rain Fung, Hong Kong Black Cat Club. **Low:** Phebe Low from Hong Kong Black Cat Club and ID Treasurer. **Law:** Russell Law, great drive from Hong Kong. My wife is the secretary for United Feline Odyssey, Hong Kong.

Calhoun: The folks that are joining us via Zoom, can you introduce yourself? Wave and introduce yourself. **[inaudible name and club]. Calhoun:** Continue. **Shi:** Allen Shi from Shanghai. Great seeing you on the Zoom meeting. **Wang:** 5D from China. **Chan:** I'm Alex Chan from Hong Kong. **Harding:** Can you hear me now? Wain Harding, co-chair of the China Committee. **Calhoun:** Anyone else on the line, on the Zoom call, that would like to introduce themselves? I think we got a great turn-out.

Calhoun: As co-chair of the International Division, this is my first – our first – meeting at an annual, because the meeting we had before was via Zoom because we didn't have an annual meeting, and this is historic because this is the first Zoom/live combination ID Division meeting, so we are trailblazing here.

- **Show Rules**

Calhoun: So, what we intend to do, first on the agenda or the discussion topics as they are listed, is to go over the new show rules and new provisions that we are putting in place that will impact the ID Division, and then we're going to open it up for discussion and open it up for the folks online and the folks here in the room, so we'll talk about things that the ID Committee can do to help support them and things that the board can do to help support the International Division.

- **3.02** *Only a licensed CFA judge or a guest judge at the Approved Guest Judge Level may judge a Super Specialty ring.*

Calhoun: The first show rule that's on the discussion topic is Show Rule 3.02 which just talks about guest judges that guest judge on the Approved Guest List Level may judge super specialty rings. That's the first one there.

Morgan: I wanted to point out on the first show rule, 3.02, only a licensed CFA judge or guest judge at the Approved Guest Judge Level may judge a super specialty ring. The super specialty ring is a mechanism that you all can utilize. However, there are options to utilizing it. Many times in the ID we will see a super specialty ring where you assign the judge to do allbreed classes – kitten, championship and premiership. A far more effective use of this format is to assign one of the classes to each judge. For example, you could have one judge doing super specialty for kittens, one for championship, and it makes it much easier for you to expedite the efficient running of the show. So, I just wanted to throw that out to you as an option, in case it's not something that you realize was out there. **Calhoun:** Thank you Melanie.

- *4.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for license for a show in Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macau must be received in the Central Office at least 14 days prior to the opening day of the show and will not incur late filing fees. An application for a license for such a show received less than 14 days prior to the opening day of the show will not be accepted without approval from the Executive Board.*

Calhoun: The next one talks about 4.04. This is important because it talks about the fact that shows licensed for Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau must be received in the Central Office at least 14 days prior to the opening day of the show. If they meet that 14 day lead time, they would not incur a fee. Applications less than 14 days will not be accepted without the approval of the Executive Board, and that is difficult. That is difficult.

- *4.06.b. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings.*

Wong: 4.06.b. [reads].

- *4.06.e. When a show offers one or more Specialty rings, an equal number of Longhair and Shorthair Specialty rings must be offered.*

Calhoun: Then 4.06.e. This is a very important thing. [reads]. That's new and that's very important, so we need to make sure when we're putting together line-up's.

- *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

Colilla: OK, I'm going to speak finally. [reads]. **Calhoun:** This is critical because division wins are based on these segments, so if entries at shows do not have the proper designation, then when it comes to the end of the season for assigning divisional wins, there could be issues with having cats in the wrong division. So, this is critical for shows. We need to make sure that that's happening and that our entry clerks are cognizant of it.

- *6.34 Any exhibitor that attempts to blatantly manipulate show counts for the benefit of their entry or to the detriment of another exhibitor's entry will be considered to have acted in an unsportsmanlike manner and will be subject to discipline as specified in Article XV of the CFA Bylaws. Count manipulation can include but is not limited to paying for other exhibitors' entries to inflate the count; encouraging other exhibitors to withhold their cats from rings; entering one cat under multiple names. All of these can be done by one exhibitor or a group of exhibitors. Refer to the Exhibitor's Code of Ethics, <https://cfa.org/exhibitor-code-of-ethics/>*

Calhoun: 6.34 talks about – and I'm not going to drain this one, but this talks about blatant manipulation of counts. We want to make sure that all of our shows and our counts are accurate, that we are fair and square. This talks about that. It talks about that in the bylaws and there's also a link to the CFA Exhibitor Code of Ethics. I think that is important for everyone to review. If need be, we can certainly get that CFA Exhibitor Code of Ethics translated into appropriate languages.

- *6.35.b. The entry clerk will close the show to additional entries when the entry limit is reached or 9:00 p.m., China time, on the Thursday before the show, whichever is first.*

Calhoun: Bob, you want to do this? **Zenda:** Hello. 6.35.b., [reads]. The same closing time for all shows.

Calhoun: I'm going to pause here. So far, does anyone have any questions, either online or in the room? Does this all make sense?

- ***International Division Awards.** International Division Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:*
 - *Hong Kong*
 - *Indonesia*
 - *South Korea*
 - *Israel*
 - *Malaysia/Brunei*

- *Philippines*
- *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, Uzbeki stan, Turkmenistan, etc.)*

Three areas in China defined as follows:

- **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).

Calhoun: The next page just talks about the designations, and I'm not going to drain that.

- **Feline Health and Welfare:** *In order to uphold the Objects of the CFA Bylaws, the International Division the following initiatives will be instituted.*

Calhoun: Let's drop down to Feline Health and Welfare. [reads].

- **Bay Check-In** – *All shows in the International Division will conduct Bay Check-In for all shows licensed to occur April 1 through April 30, 2024.*

Calhoun: We will be doing bay check-in at all shows – all shows – in the International Division in April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024. So, that last month of the show season, we will be doing bay check-in. Is everyone familiar with what bay check-in is? So, rings will be set up at the beginning of the show so that every cat that is entered is in a cage with their number on the cage, and a judge or sometimes it might be two judges will go and look at every cat, review the cats and make sure so that there's no cats that – none of the cages can be empty. There will be no phantom cats. All the cats will have to be in place and recognized by the judge. As our judges do the bay check-in, they also will be looking for other things. So, for instance, colors that are not correct or not accepted, condition of the cats. We had a conversation yesterday and we talked about when our judges – and we have quite a few people here that are judges in the ID and certainly from the board – it's really important for not only CFA but for the welfare of the cats that we have less tolerance for cats that are not in condition and are not healthy. If we continue to turn a blind eye to that sort of thing, not only is it bad for CFA – this is not just the International Division, this is all of CFA – it's not only bad for CFA, it's really bad for the cats, because by accepting it, we are promoting it to continue and we just can't do that. That's not in the best interests of the cats. Does anybody have any questions or comments on that? **Law:** In order for bay check-in, starting from April going forwards, I'm just wondering, the judges who are invited for bay check-in, do they have to be allbreed or can an AJ do it? Let's say it's an AJ-only show. So, the longhair [judges] do the longhair check-in; the shorthair [judges] do shorthair check-in.

Calhoun: Right. You bring up a good point. You bring up a really good point, and I see no reason why if there's no allbreed judge that's available to do it, that an AJ that is qualified in that specialty that they're looking at, certainly. Anybody from the Judging Program have an issue with that, if there's no allbreed judges available? **Morgan:** We've already utilized associate judges. We're very grateful for the wonderful help and assistance they have given us, and they're a really good choice when we're looking at bay check-in, because they are more familiar with the language, for example, and can expedite the process. So, it's certainly an option that you can utilize. **Calhoun:** Excellent question, thank you. **Law:** It will be good, since we have some type of authority in place. If there will be more specs for this, then it will be much clearer. We have 8 months before. **Calhoun:** A whole process or procedure, and who can do what. **Law:** I'm just wondering, the only thing that is a bit of a concern is that AJs are immensely less experienced in all areas, so when you guys work out the small details on how it's going to be done, then it will be very helpful. **Calhoun:** Will do, absolutely. Good point. **Morgan:** Good questions, and I will let you know that the International Division and the Judging Program worked very closely together on this. When the International Division Chair has triggered a bay check-in they throw it to us, at which point we identify the judges that we're going to contact and asked to do that. When they are identified, we send an instruction sheet that basically breaks out exactly what's expected. I know Agnes and Allen have done this on numerous occasions, but rest assured we won't throw you down into the wolves completely. We'll give you pretty good procedures on that. **Zenda:** The only thing I would like to add is that one of the things that wasn't understood when we started this is that when a judge finds something wrong with a particular entry or it's in the wrong place, it's marked "MAB", *mandatory absentee*, or if the cage is empty it's mandatory absentee and the cat or kitten is not permitted to come in late. It's absent for the entire show. **Calhoun:** Thanks, Bob. Do we have any other questions, comments or additions to this topic? This is very important.

- *It is critical to the International Division that all cats and kittens be shown in the proper condition and that every entry represents a unique cat. We will ask our judges to align with this process and be advocates for healthy cats.*
- **Show Package Requirements - Timely show packages to Central Office**
 - *Late is defined as more than 4 days after the close of the show. The CFA now allows the scan of the show results. Fines for late show packages will be enforced. In addition, any club that is late providing their show package will not be allowed to license a show for the next season that occurs in the last two weekends of the show season.*

Calhoun: The next topic that we have for today on the discussion topic is on the show packages. So, we struggle with some clubs getting the show packages in a timely manner. When I say "a timely manner", I think the maximum would be 3-4 days after you have closed the show. That would be like the maximum on time. If someone has some sort of issue, this would be a good place to talk about it, but the reason particularly at the end of the show season is that the way CFA scores the end-of-show results, all of the shows that occur in that season's show packages must be received by the Central Office to accurately do that. It's not segmented where you can do part of it here and part of it there. That's not how the system operates. So, if one club has not sent in their show package, it holds up the end-of-season results for all of CFA. The end

result of that is that region and division wins, people that need to order rosettes, they need to put together catalogs, they need to do all these sorts of things. All of this is held on hold until all of the results are in. Now, Central Office will accept scans, so we're no longer having to worry about putting packages in the mail from overseas, which could take a really long time and could get lost in transit. We don't have to worry about that anymore. So, there's really no reason why we can't get those show packages in, in a timely manner. If we don't get them in in like 3-4 days, there could be a penalty applied to the club for a late show package. Because it is so critical to CFA as a whole, clubs that are late with their show packages in the last 2 weekends of the show season will not get that spot in the next round. For instance, if your package was late for the last show of April 2023, that club will not be assigned that weekend again for the April 2024 season. That's not to say they will never get it, but we just can't have that happen twice in a row with the same clubs. Questions? Questions on line? **Wong:** In Mandarin, because we have Allen, 5D, Howe and Chris. Some of you know them very well. They are all AJs in China. Sorry for those who speak English, but there are benefits to hear what's gone on so far. [**Wong** translates to Mandarin]. **Calhoun:** Alright, any other questions about what we have covered so far?

- **Open Discussion**

Calhoun: Let's drop to the last page of the open discussion.

- *Ideas to support registration and shows in the International Division.*

Calhoun: The first bullet, [reads]. What are the obstacles? What can CFA do to make that easier and economically sound for the clubs? Comments? Are we just perfect as is? Any barriers? [**Wong** translates]. **Liu:** From Hong Kong. Recently we have been seeing some problems with entries. What I mean by problems with entries is that some entries seem unreliable or even fake registrations. I want to put it nicely, but it's true. Because what you all know from recent shows, one of the kittens which is a Maine Coon kitten, on the registration the mother is Venizia cattery, and that's Ken. Ken told me that he had never sold any cats to Hong Kong for breeding, so obviously that is a false registration but we don't know what happened and how it can happen. That's why we are looking into some solutions to this. This is already known to the ID Rep. I am sure there are more false registrations than we can imagine, but we don't know how they managed to hack into the system or did they buy some papers from some brokers in China? We don't know how it happens, but it is becoming a severe problem because it could tarnish the reputation of the set breeders. For example, Ken has never sold a cat to Hong Kong for breeding, but that kitten was registered under his cattery. The mother cat seems to be from Venizia. I was asking Ken, what about if that kitten came out with issues that would seem like Venizia's issue? So, we have to address this problem. I really don't know how. Actually, I didn't want to point this out publicly because I'm not sure if I would be attacked by anybody in the ID, but maybe it's time for us to really look into the issue. Thank you so much. **Calhoun:** That's a very serious issue, and we've had some reports about that as of late. I know probably on at least a case-by-case basis, we probably need to get information about that cat and the registrations numbers or whatever we can find out about that cat and get that information to Central Office so they can start to investigate. Really, if this is a prevalent issue, we may need to figure out a more overarching solution around data integrity and data security. I think we need to probably put something on our radar to really put an effort via a task force or some follow up around this data integrity issue, because this is not going to be good for CFA. **Liu:** Kathy, who do you suggest we

can contact at Central Office? **Calhoun:** For the one issue, I would send it to Allene, but we'll talk offline about what we can do from an overall perspective, because we're hearing this a lot. We're hearing this a lot and it sounds like you have seen it a lot. We're seeing it in the U.S. and we've got to figure out, how do we address our data security? We are, first and foremost, a registry so our information should be correct.

Low: I have files on a suspicious cattery to relate to the person in CFA, and they are checking. So, what I suggest, if we can have another round for cattery reports like we do before so we can check whether we have some great cases come to our cattery registration. **Calhoun:** I think with the breed council, there was a discussion – I believe it was yesterday – to talk about getting cattery reports. Annette, do you want to talk about that? **Wilson:** Yes. This is Annette Wilson, Director at Large and share the Breeds and Standards Committee. I'm not able to do a forensic investigation on these, but Central Office will. Central Office has agreed that breed council members will get an annual cattery report. These are available online now on eCats, but maybe it is time for everyone to get another one. I know one was sent out several years ago, maybe two or three years ago, but it's incumbent on the people who are receiving them to open the file and review it, but I think it is a good first step. If I can do a little advertising here, I would ask you to encourage breeders in all of your areas to consider joining the breed councils. It's a good way to stay in touch with breeders around the world and is a good way to get some resources to help with those kinds of issues. There are private pedigree databases out there, so if some of you can stay for the meeting after this, which is when the board meets with the Breed Council Secretaries, encouraging membership from breeders all over the world is on our agenda and how we can reach out to people and do that. So, thank you for bringing this up though. It's very important – very important, thank you. **Calhoun:** Thank you, Annette. **Eigenhauser:** In addition to being a board member, I'm also the Chair of the Protest Committee. We get a lot of complaints where somebody discovered that some cat out there with a cattery prefix with your cattery name is something you never bred, so it's really important we get this cattery report and go through it with a fine tooth comb and make sure that everything in there is legitimate. We've gotten used to sharing our information on social media these days. We put out our kitty pictures and the date of birth of the litter and all kinds of other information, and when we go onto eCats and we register a cat with a PIN number that has to be used to register the cat with breeding rights, if you share your secret PIN number on social media, it's no longer a secret, OK? So, just be cautious what information you put out on the internet. Kitty pictures are great, wonderful stuff on social media. Litter number, PIN number, cattery number, things people could use to spoof your identity, don't put that on social media. Make that a "need to know". If you have people you work with, breeders you work with that you share that information, you may trust them and that's fine, but be careful what you put out on social media. Please, encourage the breeders in your area to join the breed council so they can get this information and protect the integrity of our registrations. **[inaudible speaker]:** From Hong Kong. I would like to ask, what consequences those breeders with cats with fake registrations may face? Because, for example, with this Venizia cattery cat came to Hong Kong and that kitten has been competing in Hong Kong, what we can expect? **Calhoun:** To talk about what the penalty may be or what the solution may be would be a little bit difficult to figure that out at this meeting without getting more of the information and investigating it, but certainly there are options of the individual who has been improperly used in a registration can file a protest. The Protest Committee can follow up on that, but specifically to the case that we are saying, but it would not go unnoticed. George, do you have something? **Eigenhauser:** I just want to add, we actually have a person who works

with Protests – Karen Lawrence – who has access to CFA’s database and who can investigate these things. We understand you don’t have access to CFA’s database and you can’t do the investigation yourself, but we can assist you with it. But, we have to be made aware because if somebody used your PIN number to register a cat or improperly register a cat, we don’t know you didn’t give them the number unless you tell us. So, you have to initiate it, but once you get the ball rolling, we can investigate it and do what we can to try to correct the situation.

Calhoun: I believe Alex wanted to speak on the Zoom call. Alex? **Chan:** Alright, so everyone, I would like to just say, the problem is the people, the newbies. They don’t know where they can buy cats which is from CFA. When I try to talk with them, I can see they are still ones unwilling to show, but if we stop the way that they buy the cats, then I would say the problem is, they don’t have any ideas on buying a cat which is from CFA and what is a breeding cat. So, once they contact with such kind of a cattery or people, all the cats from there can be shown in CFA. This is what my experience in the last show season, as I have actually been the entry clerk on lots of the shows in the last year. There are lots of newbies that want to show their cats or they are willing to show their cats. I answer the questions but I need to turn down them because they do not have regular or a popular CFA numbered cat, or the cat had not been desexed or something like that. There are still some of the people that would like to show the cat, but due to different types of problems, they cannot show it like this. So, I think the way is, how can we educate that and promote more about how to buy cats which is CFA registered. **Shi [translated by Wong]:** Thank you very much everyone. He understands it has been very difficult for the past two years and he really appreciates the support from the board and the ID Committee. He said, these few years, thanks for top 30 from the board in terms of NW/GC/GP scoring. That really helped encourage people to participate and register their cats, because they see a change of getting grand champion/national winner. More importantly, the AJ program, which thanks for the AJ program. Allen, Chris, Howe and also 5D are all AJs. Because of the AJ program, we have managed to survive these few years with putting on shows, especially competing against other associations. Especially last year when China reopened again, the air fares are very expensive for anyone from overseas, plus also the difficulty of getting a visa because a lot of the business visas expired already. Thanks for the Associate Judging Program, plus some of the judges like Allan Raymond in Thailand, they managed to still put on many, many shows in China, as we will see, with controllable costs. Because the number of shows is a big drive for registrations and basically the air fare is a big factor for the cost, right now the cost has come down a little bit from the U.S., but most are still \$3,000 U.S. So, you can imagine that 4 judges is \$12,000 U.S. That’s very important. Thanks for a lot of pep talks from Agnes and so many people. In China, with an NGO filing we are able to run shows, such as the cat show. If I want to put on a show, we need to negotiation and also sign an agreement with NGO. I think Rich and Rachel helped a lot doing this paperwork and sent to China. Now, fortunately, we have a few NGO filings for multiple cities. In terms of number of cities in China, we are definitely back to pre-COVID capabilities, which is really good. As you can see by the number of shows, we are quite confident that the number of shows and the number of cities have come already back to pre-COVID level. We have continued a stable policy and overall quite friendly gesture to the point system. He believes the number of shows we could continue to grow and even break records to a high pre-COVID level. Hopefully, that will drive registration in China. Allen just wants to thank everyone because obviously he was the ID-China Rep before and actually he tried to get into the Directors at Large last year, as well. So, Allen is a very keen participant. He is supportive. He is saying he also realized that it is a lot harder than he thought to get things passed

in the board, so he appreciates every one of us here to support China and the whole ID. Thank you.

Lee: I would like to get back to how to do the cattery reports and some things. Will CFA have a special period for the breeder, they can have pride for their cattery reports. By now, I'm actually the administrator of the FaceBook ID. I receive lot of notice and complaints because, for example, somebody is talking about here the cat is in his home, but the cat is showing in China. They said the cat is neutered, although the cat is in China in championship. The cat is neutered. He just showed the cats one time in 2019. I said, let me check. I can't get back to him because I don't know what to do. Can anyone help? The Central Office? Or maybe what procedures could help them to do it? This is very important. The cat is in Malaysia and is showing in China. What's going on? Please. **Calhoun:** Clearly, there's some fraud here. If we can get the information about the registration number for the cat that the owner has, and the show information of where this cat and who it is, we can get that information to Central Office with Karen Lawrence to kick off an investigation. **Gao [translated by Wong]:** Howe is very experienced. He is saying about his registration in shows, first of all we need to establish [inaudible] CFA certificate, which is very important. So again, it's about education. It's important. He said, can we consider having a certified Chinese version of some of our web pages? Right now, the main Chinese fancier goes to the website to read about the breeds, and everything is in English. We have some things in Chinese, but not on the web page. That is fine, but if we have some local language translations for breed standards, it would be helpful for newcomers so they are not relying on [inaudible]. **Hannon:** I'm co-chairman of the Marketing Committee and we're working on the redesign of the website. We have told the contractor we want a number of these pages in Chinese. If the ID Committee could tell us specifically the more important pages and the first step you want us to take, we would like to get those translated into Chinese. **Gao:** The second point he raises about the breeds, one example is the golden color British Shorthair. We are a little bit more conservative than some of our competitors in bringing in and promoting that particular color. Because in Chinese the golden British name sounds really fantastic, and it was all over social media and everyone was going mad. [inaudible] social media China at the top, so if it stays trendy then everyone will buy it right now. So, it's commercially driven. We are slow to tell people that we are also [inaudible], so by the time we come out, people are not aware of the actual situation because they are watching too much Tik Tok and they think that the golden Brit. The third area that I will say is how to revive some of the registrations. A lot of our people register cats but they just never come back to the website again, so how to encourage people to come back to the website after registration of some of these that can help. I heard yesterday from the floor, "oh, you registered a cat, would you like to show?" So, I did some call to action for people to go back to the webpage, especially if they had a registered cat, could help. **Calhoun:** Really good feedback. Anyone else online like to speak, or in the room? Really good conversation here.

- *Scoring concerns for Divisional Wins.*
- *Scoring concerns regarding Grand Champion or Grand Premiership cats.*

Calhoun: The next two are kind of combined. I want to make sure that we don't go past our time limit here. Scoring concerns for divisional wins, grand champion and grand premiership. I know in some parts of the world, our current scoring or our minimums may put

them out of reach. I don't know Bob if you want to speak to that. **Zenda:** I think what has happened, as far as I understand it, there is a point allotment across the board for everyone. Is that right, Allene? **Tartaglia:** When you say "everyone", everyone in the ID? **Zenda:** Yes. **Tartaglia:** I don't know off the top of my head. I'm sorry. There's a lot of point minimums. There's a lot. I can pull the information up and show everybody what it is. **Zenda:** Some of my feedback came from Kuwait and that area saying, "hey, there's no reason to show a cat because we're never going to get 200 points" or whatever it is. They will never qualify for a DW or whatever because the point minimums are too high. **Calhoun:** I think one of the issues is that some of the divisions that, because of quarantine restrictions and costs, without minimums as they are, cannot – there are not enough shows within their area to hit the minimums. So, I just want to make sure that we flag that. That might be something that we will be discussing with the board down the road. **5D Wang [translated by Wong]:** 5d just gave a very confusing answer about this. What he is saying right now, in China a GC is 175 points, a GP is 50 points. The average number of entries in a show is about 100 to 120. Because of the costs we mentioned, most of the rings are AJs and they can only judge either longhair or shorthair, so even the best highest scoring cats may be just walking home with 20 or 30 points a show. So, it takes roughly 4 or 5 shows to grand a cat, which is OK. China has about 20 shows in one season, and very, very diverse from different regions, from Shenyang in the north to Nanjin to the east and Chengdu to the west. So, not so easy and quite pricey for someone to campaign a cat 4 to 5 shows in one single season. So, what we notice is, a lot of people show once or twice. They are not highest scoring, they do not pursue further to grand the cat because the cost to grand a cat has just become unbearable. So, what 5D is saying, he really appreciates the points reduced and he would like to say please continue and maybe align with the rest of ID so that there is more encouragement for people to continue to campaign the cats after one or two shows. He suggests we can look at the statistics of number of GC/GP and conversation from open to GC/GP. Pick 2019 as the line of before and after. He feels that right now, as an organizer in Beijing himself, it's a struggle to get people to come back to the show. They will come once or twice, but to come back three times, four times and continue, I think the point system will really make a big difference. Thank you. **Calhoun:** Thank you. That's really good feedback. **Hannon:** My suggestion would be for the ID Committee to come back to the board with some realistic points that would be required to grand a cat in various areas in the ID, in China in particular. **Calhoun:** I agree with you, and that's the plan. We just wanted to make sure that we gave the board somewhat of a preview of the concerns and hearing it from the source of the obstacles that may be part of this, but definitely that would be the mission of the ID Committee, to come back. **Wong:** Chris Lee, I woke him up to participate. Also mention Howe, Allen and 5D, but because he is from northern China, and as you can see from earlier yesterday, we only got two clubs and we had two shows last year. He organized them and he said, right now in the north, because the number of shows were very few. I remember when we used to have so many shows, and now it's down to a few. He says it's because of the geographic area. I would imagine that even the domestic air flights, the cost of running a show in Shenyang is really quite high, even relative to Chongqing or Nanjing. Also, there are fewer AJs in northern China – basically himself and 5D – so it's a struggle for him to control the cost in Shenyang and northern China. That's why he is not putting on as many shows as he wished. He also mentioned right now the sponsorship scenery in China he has been able to confirm. A lot of time the sponsorship doesn't come in cash, they pay you in products. You get lots of food, canned food, and if you're the organizer you have to sell these to get money. They are trying to sell the food to pet shops, to other people

or to a group of people to raise some cash to put on a show to pay for the air fares. So, he just wanted to explain to you how hard they are working and how far they go to put on a show and to make ends meet. Thank you Chris. **Calhoun:** That's a very interesting twist there about getting sponsorship money in pallets of food, so maybe we need to make sure that when we set up contracts with sponsors, that we are very clear on what we expect, as opposed to food.

Zenda: I will follow up on that issue earlier, but the problem may not actually be the points, it's the number of rings required in some countries that only have one show or one club or two clubs, and they have to have at least a minimum of 25 rings or 50 rings, as defined for this current show season. It's impossible for them to make it. I had a message from a couple clubs in the Asia west area saying, "hey, there's no point in us trying to get a kitten win, because we can never have that many rings". So, those countries, because of geography, quarantine or reasons otherwise, they have no choice and they may just go away because, what's the point? I know we'll have to come back with something a little more specific by country, but that was the issue, rather than the number of points. The points may also be affected, but it's impossible to hit that number of rings in many of our areas.

- *What are the concerns of the ID?*
- *How can the committee serve you better?*

Calhoun: I think we touched on a lot of these things, but the next two bullets are, how can the Committee serve the ID Division better, and if there are any ideas and considerations. **Sowprasertsuk:** Actually, we try to support the new generation of Thai exhibitors and I think we did it because of [inaudible] that show in Thailand is better, but now after last season we have two big problems about the shows. The first one is, manipulating count or stuffing. The second one is [inaudible] kitten. These two problems make cat fancy in Thailand broken because people keep wanting to go to other shows of the other side and keep reporting the other side. **Wong:** Sorry, we don't quite understand. The first one is stuffing, and people keep [inaudible] the other side? **Sowprasertsuk:** Yes. The first one is stuffing. Actually in Thailand, we have only 80 cats in kittens, championship and premiership, but now we can have nearly 200 cats in each show, especially in kitten. The most is 130 kittens in a show. I think 80% of those kittens have no registration number, but the clubs still do it because as a show rule they can do it. Regarding the show rule, you can enter without a registration number. **DelaBar:** I was asked about this by others and it appears that many of these kittens came from another organization and did not have the registration number in CFA yet. You know that you've got two other organizations now who are coming to Thailand, or possibly three – but are coming into Thailand. When they want to be with CFA, they need to learn what they need to do. The other thing is that the kittens I looked at, there were no TRN numbers. Are you all using the TRN system? Sorry Zun, that's the temporary registration number. **Ruengruglikit:** Also, the kittens in those shows have just one show. How can we separate the kittens from the backyard breeders? Probably someone who wants to manipulate the count, they ask for the kittens to come into the show just for that show. For the cat breeders from the other organization, that is fine for us but we don't know. We cannot differentiate between them. **Calhoun:** I think part of this is about education and about the TRN numbers and what needs to occur. I think that we can certainly address that. I don't know, Mike Shelton, I know that you have been getting some feedback, as well. **Shelton:** I've seen the same thing you are seeing – shows with very large numbers of kittens with no registration numbers or

TRNs. If it is a matter of education of people coming in from other associations and there's a mentorship issue or something like that that needs to go on, where people need to learn how to do things within the CFA system, I think that would be a good first step – to make sure that they know that these are the avenues available to them, even if the kittens don't have registration numbers yet, to get TRNs so that they can be scored and so you can keep better track of who these kittens are. **Calhoun:** At the end of the day, if those kittens are coming in and want to participate in a CFA show, we want them to be registered. So, that's what we want to do. We will work on getting tools, education, hand-outs and other things that we can do to make sure that everybody in the ID is aware of how the TRN process works and how to do it, and then maybe some follow-up. If they are interested in coming to a show, we want them to register CFA.

Gao [translated by Wong]: I got a comment from Howe. He said he has been around and we all know about stuffing, right? We are trying to kind of [inaudible] but he said more importantly is that these shows, if they are stuffed or not, cannot be closed shows because we have seen the worst sportsmanship, "I have been running my show, I put in 130 kittens, but I don't allow my competitors to enter," and that's something that actually the ID Committee and Show Scheduling, we look very closely. Most of us remember when Dick was the ID, someone cannot enter the show, so typically they open the show Wednesday and they close in 30 minutes or fewer. When we see something like this happen, we actually pick up the phone, call the organizer and say, "look, this is not good sport. You can't do this. If you do this, we will make your life very difficult going forward." That's all we have, because it's all legit. They open the show, it closes in 30 minutes. What can I say as ID Chair or ID Rep? I can't go to the computer when you open show, so we're doing this with soft skills. Number two is obviously no monopoly. I think that's what we have been doing very hard this year. I recall saying that, why can't someone run three shows in one month? Because we cannot afford manipulation and monopoly. You can imagine a gang of breeders with 100 cats that they can mobilize to be kittens this weekend and adult next weekend. They can just take 15 spots in the NW/DW if they want to, at very low cost – at very low cost. So, we make sure that the show scheduling, especially in March and April, is well diverse beyond just the name of the club, to make sure no one single gang can control 4 shows, basically. Sometimes in China they can get 3 shows in one weekend, so that is kind of bringing back fair competition. Hopefully, that could reduce the impact on stuffing, which I don't know how to stop. If I'm the organizer and someone took 100 kittens, no TRN but pay the fees. **Law:** I think what Zun and Chate talk about, the sudden influx of unregistered kittens is not quite a common phenomenon in Thailand, but it's happening to CFA rules. I think Matt just mentioned a lot of things I want to talk about, is maybe this last two or three shows that, people are crazy about standings and you are looking at the standings every day and you forget the rules. That's the time when you have a sudden influx of 100 extra kittens. As organizers, we know. For a whole year we have typically 100 cats and when we have 200 cats, we know there is something strange about it. I think what Chate and Zun say about this, there will be some good way to actually – what Matthew mentioned here is the things that you guys can do after it happens to penalize the gangs, but [inaudible] the damage is done. You can penalize these guys, these people, that they can never join any CFA shows forever, but the thing is, the damage is done. It's very discouraging for a lot of people. [inaudible] I get nothing in the end. **Calhoun:** This is an issue that we have throughout CFA when we do have an issue where there's a problem with manipulation of any kind. By the time we can do anything about it, as you said, the damage is done. So, we need to figure out – we need to figure that out.

○ *Other ideas and considerations?*

Calhoun: Unfortunately, we're coming close to our time and there's another group. This is a great conversation. I know Rich has something that he wanted to say, so our President speaks. **Mastin:** I don't want to take up any more time. I'll get with Matthew after. **Wong:** We just got done meeting. The guy on the left, the third one down in the blue t-shirt, he got the Star Award yesterday. He organized many, many shows for us in China and he is relatively new. Ning, you said you have a question to ask. You can say it in English or Chinese and I will translate it. **Ning [translated by Wong]:** Ning, he works very hard to get the NGO filing and he is willing to lend his filing to other clubs. Right now, we're doing this every year and it's such a pain, so he's saying, can we sign a 5 years or something longer than one year between CFA and the NGO in China, so that it makes the administration a bit easier. You don't have to re-do the paperwork every year. **Calhoun:** Is that an option for NGO? **Wong:** Ning said yes, he thinks it's something that we can try to negotiate. **Calhoun:** Yes. That's a very strong yes. **Mastin:** When we originally started doing the NGO filings years ago, the requirement was annual. That wasn't made by CFA, that was made by the Chinese officials. As we got into negotiations with the ID Committee, we determined, OK, we can agree to a one year and we will just renew it manually. Now, if you want to do them 2 year or 3 year, we will definitely consider it and bring it to the board, and see if the board agrees. **Wong:** I can quickly translate. This is quite real. He also mentioned Agnes, who has been very helpful getting NGO filings for multiple cities. That's why I said we are back to the present, but what it is right now, the present show scheduling, we have been very careful not to allow anyone to manipulate or hold too many dates. He is saying, can we have some organization on which NGO filing and how many cities they can apply? Right now, that single NGO cannot occupy more than two cities in one weekend. We have to get some flexibility, so we will get offline to discuss, but we do now understand and share the report that the NGO filing – because we look at the NGO filing – we have some flexibility in number of show weekends each event can occupy in terms of cities and number of shows per month. **Calhoun:** I think a lot of our direction has been from the Chinese officials, so we have taken those applications and completed them as directed, but if we can be more flexible and lengthen the time, then I don't see any downside to that at all.

Calhoun: We have had a lively, great discussion. It is all recorded. We have a lot of follow-up's. I appreciate everyone's participation. I appreciate the people who got up in the middle of the night to participate in this thing. All the members of the International Division that traveled here to Tucson, we really appreciate it and are happy to see you. I want to thank the board for support and for our legal counsel for participating in this morning's meeting. Adios.

(56) BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING.

Attending In Person:

Beth Reilly	Abyssinian
Sue Baxter	American Curl
Carol Johnson	American Shorthair
Jan Rogers	American Wirehair
Samantha Kerr	representing Bengal
Jeri Zottoli	representing Birman
Jeri Zottoli	Bombay
Art Graafmans	Burmese
Ginger Meeker	British Shorthair
Orca Starbuck	Chartreux
Nancy Dodds	representing Cornish Rex
Bobbi Irie	representing Devon Rex
Melanie Morgan	Egyptian Mau
Wendy Klamm	European Burmese
LeAnn Rupy	Havana Brown
Dennis Ganoe	LaPerm
Bethany Colilla	Maine Coon Cat
Joy Yoders-Dey	Manx
Brook Cole	Norwegian Forest Cat
Beth Deal	representing Ocicat
Dotti Olsen	Oriental
Carissa Altschul	Persian
Lauren Tan	Ragdoll
Annette Wilson	Russian Blue
Marilee Griswold	Scottish Fold/Straight
Betsy Arnold	Siamese
Iris Zinck	Siberian
Ikuyo Takase	Singapura
Charlene Munro	Somali
Claire Dubit	Tonkinese

Attending via Zoom:

Lorna Friemoth-Gallion	representing American Bobtail
Lorna Friemoth-Gallion	Bali/Javi
Lynn Cooke	Exotic
Cheryl Coleman	Korat
Laura Gregory	RagaMuffin
Gigi Guerriero	Toybob
Alene Shafnisky	Turkish Angora
Linda Gorsuch	Turkish Van

- *Welcome and Introductions*

Wilson: Good morning, everyone. This is the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the CFA Board of Directors. I want to thank the CFA board for providing us with this opportunity to have conversations back and forth over issues that the Breed Council Secretaries have brought to my attention. I also want to thank all of the Breed Council Secretaries for being here in person and on our Zoom call, for agreeing to participate in this. I appreciate that many of you traveled or are on a different time zone or woke up early to be part of this, and I really, really appreciate your dedication to your breeds. I just want to remind everybody of the purpose of a Breed Council Secretary, which is online, is to be the guardian of the breed standard, to promote the breed and to communicate with the breed council members.

Wilson: Our first order of business is to do introductions. I'm going to tell you, you have to use the microphone. I don't care how much you think that everybody can hear you. We cannot, OK? So please say your breed name followed by your name, to introduce yourself to the audience and to the board. Can we start back there with Iris? There's plenty of mikes. Pass her a mike. Be sure to turn the mike on before you speak. It will light up, and when you're finished turn it off. For the introductions, if you could just pass it on to the next person, that would be great. Thank you. **Zinck:** Siberian, Iris Zinck. **Griswold:** Scottish Fold, Marilee Griswold. **Dubit:** Tonkinese, Claire Dubit. **[unidentified speaker]:** Tonkinese. Oops sorry, I like Claire so much. Toybobs. **Bobby:** Lykoi, Desiree Bobby. **Cole:** Norwegian Forest Cat, Brook Cole. **Reilly:** Beth Reilly, Abyssinian. **Arnold:** Siamese, Betsy Arnold. **Tan:** Ragdoll, Lauren Tan. **Graafmans:** Burmese, Art Graafmans. **Kimberlin:** Burmilla, Keith Kimberlin. **Munro:** Somali, Charlene Munro. **Johnson:** American Shorthair, Carol Johnson. **Meeker:** British Shorthair, Ginger Meeker. **Ganoe:** LaPerm, Dennis Ganoe. **Starbuck:** Chartreux, Orca Starbuck. **Kerr:** Bengals, Sami Kerr. **B. Colilla:** Maine Coon Cats, Bethany Colilla. **Zottoli:** Bombay and Birman, Jeri Zottoli. **Dey:** Manx, Joy Dey. **Deal:** Ocicats, Beth Deal. **Olsen:** Oriental, Dotti Olsen. **Dodds:** Cornish Rex, for Mike Blee, I'm Nancy Dodds. **Klamm:** European Burmese, Wendy Klamm. **Rogers:** American Wirehair, Jan Rogers. **Altschul:** Persians, Carissa Altschul. **Irie:** Devon Rex, Bobbi Irie, filling in for Linda Peterson. **Morgan:** Melanie Morgan, Egyptian Mau. **Tartaglia:** They say they're having trouble hearing us, but it's very muddled so I would just ask everybody to please speak closely to the microphone. **Wilson:** We have Cheryl Coleman for Korat. Please unmute your Zoom. **Friemoth-Gallion:** Lorna Friemoth for Bali/Javi and appointee for American Bobtail. **Gregory:** Laura Gregory, Ragamuffin. **Gorsuch:** Linda Gorsuch, Turkish Vans. **Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky, Turkish Angora. **Cooke:** Lynn Cooke, Exotic. **Wilson:** Thank you Lynn. **Cooke:** No problem. **Wilson:** Annette Wilson, Russian Blue breed council. I'll have the board introduce themselves. **Hannon:** Mark Hannon, Director at Large. **Morgan:** Melanie Morgan, lame duck. **Roy:** Sharon Roy, Region 1. **Moser:** Pam Moser, Region 2. **J. Colilla:** John Colilla, the Great Lakes Region. **Anger:** Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary. **Calhoun:** Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer. **Wong:** Matthew Wong, ID Co-Chair. **Krzanowski:** Carol Krzanowski, Director at Large. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, Director at Large until the end of today. **Shelton:** Mike Shelton Region 5. **Noble:** Paula Noble, Region 3. **Dunham:** Cathy Dunham, Region 6. **Hayata:** Yukiko Hayata, Region 8. **Perkins:** Shelly Perkins, Parliamentarian and legal counsel. **Mastin:** Rich Mastin, CFA President. **DelaBar:** Pam DelaBar, Region 9 – Europe. **Currle:** Kenny Currle, Region 7, inviting you all to my September show in Daytona. **Webb:** Russell Webb, CFA Vice President. **Wilson:** Do we have anybody that

came in later? **Rupy:** LeAnn Rupy, Havana Brown. **Wilson:** This is LeAnn Rupy, Havana Brown Breed Council Secretary, late. Thanks everyone. Is there anybody else I can pick on?

Wilson: So, we have agendas handed out. We're going to try to stick to this as much as we can and at the end if we have some time we can take other comments or ideas from the floor. I want to thank everybody that participated in providing some ideas to put on here.

- ***Membership Applications (if By-Law amendment passed)***

Wilson: Our first item on here is the membership applications, which says if the bylaw amendment passed yesterday, which it did. The bylaw amendment that passed yesterday passed by 2/3 and is therefore effective immediately. It removes the 2 year membership option and it changes when people can join the breed council. You no longer have to wait until May 1st to join. A person can join as soon as they are eligible. However, in order to vote in the current term's elections or proposals, they must still join by August 1st. Does anybody have any questions about that? **Ganoe:** The question I have is, we still have – anytime they join they are a member, but if they haven't joined in the calendar year before August 1st, they don't get to vote in that election. Is that how I'm understanding it? So, if they join in July, they are eligible to vote. If they join in September, they're not for that year until the next year. **Wilson:** That is correct. So, the eligibility for voting has not changed. What this does is welcome breeders as soon as they are eligible, should they wish to join, so they can participate in the other activities of your breed council, which hopefully has a form of communication with the breed councils. That brings us actually to some other issues. How do you know when someone has joined the breed council? You can go in and check to see if there's new members. However, we're going to look and see if there's a way that we can automatically welcome the person as a breed council member and possibly copy the Breed Council Secretary at that time. Those things are in the works. As a policy, it will work and it will be clear to people if they are joining after August 1st that they have a shortened membership time and that they're not going to be able to vote. So, there's a policy that's going to need to be developed and put in place. I'll be talking to Central Office about that. If you have any ideas on that, if you could email them to me privately, that would be the best way to deal with that. If you tell me today, well. **Johnson:** If I join January 1, 2024, do I get 12 calendar months, or does it expire in May? **Wilson:** The question from Carol Johnson is, if she joins January 1, 2024, does her membership expire April 30, 2024? Yes, it does. It will be clear on the application form that you are joining for a shortened period of time. That's part of the deal, and there's not going to be a lower fee. If you want to join that soon – we kind of talked about this in previous meetings about, people are excited, they want to join the breed council. Well, this is one of the things. They can join and hopefully you will all make them welcome and explain to them, "you're part of the group now, we all chat together, we share information." However, they will have to rejoin May 1st, absolutely. **Johnson:** So, to vote, it will only be May 1 to August 1. You have to join in that period. **Wilson:** Yes. The term remains the same – May 1st through April 30th. For that term, you must join by August 1st in order to vote. We'll get some more information out there for you on this, but I think as we talked about this before, this is hopefully a benefit. We can encourage people to join. They should be excited to join, and if they don't want to because they are like, "why did I pay \$35 to be a member for 4 months?" It's up to you to explain to them how important it is. **Altschul:** I had a question about the 2 year thing. You said it goes in effect immediately, that the 2 year is no longer a thing. So, what if people paid already for a 2 year membership? How is that going to work? **Tartaglia:** The 2 year option

was only available in even numbered years, so the current membership year is the last year for people who paid for the 2 year option. So therefore, for the next go around that we would have had, it's no longer eligible. **Wilson:** Any other questions on that? **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to answer my own question here. An obvious question is, OK, what's the advantage to joining a breed council once the eligibility for voting has passed? On Thursday the board voted that, going forward, we're going to give a free cattery report as one of the perks of being a breed council member. So, that's something you can start using right now to sell people to get them to join the breed council. Now, as a segue from that, I think it's really important that when you get these cattery reports, you actually review them for two things. One of the reasons we're doing this is obviously to avoid registration fraud. We occasionally get people saying, "wait a minute, I saw this cat on a website somewhere that has my cattery prefix; no, that ain't me." So, when you get the cattery reports, it's incumbent upon you to go through that cattery report and make sure everything is on the up and up. Identity theft is rampant in the world right now. It applies just as much to our registrations as it does to anything else. You need to advise your people to be careful, just like you wouldn't put your full name, Social Security number and mother's maiden name out on social media, be careful where you put your cattery number, your litter registration number and your secret litter PIN number out on social media. Once you put your secret litter PIN number on social media, it is no longer a secret. So, people need to be aware of that. More and more, we're getting complaints that cats are showing up that just aren't right. The registration just isn't right, and there's no way when somebody goes onto eCats for a computer to tell if this is you or somebody spoofing you, if they have the correct information. The person who is most likely able to catch that is you, so the purpose of these free cattery reports is to cut down on registration fraud, but it's also a perk of breed council membership that you can use to start selling these memberships, particularly when we're during the months that you wouldn't be eligible to vote. **Wilson:** Thank you George. When we get to that part of the agenda, I'll have you repeat all of that again. [laughter] It's very important.

- *Update on Color Genetics Project – Central Office*

Wilson: The next item on the agenda is an update by Central Office on the color genetics project. There was an update provided to the board, and if Allene and James could just give us a brief update on where we are with that, that would be great. **Tartaglia:** Yes. I don't know how many people were in the board meeting. There really wasn't much to add to that, other than we are continuing to test the data. We did find some issues with the raw data and we are now conferring with a geneticist who has said she will help us clean up the data to be sure that the information going in is good. You know the saying, "garbage in, garbage out"; not that we have garbage, but you know how that is. So, we're just working to be sure that the data that we have going in is good so that we can get valid results. We expect to be doing some testing on some known litters to try them out first, to be sure that the colors that the software says are genetically available truly are, so we're going to be starting that testing. We still plan on debuting the genetic software when we debut the new system of the CSU2022 upgraded system. **Wilson:** Thank you.

- *Van Bi-Colors – default of Classic if Tabby; any options?*

Wilson: We have one adjunct question that came to me. I don't remember if it was Carissa who brought it up. Apparently, there's a default now on the van bi-color class. It defaults

to classic. It's a tabby and white van patterned cat. The question was, are there any options? I'm not sure what those would be, but if you want to speak to the briefly Carissa, that would be great. **Altschul:** On high-white bi-colors, a lot of times we can't determine the pattern because there's not enough color for us to determine pattern. If you go back into our old registrations, at least in the Persians, it will just say "brown tabby and white". We took out the van, so it just says brown tabby and white, when there's not enough pattern for us to determine it. Recently, in the last year or so, I have noticed that if I register a cat as a brown tabby and white, Central Office sends me back a registration that says "brown classic tabby and white", when it may not be a classic tabby and white. So, if I breed that cat then to a classic tabby and white, and I get mackerel tabby and whites, which genetically is not possible out of two classics, this is problematic. I really want to get that where we can define a cat as just a brown tabby and white or a red tabby and white if we cannot determine the pattern is mackerel versus classic. **Tartaglia:** There was a request a couple years ago that we be more specific about what tabby it is, because many people nowadays, they just see tabby and they don't know, is it mackerel, is it classic, it's whatever, and there really is no default any longer. So, really, we would need guidance if you don't want us to include the word "classic" any further, but it really should be specified on the registration. **DelaBar:** Other organizations have the tabbies coded out, but they also have, besides the classic, mackerel, ticked, spotted, they also have "not determined". That's where we need to be, is to come up with this coding that not only specifies what tabby pattern we're talking about, but also that cannot be determined. **Wilson:** Thank you. The Japanese Bobtail breed council addresses it by calling them "patterned" because they can't determine it, but I understand in some breeds you want to be as specific as possible. So, as Allene said, the decision to have every tabby pattern defined as classic, ticked, mackerel or spotted, was made over a year ago. If you would like to have some other classification, you need to talk about it with your breed council, and maybe breed councils talk together and see if you can come up with something that might work for everyone.

Graafmans: Given how complicated it gets with certain breeds, are we going to withhold this from all breeds until all breeds are covered? **Wilson:** You mean, like a sable and white Burmese? [laughter] No, I understand. It's already being done. It's my understanding, the cats are already in the default as classic, just as it always was before. When it said "tabby and white", it meant classic tabby and white. **Graafmans:** Right. In the Burmese case, there are no patterns. **Wilson:** On some of them. **Graafmans:** There's four possibilities, but we recently had a situation where a breeder gave us a pedigree that had a sire and dam that were both platinum, and the kitten was champagne. It wasn't flagged. It was flagged by NABB and the breed council. We pointed it out and Allene has taken steps, and so has somebody over in Europe, to address this issue but if Burmese were so simple, I would have thought that this thing could have been caught. **Wilson:** When you say "recently", when exactly did that happen? **Graafmans:** It showed up in the breed reports for this past year. **Wilson:** I'm not sure when we started having this reviewed on a daily basis, but hopefully that will happen [inaudible]. **Tartaglia:** I don't remember the specifics. Cats may have been registered – 2016, I don't recall, I know we discussed it. It may have been registered by pedigree. I just don't remember the details, but I didn't think it was a currently registered cat. **Graafmans:** OK, but do I understand at this point these checks are being done manually and not that the computer is spitting it out as an error? **Wilson:** That's correct. **Tartaglia:** That's correct. **Graafmans:** Are we heading in that direction? **Wilson:** We're getting there. **Tartaglia:** Yes, we are. That was what the genetic software that we will be reviewing will be doing. **Graafmans:** That brings me back to my next

question. Since Burmese is easy, Russian Blues are a piece of cake, can we get it on at least some of the breeds if we are getting held up with more complicated breeds? [recorder battery change]

- ***Meeting Rooms at Future Annuals***

Wilson: There are larger breed councils that certainly need a little bit more space, so the question is, are there some concessions that can be made or negotiated? If you have an answer to that, that would be great. **Tartaglia:** What we're finding or what we have always done is, CFA has always been top heavy on meeting space. We have never had enough guest rooms to support the complimentary meeting space, so the more meeting space that we use, the more upside down we are when it comes to negotiating. We have usually reserved about 6 or 7 meeting rooms for breed councils on Saturday. Although they may not be large, that's a lot of meeting space, depending on the hotel, so what we're requesting is, if you have a meeting of a breed council where you would like to have 5 people, that you perhaps not reserve a room that really could accommodate 30 and 40 people, and then maybe consider what Annette said as more casual options for your meeting, or there are some breed council secretaries that have chosen to simply have a meeting via Zoom – not in conjunction with the annual meeting, but having a Zoom meeting perhaps the week after, the week before or something like that. **Wilson:** Thank you. Does anybody have any questions about that? I think if you are going to require a larger amount of space, why don't you let Allene know as soon as possible? Don't wait until the week before the annual, but really there are other options and a Zoom meeting obviously can include some of your folks that can't come to the annual, and so on. Really, you could think about having Zoom meetings more frequently through the year, especially if you are welcoming new members. It lets you address issues more promptly or closer to the time when you are voting on or discussing a ballot.

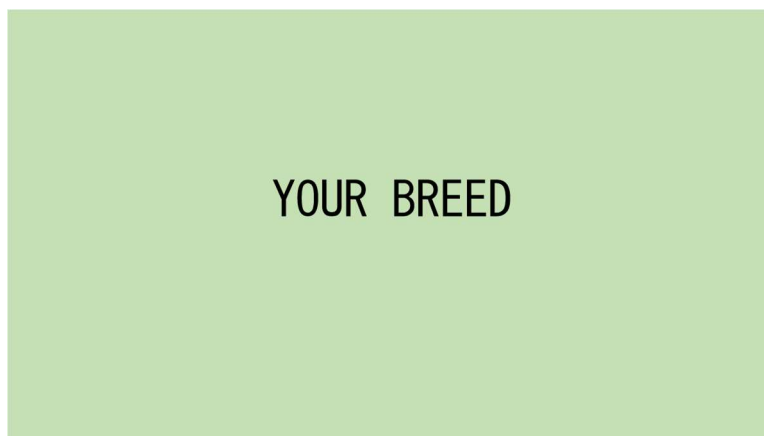
- ***JPC Breed Education Resource Material – Loretta Baugh***

Wilson: Next on the agenda is, the Judging Program Committee has asked, and we have received emails from some of them asking to update educational material for your breed. Loretta Baugh has a presentation here that she is going to use to go over the necessity, and the somewhat urgency, of getting this done and how they can maybe give you some direction on how to do it. So, Loretta? **Baugh:** I want to thank you for letting me be here. Just a little bit of background. I grew up in the cat fancy. I registered my cattery in 1957. I judged my first CFA show in 1965 in November. I met my husband in the cat fancy. In our 48 years of marriage, we have continued involvement with CFA while raising four sons, three of which are Eagle Scouts, maintained involvement in many different roles, local, regional and national for the Boy Scout of America, and breeding and exhibiting a variety of breeds, both longhair and shorthair, to numerous Breed, Regional and National wins.

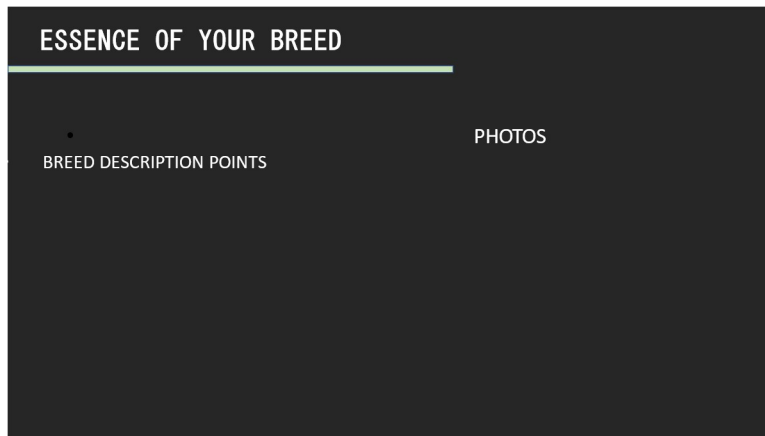
Baugh: The CFA judging program as THE premier judging panel has always been and remains my passion. So Why I am I here today? We need help. From You. I'm here representing the Education arm of the CFA Judging Program. First and foremost, let me say that we cannot have a successful education program without input from you, the representatives of the breed. I appreciate your giving us time to address this problem, to improve and enhance our education options. I am coming to you to ask for your assistance in two crucial projects. The first problem we have had for many years, and continue to have, is that many of the presentations are not up to

date. There are 43 breeds listed on the website. Only 8 presentations have been revised since 2020, despite the fact that 21 standards have had revisions during that time. Most presentations being used were created between 2010 and -2019, one even earlier than that. These presentations need to be current and updated whenever there are changes to your standard. I urge each of you to take a look at what is sitting in the Judges Continuing Education page highlighting your breed. Look and ask yourself if this is what you want judges to learn from and to get Continuing Education credits for reviewing incomplete or inaccurate information. Central Office is not responsible for making those updates. The Judging Program is not responsible for making those updates. You are. They need to be updated and sent to Shelly Borawski who will forward them to those of us that need them. There are many, many uses for the presentations. The BAOS, Continuing Education, breed promotion, marketing, the list goes on and on. When they are not updated, they are out of date and/or have false information. It does not reflect well on CFA, or your breed. You are the cheerleader for your breed. Those presentations are your opportunity to show the uniqueness of your breed. We are begging you to take this part of your role as breed council secretary seriously and ensure that your breed presentation reflects your pride in your breed and your current standard.

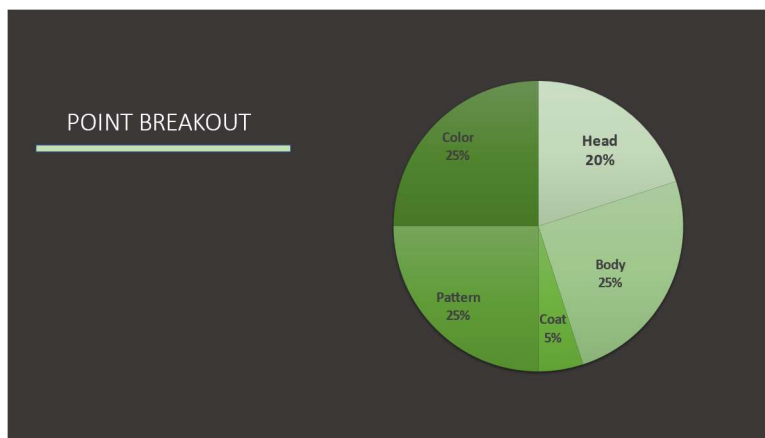
Baugh: The second item we need from you goes hand in hand with the main breed presentations. I mentioned the many uses there are for your Breed workshop presentation. Ideally we would like to have a resource library for each breed. We already have the one page synopsis that Pat Jacobberger put together to use in the handout on longhair and shorthair breeds, we have the in depth standard review that is used for the Judges' Workshop, what we would like to see is another, more succinct presentation that serves as an introduction to your Breed. Here is a template to help you to create a quick presentation. It should be no more than ten slides. I will take you through the template and then show you a quick example.



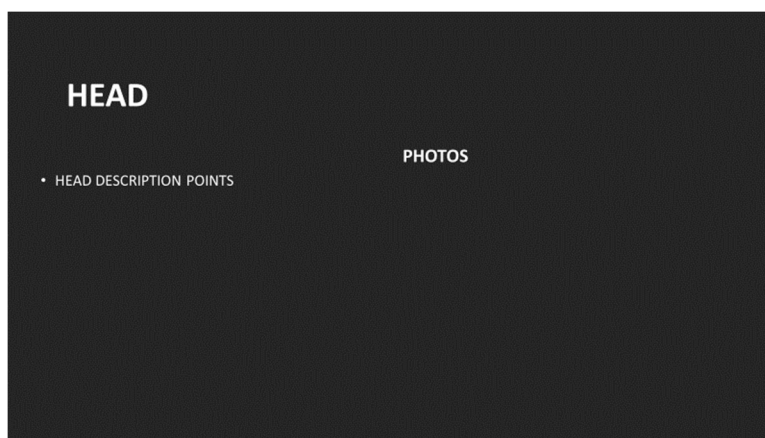
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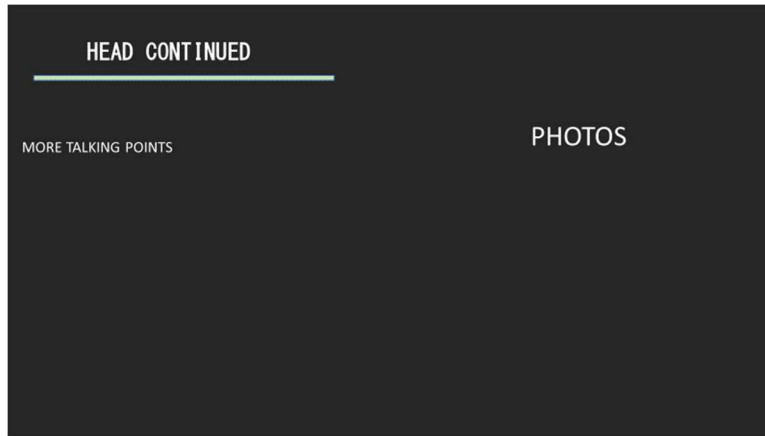
Baugh: Slide Two, Essence Of Your Breed – what makes your breed unique? Use one or two photo examples.



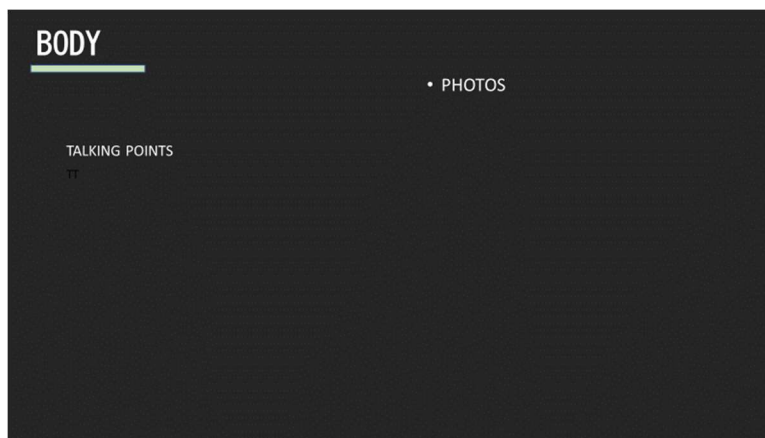
Baugh: Slide three. This one is pretty self-explanatory – a simple break out of where the point distribution is for your breed.



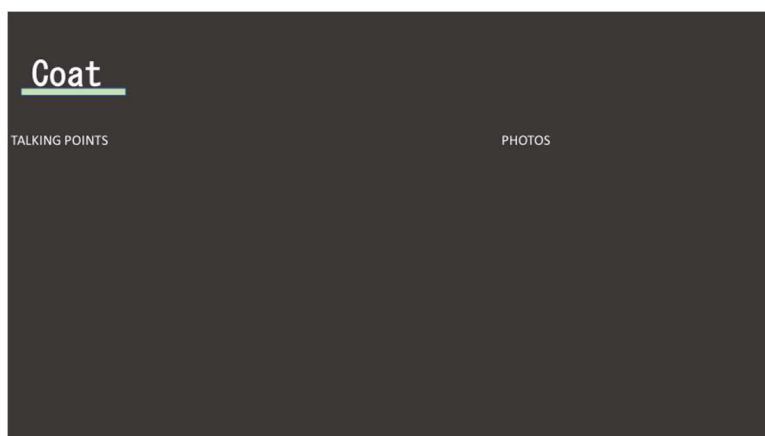
Baugh: Slide Four, a brief description of ideal head with one or two photos to illustrate it.



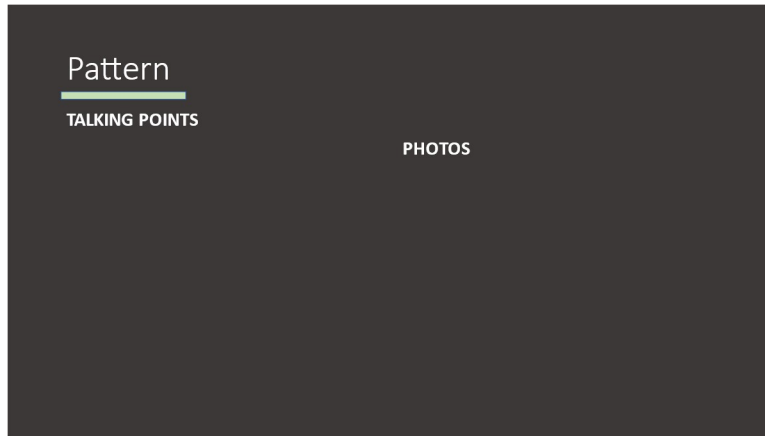
Baugh: Slide Five is a continuation of the Head if necessary, or this slide can be used for another section if your standard calls for more emphasis elsewhere.



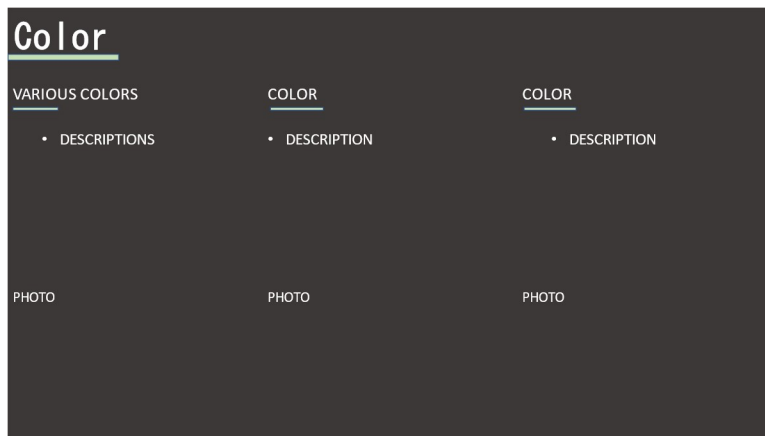
Baugh: Slide six is the Body description and photos of ideal examples.



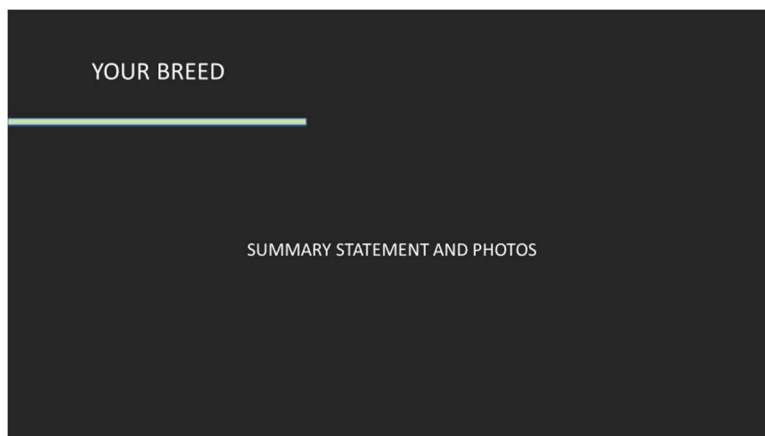
Baugh: Slide seven is Coat – talking points again, and photos showing the proper coat for your breed.



Baugh: Slide Eight – talking points on Pattern if applicable, or colors with description and photos.



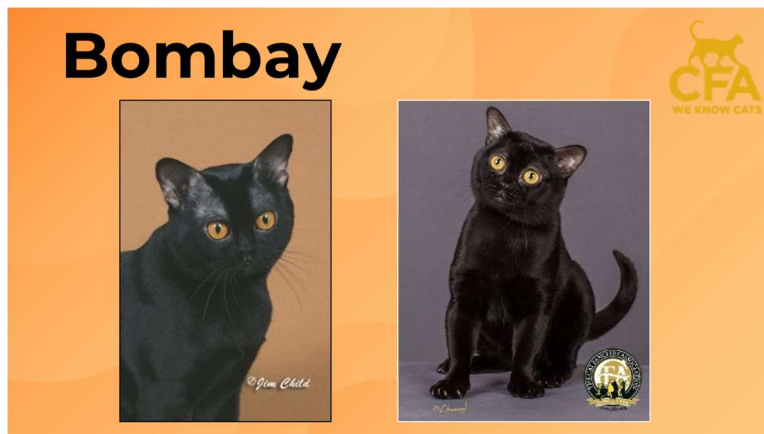
Baugh: Slide Nine is Color. The format on this will vary depending on the number of colors and points allotted, but include description and photos as applicable.



Baugh: Slide ten is a summary statement and photo. It's a statement about your breed.

Baugh: A note about photos. Please be careful with your photo selections. The photos you will be using as examples must have permission from the owner in order to be part of your presentation. You may not include photos you've taken from Facebook or similar social media platforms unless you obtain permission.

Baugh: Next, we will show you an example of one of these “introduction to the breed” presentations. We will run through it quickly but would be more than happy to forward copies as needed.



Baugh: The essence of the breed is the first one. There is a simple explanation.



Baugh: Point break-out with a pie chart showing where the division should be with points.



Baugh: Slide 3 is the Head. Here again, a description with several photos.

Head

- Rounded, no sharp angles.
- Full face
- Moderately rounded muzzle
- Moderate visible stop in profile
- End of nose slightly rounded down

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Baugh: Head is continued. As I said, if necessary. If you have other areas that need more emphasis, you can take this slide and use it for a different part.

Head

- Medium ears set well apart
- Alert, tilted slightly forward
- Broad at base, rounded at tip
- Chin firm

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Baugh: The Eyes and the Body. Here again, descriptions with photos.

Eyes

- Set far apart
- Rounded aperture
- Color ranging from gold to copper



Body

- Medium & muscular
- Not compact or rangy
- Legs proportionate to body & tail
- Medium Tail



Baugh: The Coat with photos.

Coat

- Fine, short, satin-like texture
- Close-lying
- Shimmering patent leather sheen



Baugh: The Color. There is not more than one color, obviously.



Baugh: The guidelines we are passing out will hopefully help you put together this short breed presentation as an introduction to your breed. You can make your own “Meet XXX Breed”. Our hope is that this overview will have many uses at workshops, breed showcases, breed booths and shows. Here’s your homework assignment:

1. As soon as possible get to work and bring your breed presentations current and in sync with your breed standard. If there are no standard revisions, update your photos to make them contemporary. There is a BAOS scheduled in Hong Kong the end of August and another one in conjunction with the International Show. It would be extremely helpful to have presentations that are current and correct completed in time for this event, as well as the upcoming BAOS being held in conjunction with the International show in October.

2. Create a brief orientation video, which we need by August 15th. Send to me. My email is kittrik@live.com. The email address is also listed in the White Pages and included in the list of judges.

Baugh: Let’s work together to make certain the information available on the CFA website is accurate, up to date and shows your breed to the world in the most positive way. Thank you for your time, your consideration and especially for all you do for CFA.

Wilson: Loretta and Melanie, if a breed has multiple – every possible color and pattern, do they get a few extra slides to show at least one example from each of their divisions or color classes? **Morgan:** There is flexibility within this. We’re giving you an idea and a general template. If there’s a specific area in your breed that needs more emphasis, take those extra slides from other areas and do it. The bottom line is, we’re looking for 10 slides here or maybe 11 if you need to, but frankly you should be able to identify what makes your breed unique, the things that are stand-out pieces that you want people to know about and take away, and break those out in these slides, but use some flexibility and sense. If you’ve got a breed that doesn’t do anything on pattern, you have extra room to play with there – Russian Blues. **Wilson:** Can we sell one of our slides to another breed? [laughter] **Morgan:** You could if you want. Can I speak to something that Loretta said? Loretta mentioned something that’s very important, and that’s the photo selection. All of you have the same challenge I have, I’m sure, when you think, “oh my God, I’ve got to put together this judge’s workshop and it’s got to be this big, involved thing.” She’s right. If you’re going to use someone’s candid photos, you need their permission. That

said, when people have their cat's pictures taken by a photographer approved by CFA, those photographers have the right to give us the usage of those. **Hannon:** They have given us permission. **Mastin:** Right. We have permission from them. I'll tell you what I did. Maybe it will help and maybe you already do this. Our photographers have been incredibly generous to the breed councils as far as I know. When I had projects that I needed to work on, I went to them and asked for help and they gave it. I gave them a flash drive, they gave me a dump of every Egyptian Mau photo out there. I don't know whose cats they are and don't care. What I did was, I put together photos that said "ears" with every picture that I saw that gave me examples of good, bad and indifferent. Eyes, body, pattern, whatever, and you use that dump from the photographers. If they are totally unidentified, that you can do. **Wilson:** What if someone recognizes the picture of their cat and you haven't gotten permission? **Hannon:** They don't need permission. **Wilson:** From the owner? **Hannon:** No. **Morgan:** You do not. When you sign your little [inaudible]. **Wilson:** If it's the official photographer's photos that were taken for CFA that they will share with CFA, you do not need – **Morgan:** Correct. You sign that when you – **Wilson:** It would be nice, though. **Hannon:** What happens is, Chanan owns the photo, not the owner of the cat. Chanan has given CFA permission to use it, and so if you want to use a Chanan, Larry Johnson or whatever, Helmi, you can. You don't have to ask anybody's permission. **Wilson:** Thank you Mark. **Morgan:** A follow-up on that. Annette is right. It's always nice to ask for permission. I'll tell you what. When I wanted examples of bad examples of aspects of our breed, I found that my breed council members were incredibly helpful when I said, "go through your photos, find me an example of this," and they were more than happy to do that. The other friend that you have when putting these together is the crop option. You can certainly crop out. If you're looking at bad eye shape, you don't even need to show much of the cat at all. In fact, it sometimes illustrates what you're trying to do far better if you cut out all the extraneous information, so you don't have people thinking – you're trying to illustrate color and all they can say is, "oh my God, what an ugly cat." So, you know, crop is your friend. **Wilson:** Thank you. Just to be clear, the purpose of this is to show the correct example. **Morgan:** Unlike the judges' workshop where you're going in depth. Remember, the judges' workshop is going to be half hour/45 minutes with a big old question and answer, and you want to go into the nuances of your breed. This isn't that. This is "Intro to Your Breed 101". Tell the public what makes your breed fancy. **Hannon:** It's a different audience. **Morgan:** Totally different audience, thank you.

Baugh: The other thing I wanted to mention as well, if I might. It's very important, as I said. My biggest concern is that we're giving continuing education credits to people that are reviewing your standard and there are inaccuracies in it. You should be concerned about that. It's very important that this stuff be brought up to date. You've got guest judges who are encouraged to look at these things so they can see where their standards differ from our standards. We use them for all kinds of things. It's very critically important to get people to do this. It seems that we only get these presentations when it's your turn to hold a workshop. The workshop is by far the least thing that we do in numbers, so please do something. Get your pictures updated. If your standard is not changing, that's fine, but your pictures still need to be contemporary.

Griswold: On the CFA website under our breeds, we now have the gallery of grands and we've got previous winners. Are those fair game for us to use off the website? **Wilson:** Yes. **Graafmans:** I redid the Burmese one not so long ago, and usually the bad examples came from breeders that hadn't been breeding very long, and some of them took exception to the fact that I wanted to put their cat in a slide presentation to show people what they shouldn't breed, so I

actually dug back into pictures of my own and threw them in there. Even though we have the right to use these photographs, I think we want to be a little sensitive to how people feel about bad examples being used. **Wilson:** I agree, and I did the same thing. You know, when you get pictures taken professionally, there's always some that you can like, "that doesn't show this cat to its best advantage." Hang on to those pictures. This is where they can be useful, but I also think asking your breed council members, "hey, we need some pictures of ear sets that you think could be improved" or whatever. Now, that's for the more expanded BAOS thing. Loretta, I wonder if you could send me an attachment with a template and with a link to where they should review their current things, and then I'll send it out to everyone. **Graafmans:** One last question. Since I did review Burmese recently, do you care if I re-use those photographs for this abbreviated proposed presentation? **Wilson:** Have you changed your standard? **Graafmans:** No. **Wilson:** Well, there you go. **Hannon:** It's a different audience, so you can use those. **Baugh:** If you are not computer literate like so many people aren't, it seems the older we get the less we know about computers, especially dealing with our children and grandchildren. If you have a problem and are not comfortable with doing that, get in touch with us and we'll refer you to somebody who will help walk you through it. If it's not something you can do and you're not comfortable doing it, contact one of us and we'll help you. **Wilson:** Thank you, and also contact your breed council members. A lot of times you have people there with hidden talents that you didn't even know about. Some of those talents we might not want to hear about [laughter], but we have some in this area. That would be perfect. **Zottoli:** So, essentially, this would be like the CliffsNotes version of your breed, and then the one that we use for the Breed Awareness School is the more expanded one with the history and all the other stuff in it. This is just like a capsule of your breed. **Baugh:** One other thing. There's nothing stopping you as Breed Council Secretary from making additional material. You can create a presentation that shows one specific feature of your breed, and that can be put up for education, as well. We're not limiting what goes up there. You definitely want to create a library. What we get up there for your breed will help us build that breed library, as well.

Wilson: Thank you so much Loretta and Melanie, our Judging Program members who are working on this. [applause]

- ***BCS Facilitation of Trainee Cattery Visits***

Wilson: Meanwhile, the next item on the agenda is a question I have that also falls to the Judging Program Committee; that is, can the Breed Council Secretaries help facilitate the cattery visits for trainees? We have trainees that come from other countries, we have trainees right here in our own country, and my understanding is there is quite a list of them in the pipeline. I heard this weekend that there are some trainees here that are like, "oh, we're so sorry we can't see a Russian Blue cattery" and there's one just up the road. So, as a Breed Council Secretary I can help facilitate this. We can't expect the Judging Program Committee to know where all the current breeders are, so I'm asking you if you would be willing to do that. If you are, raise your hand. It doesn't have to be your cattery that you can help find in a certain area where someone might be, and maybe put things together for people, and if the Judging Program Committee would be welcoming of that idea and would reach out to us. **Baugh:** We have a sheet that's already on the website outlining what the cattery owner should expect from a cattery visit. Unfortunately, not everybody is aware of the fact that that's there. We can also add to that. If somebody calls you up and says, "can I visit your cattery" and you have no idea who they are, it

gives them a sheet to tell you what you're doing here, is it an associate judge trying to meet the requirements, so you can know what's going on. We'll get that sheet that we have for the cattery visit adjusted to also include that and I'll send it out. That will go to Annette and you can go [inaudible] if you want to give us the information. **Wilson:** I'm looking for agreement here that you would be able to help facilitate that. It doesn't have to be your cattery, but you know where your breed council members are and whether they have cats. **Graafmans:** I recently got an email from somebody I had never heard of before. I had not a clue who this individual was, and so basically didn't comply. Is there any way we can get a list of judges that are currently looking to do cattery visits so we know whether [inaudible]? **Wilson:** I think what we should do is ask the Judging Program Committee to ask their trainees or their pre-applicants or wherever they are in the process to go through them and then come to you, as opposed to just having these people go out there and say. Now, we don't always know who might be thinking of applying. In that case, maybe they could contact the applications administrator and say, "is this someone", you know. **Morgan:** Yeah, my suggestion, rather than us giving you a list which is a moving target, frankly, is if you have a question and you are contacted by someone looking to do a cattery visit and you're not so sure, Kathi Hoos does a fabulous job with our applicants and pre-applicants. Loretta works with the Mentor Program which also identifies our pre-applicants, so the suggestion would be to reach out to them and they will be able to clarify what if anything they know about them. **Wilson:** I'll send out her email address. **Colilla:** Can the mentor try to find cattery visits? **Baugh:** That was one other thing I was going to comment on. That would be very helpful to you. **Wilson:** You should ask them who their mentor is. **Colilla:** Thank you. That's what I thought. **Baugh:** Who their mentor is and the mentor will help them find places to visit. Again, that's not the only option for breed handling, either. Keep that in mind. **Wilson:** So, the idea is to have the folks within the Judging Program Committee, and maybe they can notify the mentors that we're going to put this in place, and then we'll just have a whole group of people working together to try to facilitate this but thank you for your interest in doing that.

Morgan: One quick comment about cattery visits. We appreciate every person who opens their home to these new potential applicants for cattery visits, but if we have mentors asking to facilitate this, I also want to let you know that it's always a choice. We have provided other alternatives to actually coming into your home for people to get their breed-focused experiences. We're not saying we don't want you to do them. I think they are invaluable information and we are forever grateful for all of that support from you. However, there may be various reasons that you cannot or do not want to do that, and I don't want any of you to feel pressure, regardless of whether you are contacted by a CFA allbreed judge who happens to be a mentor for someone, or just an individual you don't know. **Wilson:** Thank you. That's a good point. Nobody has to agree to it.

- ***BCS Review of Registrations/Recognizing Fraudulent Registrations***

- ***Cattery Report?***

Wilson: Our next item of business is the breed council review of registrations. This goes to the fraudulent registrations that George covered earlier. Breed council members will be getting a new perk and it will be one free cattery report in a link maybe starting in September this year because of course we don't know all the breed council members that can vote until August 1st, so starting the Fall breed council members will get this. It will be a data file. It will be sent by

email. The idea is, you should review it and make sure the cats that are listed and the litters that are listed are actually litters you bred. If there's any issue or concern, you can go to Central Office and say, "hey, wait a minute, something is wrong here." That will be an ongoing thing. It will be sent to you annually. We'll get an update each year on when that will be coming. It won't go out to everyone on the same day, but please when you see it, open it and take a look at it. Please remind your breed council members of this. You can notify them that this will be done. Remind your members, as George said, not to put a copy of your litter registration or registration certificate anywhere on social media. It contains information and lets people register cats to your cattery.

Eigenhauser: Excuse me, can we back up? **Wilson:** I'm sorry George. **Eigenhauser:** If I could just follow up a little bit more on the fraudulent registrations. You can do everything right and still get victimized. I'm one of the most paranoid people you are ever going to run into. My PayPal account has been hacked. I have somebody that keeps wanting to spoof me on FaceBook. You can do everything right and still get victimized, but you don't want to make it easy. So, when you leave the house to go to the store, you lock the door behind you. Will that stop you from being burglarized? Of course not, but it will make it a little bit harder. Many criminals are looking for targets of opportunity. They are looking for the easy mark. Don't make it easy for them. Make them work in order to have to do it. Then, the question becomes, "OK I have done everything right. I found a problem." Report it to Central Office. We will do what we can to investigate it. About a year ago we hired Karen Lawrence as our forensic registration – I forgot what her official title is, but she can do a deep dive into registrations to try to find out how the problem happened and what we can do to fix it. The bad news is, as it gets easier and easier to register cats, it becomes harder and harder to find what went wrong. In ancient times when everything came in on paper registration forms, we had a literal paper trail to lead us back to the perpetrator. Now, somebody could log into eCats, download a PDF, log back out again. They could be anybody on this planet. There are 8 billion suspects, and sometimes we'll never know. Or, if the person spoofing you is not a CFA person, filing a protest is useless. There is nothing we can do to discipline somebody that isn't involved with CFA, but what we can do is, we can void out registrations that are shown to be fraudulent and if we can identify a perpetrator, and they are in some way connected with CFA, we can initiate a protest against them. But, we can't do that if you don't help us, so the bottom line here is, if you see something, say something.

Wilson: Thank you George. **Graafmans:** Can I make a suggestion? One of the things that many of the [inaudible], so if you were to go register a litter, you've got your PIN in and all the rest of that stuff, it would send you an email to your specific email. **Wilson:** A two-step authentication? **Graafmans:** Two step, right. If we could implement that, I think we could probably knock this down quite a bit. **Wilson:** We will task Central Office to look into that. **Simbro:** That would be an excellent idea. It all revolves around keeping email addresses updated. If you are using a dam where you haven't bred a litter in 4 years, the email that you registered that dam with has changed, or maybe it was the co-breeder's email, hopefully they would contact you if they got that email, but we can do a notification system. That's something to make a note of that we could very easily add to this revamp that we're going to launch by the end of the year. **Graafmans:** That would be good motivation for people to be keeping those current. **Wilson:** Thank you. Good point. **Calhoun:** James, the CFA Treasurer would like an estimate of the budget. Don't tell me it's not much. Just think about it. **Simbro:** \$20. **Calhoun:** I doubt it. [laughter] **Wilson:** It's something we get for our breed council dues.

- ***Timeline for 2023 Ballot Items***

Wilson: The next item on the agenda is the timeline for 2023 ballots. A reminder that while you are the guardian of your breed and your standard, there is no requirement that you change your standard every year. A standard is meant to be consistent over time. That said, the Russian Blue breed council is adjusting their standard a little bit this time. I know, it's scary. So, the timeline down here is a firm timeline. The Breeds and Standards Committee would like to review your ballots and your proposals first, and come back to you with some ideas, some suggestions, for our first review and so the sooner you can get them to me, the better. I'm not going to be home much in later July and August, but I will work on this and I have a few people helping me with it. We will get back to you as quickly as we can. Last year we did quite well, I thought. I was really pleased with the communication with every Breed Council Secretary I worked with. If you are having someone in your breed council help you, let me know who that is because I may not recognize them. I'm like, "who are you and why are you sending this to me?" If you have multiple people helping you, make sure they copy you on everything and in that case I would like you to send me the document. I don't want to get it from three or four people in your breed council, and this one is doing this proposal and this one is doing that one. You need to capture all that information and send it in one. There are, as we mentioned before, people within the breed councils know how to use Word. I want a Word document. I don't want that funny little thing that pretends to be a Word document. I want it in Word or I will send it back to you.

Wilson: We may have a new breed application this year. They are working on getting something together. I'm not going to mention it right now but if they do go forward I will be contacting several breed councils and then you might be affected or not but it will go on your ballot also. There will be more on that later, but we haven't had a new breed in quite a while, so that's something I did want to tell you about.

Wilson: This year we don't have elections. We're just going to have proposals, so if you know you're going to have a proposal, if you could just give me a little note, I'll add you to my checklist and then if I don't hear from you, I will make contact with you as a reminder. If you're not going to have a proposal, you don't have to let me know that. Usually, the breed council ballots are reviewed by Central Office and Rachel gives them an overview a little bit and puts together a format. They should be out by November 1st for online voting. Everybody does a great job with online voting. We have very few people that vote by paper, but that is always an option and directions will be sent out in the emails with your voting information if someone needs a paper ballot.

Wilson: I put some lines on the bottom here to breed council information – the current registration rules, the general breed council page, the breed council proposal guidelines. If you have questions about how that works, you can contact me and then there's a PDF of those guidelines also. Does anyone have any questions about that?

- ***Other items as time allows***

Wilson: I have my 15 minute warning here. Anything about any other issues we talked about already? **Hannon:** I have a comment. One of my many roles is co-chair of the CFA International Cat Show. I want to encourage each of you to have a breed display at the show.

We've been very successful in the past with having that. We anticipate having a much larger gate than we've had in the past, so get working on that. If you don't have the skills, find somebody who does have the skills to help you with it. **Morgan:** The CFA International, we will be doing one of two in-person Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools for the first time since the COVID outbreak. We urge all of you to help facilitate getting examples of the breeds that we can use in the handling portion of that school at the International. We appreciate your help in advance. **Wilson:** You can put something out on the list as things get closer. **Morgan:** Yes, we will. **Tartaglia:** One last thing regarding the International. We do plan on doing some breed videos at the International, so for those cats that are entered in the show, we'll be in touch. You may want to bring an additional cat, but our goal is that every breed page on the website has a breed video, as well. **Wilson:** That's exciting. Will you have information ahead of time for us? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Wilson:** Great. That's cool.

Wilson: Now we have a little bit of time for any other items you might want to bring. You have to tell us what's on your mind and then describe it very briefly. I'm looking at you, Keith. **Kimberlin:** Thank you. I wanted to bring up the CATS, which is the Cat Ancestral registration service. **Wilson:** Tracking Service. **Kimberlin:** Tracking Service, excuse me, how we could better utilize this system. I have some ideas. Do you want me to continue now? **Wilson:** No, but that's very good. That's very brave. So, we have actually had this on the agenda several times for this meeting and nobody has really spoken to it and now it has come up, so I'm going to have Allene and/or James – and they actually asked me to put it on the agenda the last two meetings. **Kimberlin:** I did speak briefly to Jim [James Simbro] before the meeting. **Wilson:** Let's see what they have. Does everybody know what this is, first of all? It's a little pedigree program. I think Pam DeLaBar originated this as a way for breeds that are working through outcrosses or new breeds that might want to record a pedigree somewhere. There's information about it online. It's not used a lot. It was used a lot in the Burmese breed when they were bringing cats over from Thailand. It has never been advertised recently very much, so if we could have Allene or James speak to it right now, that would be great. **Tartaglia:** Yes, the "CATS" as we call it. It's really not very functional from our perspective because it has been not used properly for the most part. People think that they can register a cat that looks like a Persian and that 5 generations later or whatever, that that cat's progeny can be fully registered with CFA. It will never happen. It could be a cat that looks like a Russian Blue or looks like any number of breeds, so it's really misrepresenting what really happens. I talked to Shirley about this and what we suggest is that, for instance, the outcross cats that you may have for the Burmese or the Burmilla or whichever, we just register them as a Burmese outcross. We give them a registration number. Maybe it's restricted, but that may be a better way to track these cats. **Wilson:** I think that's a really good idea. I was thinking about this, because I always have liked the idea of the Cat Ancestral Tracking Service. However, there is no relationship between that and the regular registration process. As Allene pointed out, it can be used for all sorts of things, incorrectly. However, in your breed, if you can have a registration code that would be, say, for breeding only specifically for an outcross, I believe the Havana Brown folks did that when they had an outcross program. It's quite clear, or has been more clear as time goes on, which cats fall into that. Would that be something that would help you, Keith? **Kimberlin:** Partially, but there are other issues I wanted to address. First of all, it's my understanding that the present system is not computerized, that it's all done manually. Am I correct with that? **Wilson:** Which present system? **Kimberlin:** CATS. **Wilson:** Well, it's manual if that's what you mean. The input is manual. **Kimberlin:** Correct, but it does not go into the computer system. **Wilson:** It's like if you have a pedigree

program at home. That's what it's like. **DelaBar:** It's a stand-alone. **Tartaglia:** Yes, that's correct. It's simply an off-the-shelf pedigree program that resides on a computer. It is not integrated into our database in any way, shape or form. It was never intended to be. **Kimberlin:** OK. Well, that was part of my question here. Is there a way that we can include this in the database and make it unique? **DelaBar:** Let me address how this started. I will be very brief, I promise. It started when we went into China back in 2003, because we saw a whole bunch of cats who could definitely be identified as a breed, yet they had no paperwork. This was developed so these people could work on generation after generation of developing that pedigree, and I have to disagree. Once they reach the appropriate number of generations, they were supposed to be able to be added to the main registry system, because at that time not only did we help build the pedigree, but we also built the history of that cat, and that was supposed to go in as it is. I would hope that one day we could find a way for those of you that use outcrosses to bring that into the main registry system. **Kimberlin:** That's what I'm asking. **Wilson:** So Keith, do you think that there are Burmillas in the Cat Ancestral Tracking Service? **Kimberlin:** No. I wasn't necessarily referring to Burmillas, except for the fact that on CATS it says that Burmilla is not a CFA registered breed. **Wilson:** That's the page that hasn't been updated. **Kimberlin:** Correct. **Wilson:** So, if a breed believes, or if we can get dump by breed of what's in there for the existing breeds, is that something the Breed Council Secretaries could take a look at and see if that's something we wanted to convert and register somehow in the regular registration system? **Kimberlin:** Correct. I see that the Australian Mist is mentioned, and that's one that to me maybe at some point would be considered for recognition, and I thought that by the process of using CATS, that would be a way to find the numbers through a database that would count towards when it finally went to Miscellaneous status without having one individual have to start the process. **Wilson:** I understand, so let me think about that over the next few weeks, OK? That's a good point. **Meeker:** Last week, you and I talked, and included Allene in a system that could be denoted on a green slip if a cat had been DNA tested to meet the registration requirements. Is that system going to be put in place or discussed? We have many breeds now that can DNA test to prove that a cat doesn't carry something that's in their pedigree that they can't manifest it, like pointeds. That test can happen now, and I think more breeds are going to be using this system, so I think Allene's suggestion of DNA tested in the space that now would say *Not for Breeding* or what other advisories that could be put in that area. I would like to see that happen as an option for all the breeds. We're all going to deal with it at some point. **Wilson:** Can we finish with Keith's topic first? **Meeker:** Oh, I thought we had. I'm sorry. **Graafmans:** Burmese is one breed that has been using this when we bring cats over from Thailand. There have been a number of them. At this point, it's not clear to me how these registrations are being handled. Are they still being used on the CATS PC sitting in a corner somewhere, or have you put them into the main database? **Tartaglia:** They are not in the main database. The CATS program, if you want to call it that, it has been used so rarely. I understand that it has been used for the Burmese, but maybe two or three cats. To integrate it into our main database – not the entire database – it's not feasible, so we can certainly take a look at what cats are currently in there. We can loop in the Breed Council Secretaries. You can take a look at those cats. It's still possible to bring them over into the regular database, but it's on request. It's not something we automatically look for. **Graafmans:** That was our intent, that we would go through whatever hoops were needed to get that cat or offspring to be a Burmese. It's a manual process. Bringing in an outcross and getting the ick out of it and all the rest of that is a pretty arduous thing to do. The main thing I'm concerned about if we move it into the main database, that these in our case don't get 0400 series

numbers with some tag on the file somewhere that's not really very visible to anybody, and people start thinking these are Burmese, because they're not yet. **Wilson:** Thank you. OK Keith, one more. **Kimberlin:** My thing about bringing it in to the database is not for my existing breed, but for like the Asian which is an allowable outcross for the Burmilla which is recognized in several countries, but I would like to be able to have that Asian started with the database that at some point we can get the Asian recognized. Part of it is getting it computerized, so that was my initial interest in that, and that there are lots of breeds overseas and even some of the judges have judged them overseas that are not here and it would begin to give us the beginning of entering those into our system. We are a pedigree registration service and I hope we can be able to start updating with what's happening with the rest of the world. **Wilson:** Thank you.

Wilson: Ginger, to your topic of being able to annotate registrations with the DNA opens up a little bit bigger can of worms. I agree with you. I think it would be great. For Russian Blues, maybe we want breeders to be able to designate with a DNA test that a cat is a blue point carrier. There could be any myriad of things that you could use it for. One issue is, how do you know the DNA being sent in is from the cat that is registered? So, there's that, which may not seem like a big deal but it could be. The other thing is for programming to allow us to do that. So, I guess what we're doing is asking James and Allene to let us know what would be possible as far as costs. They are working on the genetics programming, but I agree – I think it's something definitely worth considering. **Rupy:** I just wanted to ask if there is a way we can funnel this through the Breed Council Secretary so at least the Breed Council Secretary sees it all before it goes to CFA and keeps a lot of maybe clutter from being sent. **Wilson:** It is possible to ask permission for a Breed Council Secretary to review, for example, registrations by pedigree. I don't want to do that for my breed because they are 8 generation pedigrees. Here's the issue, and I think there's a couple others. You have to do it promptly, you have to be open to communication, you have to have accurate information, so just to blanket say "yes", I can't and I don't think Central Office wants to. **Tartaglia:** Beyond that, it goes to a privacy issue, as well. Sharing that data – when it comes in it is reviewed by Monique [van Eijk]. She is very good, so it just changes the whole concept of registration, which is what people are accustomed to. **Wilson:** So, if you want to require an outcross or a cat coming in – if you want to have a form on your registration process saying the person has to fill that out and send it to you first, then it would be up to the person giving you the permission to do that. It's tricky. For smaller breeds it may not be such a big deal. For bigger breeds where we have more registrations, it might, but let's put our heads together on some of it. Our meeting is kind of finished here, but we have a group list and maybe folks can kind of share information on that.

Wilson: Last question. **Klamm:** Subject change. On eCat, with the European Burmese, we do a lot of registry by pedigree and those cats don't show up as being owned by us. They are in the system and when I go to breed a cat they are there, but it's not listed with the other cats. I know this is the same for other breeds. Is that possible, to bring them under the owned cats? Because if you register online through eCats they're there, but if you register by pedigree they don't show up. **Wilson:** James will answer that. **Simbro:** Yes. Part of the system revamp that we're doing, we're doing a complete overhaul of eCats. One of the big features that we've had requested for years now is the ability to add cats on there that weren't registered through a litter. Registration via pedigree is a perfect example, so yes, once you receive your information for that cat to be registered via pedigree, you will be able to add it to your eCat account. **Klamm:** Oh, excellent. **Simbro:** I do want to make a quick sidebar about that because this is a common

misconception. eCats is not your cattery. eCats is just a portal. You can have multiple catteries on eCats, you can be a co-owner on a cattery and each of you can have a cattery name linked to eCats. That's purely for the function of registering litters, choose your cattery name from a dropdown list. I frequently get a lot of support emails of like, "my cats from my cattery aren't here." That's not your cattery, but we're going to add the feature so you can add the cats in there. You will then be able to use those cats for registering litters. You just pick those cats from a dropdown, fill out the form and go from there. **Klamm:** Thank you.

Wilson: I want to thank everybody again for coming. I want to encourage to encourage your breeders to join the breed council. Bribe them if you have to [laughter], but there's benefits, too. The most important benefit is that they are a CFA breeder and they care about their breed. I want to thank the board for hosting this and have a nice time at all the events.

BREEDS AND STANDARDS 2023 TIMELINE/DEADLINES **General Guidelines---Subject to Change**

August 1: Breed Council membership deadline for voting on current term proposals

August 1: New Breed/Color Application and Advancement deadline

August 15: Breed Council Secretaries must be notified of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect their breed

September 1: Proposed breed standard/registration rule/color class ballot items to Breeds & Standards Committee for review

September 15: Breed Council proposed standard/registration/color class changes must be received by Central Office (upon prior review by Breeds & Standards Committee)

November 1: Breed ballots will be uploaded by Central Office and available for on-line voting

USEFUL LINKS to Breed Council Info:

<https://cfa.org/cfa-breed-councils/>

<https://cfa.org/cfa-registration-rules/>

<https://cfa.org/cfa-breed-councils/proposal-guidelines/>

<https://cfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/change-guidelines.pdf>