## SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUGUST 1, 2023

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the regularly scheduled mid-quarterly video conference meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

## Mr. Richard Mastin (President) Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President) Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary) Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer) Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director) Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director) Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director) Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director) Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director) Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director) Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director) Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director) Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director) **Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)** Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large) Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large) Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large) Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

#### Also Present:

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

#### Absent:

#### Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

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

**Mastin:** OK Rachel, please do the roll call. **Anger:** OK. [Secretary's Note: Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above. Roy and Moser joined later.] I'll turn it back over to Rich. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. The meeting is called to order. Welcome everyone.

#### SUMMARY

## (1) <u>APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.</u>

Upon motion by **Ms. DelaBar**, seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

## **Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**

## (2) <u>RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS.</u>

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
		MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION	
1.	Executive Committee 07.05.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club to change the format for their July 15/16, 2023 show from 6 AB 1 SP 8 HHP to 4 AB 2 SP 7 HHP.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
2.	Executive Committee 07.07.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Borneo Cat Fanciers to change their licensed show format from 5 AB to 4 AB/1 LH/1 SH for its July 8, 2023 show in Jakarta, Indonesia.Motion Carr (subject to ratification).	
3.	Executive Committee 07.12.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Malaysia Cat Fanciers' Club to license a July 29, 2023 show in Kuantan, Pahang Malaysia with less than 30 days from the opening day of the show without penalty. Motion Cat (subject to ratification)	
4.	Executive Committee 07.17.23	VeFor its 8-ring back-to-back show in Hong Kong on August 12/13, 2023, grant the Universal Feline Fanciers permission toMotion Carri (subject to	
5.	Executive Committee 07.17.23	Grant an exception to Section 12 of the Judging Program Rules to allow Allan Raymond (Approved AB) to guest judge a show for the Feline Club of India on September 17, 2023 in Bengaluru, India.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Calhoun voting no.
6.	Executive Committee 07.20.23	For the Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers' show July 29/30, show in Shanghai, China, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a change to the show format from a one-day show to a two-day show.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

**Ms. Anger** moved to approve Motions #1-4 and #6. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.** 

[Secretary's Note: Motion #5 was discussed in executive session. The guest judging request was subsequently approved.]

## (3) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

In executive session, a motion to approve the request from the Feline Club of India to allow CFA judges to guest judge for FCI was **ratified by unanimous consent.** 

## (4) <u>INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.</u>

Co-Chair Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

## (5) <u>SHOW SCHEDULING.</u>

Chair Mrs. Moser had no action items.

## (6) <u>EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.</u>

On standing motion, Mrs. Dunham moved as follows, with a standing second by Ms. Roy:

- Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Mo-Kan Cat Club to include two OCP rings at their November 4-5, 2023 show. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, DelaBar and Moser voting no.
- Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Show Me Cat Fanciers to include one op/ch and op/pr ring at their one day 6 ring show December 9, 2023. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, DelaBar and Moser voting no.
- Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Midwest Region Awards Show to include two OCP rings at their show June 15-16, 2024. **Tabled.**

## **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

## (7) <u>OTHER COMMITTEES.</u>

No action items were presented.

## (8) <u>NEW BUSINESS.</u>

No action items were presented.

## (9) <u>OLD BUSINESS.</u>

No action items were presented.

Respectfully Submitted, Rachel Anger, Secretary

## TRANSCRIPT

## **Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**

## (1) <u>APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY</u>.

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	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION				

**Mastin:** May I have a motion to approve the Orders of the Day, or any changes or additions? **DelaBar:** DelaBar moves. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Are there any additions or changes? Any discussion? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously, thank you.

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

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3.	Executive Committee 07.12.23	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Malaysia Cat Fanciers' Club to license a July 29, 2023 show in Kuantan, Pahang Malaysia with less than 30 days from the opening day of the show without penalty.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).			
No dis	scussion.					
4.	Executive Committee 07.17.23	For its 8-ring back-to-back show in Hong Kong on August 12/13, 2023, grant the Universal Feline Fanciers permission to award overall best of breed (Kitten/Championship/ Premiership) individually in each breed based on the decision of a 3-judge panel. All overall best of breed winners will then go into a Best of the Best ring; the top 3 winners to be decided by the 3-judge panel. No additional scoring will be associated with the format.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).			
No dis	scussion.					
5.	Executive Committee 07.17.23	Grant an exception to Section 12 of the Judging Program Rules to allow Allan Raymond (Approved AB) to guest judge a show for the Feline Club of India on September 17, 2023 in Bengaluru, India.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Calhoun voting no.			
Admin to be d	nistrator (GJA) now declined from GJA?	has judged these shows in the past for five years, why might the G decline the request? Might there be a concern with FCI or the clul <b>Anger:</b> In the past, these were fun shows. The association has rec e difference lies in the JPC's approval and lack thereof. <b>Currle:</b> I	b causing the request cently implemented			

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	allowing this exposure of CFA in India. Alan is highly respected in India would serve us well as he did for $AWA/CSA$ in the next Waha CFA made more supervise to different Associations and Allen is well respected in				
India.	AWA/CSA in the past. <b>Webb:</b> CFA needs more exposure to different Associations and Allen is well respected in India. <b>Calhoun:</b> The committee does not support the motion. Allan commented that he has judged "these kinds				
	•	ears. He did not identify the specific registries. Per the FCI website be this registry is willing to go through the approval process in the			

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No dis	No discussion.				

**Mastin:** Rachel, please do the Ratification of Online Motions. **Anger:** I would like to move to ratify Motions 1 through 4 and 6. Those were the motions that carried in our online motions and need to be ratified now. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Carol, thank you Rachel. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

#### The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: I do have a note about Motion #5. We have an executive session item that is relating to this. I would like to bring this motion back up at that time for a vote. Mastin: OK. Anger: That's it. Thank you everybody. Mastin: OK Rachel. You will keep track of that when we go into executive session then, correct? Anger: I sure will, thank you. Mastin: Thank you. Alright, thank you Rachel.

#### (3) <u>JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT</u>.

#### **Executive Committee**

Co-Chair:	Vicki Nye
Co-Chair and Board Liaison:	Russell Webb
Advisor/Coordinator:	Rachel Anger

List of Committee Members:

Rachel Anger:	Associate Program Applications Administrator
Anne Mathis:	Associate Program Training Administrator, Education –
	Judges' Training/Tests and Continuing Education
Nancy Dodds:	File Administrator
Marilee Griswold:	File Administrator
Leslie Carr:	Application Administrator – Regions 1-9
Jodell Raymond:	Application Administrator – International Division
Barbara Jaeger:	Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation
Wendy Heidt:	Guest Judge Administrator
Teresa Sweeney:	Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator
Diana Rothermel:	Ombudsperson

**Mastin:** Moving on to Agenda Item #3, Judging Program. Vicki Nye. **Nye:** Good evening, everyone. I wasn't sure if Russell was going to present or myself, but I would be happy to. We do not have any motions to bring forward at this time. Any Judging Program rule changes or show rule changes will come up in October, but I just wanted to catch everyone up because we have a new committee with what we've been doing the last six weeks. The Judging Program Committee has been very busy. Russ and I have met several times via phone call. We had a full Committee meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> to select an Application Administrator. After much discussion, the Judging Program Committee opted to select two. We are hopeful we are going to have a lot of applicants and that will keep these Application Administrators busy. We have divided up their tasks. Leslie Carr will handle applicants from Regions 1-9 and Jodell Raymond will handle the International Division. Jodell has already been busy looking over an application that we have.

Newkirk: Can we please update Russell's title from Vice-Chair to Co-Chair? Nye: Where is that, Darrell? Newkirk: It's at the head under Executive Committee. Co-Chair Vicki Nye, Vice Chair and Liaison Russell Webb. I sent Rachel an email a few days ago but she probably didn't get it. So anyway, that needs to be corrected. Nye: Thank you. We're both Co-Chairs, so that would be the correct title for both of us. Newkirk: Yes. Mastin: Darrell, anything else? Newkirk: No, that's it. Mastin: OK, thank you for pointing that out.

#### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

The Judging Program Committee and its Executive Committee would like to acknowledge with gratitude those committee members leaving the Judging Program Committee as of June 25th, 2023 – Melanie Morgan, Chair of the Committee; Kathi Hoos, our Application Administrator;

Loretta Baugh, Education and Mentoring; and Sharon Roy, Experimental Formats. For your leadership and commitment, we extend our thanks.

The entire committee met July 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss and select a replacement Application Administrator. We had more than 10 qualified candidates, but ultimately decided to select 2 and divide the role up into Region 1-9 applicants and International applicants. The committee selected Leslie Carr and Jodell Raymond. Training of these two individuals took place in the two weeks following our committee meeting. Wendy Heidt was introduced as the Judging Program's Guest Judge Administrator, a role previously held by Vicki Nye, and she has received training in this role. A round table was held where everyone discussed their role and in some cases goals. The following pieces of new business were discussed:

1). Upcoming BAOS in Hong Kong-now that we are past COVID, the BAOS will be held in person. Though too soon to acquire for this BAOS, the BAOS Administrator would like to acquire 2 small laptops and two projectors to be used at future BAOS presentations. Currently, equipment is rented from the venue where the BAOS is held. This is withing the Judging Program budget and Barbara Jaeger will be looking into acquisition.

2). The eight class sessions that are used for the Breed Awareness and Orientation School on day 1 have not had a refresh in more than 10 years. Teresa Sweeney, the JPC Powerpoint expert, was instrumental in reconstructing 3 of the classes whose file was corrupted, and re-wrote the Applying to the Judging Program class based on the June 2023 Judging Program Rules. In all, 321 slides were refreshed, with consistent fonts, and the CFA logo updated to our new brand look.

3). Numerous Application forms, Guides and checklists updated with the current CFA logo, Judging Program Rules applicable and uniform fonts. Nancy Dodds has been working diligently on this project and most, if not all, are already posted on the CFA website.

## Current Happenings Of Committee:

Judging Program Rule and Show Rule changes should only be brought forward at the October Board Meetings, working with Ed Raymond for the Show Rule Changes. Rachal Anger has agreed to take ownership of any changes to the Judging Program Rules. The following changes are anticipated in October:

## Upcoming Show Rule Changes:

- Show Rules- 20.03 edit rule to include new e) Associate Judge will receive \$0.50 per scheduled paid entry with no paid minimum.
- Show Rule 3.13 edit to include Associate Judge and Guest Judge together under this guideline, effective May 1, 2024. As areas are now open in the International Division for travel, clubs will no longer be permitted to fill their slates with Associate Judges and Guest Judges, Regular CFA Judges must also be contracted per the grid.

#### Upcoming Judging Program Rule Changes:

- Accelerated Program to be removed- justification following. The Committee agreed to pre-noticed the CFA Board in these August 1, 2023 reports. Judging Program committee was unanimously in favor of removing the Accelerated Application process from the Judging Program Rules, due to several reasons.
  - Conceived in 2019 and focus groups held 10/2019.
  - Approved by the Board February 2020 –but no pre-applicant has indicated this is the application stream they intend to pursue.
  - Many exhibitors and judges feel this process in preferential and not fair compared to what qualifications and requirements regular applicants must achieve.
  - No infrastructure has been built to accommodate an applicant, even if we had one. (no test, no plans for a practical with ring set up and interview)
  - There have been no applicants.

The Judging Program Committee plans to bring this to the Board at the October 16-17, 2023 Board meeting to remove all references to the Accelerated Program in the Judging Program Rules.

• Correct Judging Program Rule language in definition of BAOS to remove Trainee, Approval Pending and Approved.

Nye: At the October board meeting, I mentioned that we are going to have some show rule changes and Judging Program rule changes, and I wanted to bring those to your attention. The first has to do with Anne Mathis's committee, the Associate Judges, and we are going to be putting in a request to modify Show Rule 20.03 which has to do with the percentage of Guest Judges you are permitted at a show, based on the number of rings in proportion to the number of CFA judges. This has been something that has been talked about for quite a while, but we've hesitated to do because of the lockdown in various countries and the inability to get CFA judges into these countries. Most everywhere is open now, although the air fares to China are still quite pricey, so we requested that this is going to be effective on May 1st and we are going to roll in Associate Judges in with the Guest Judges for the percentage of judges that have to be CFA judges versus Guest Judges. The second rule change we are going to work on is Show Rule 20.03, to actually document how much Associate Judges get paid. That has never been documented in the rules.

**Nye:** Then, in the Judging Program Rules, we have a couple of small items that are more definitional changes, but the large one we are going to bring forward, the Judging Program Committee was unanimous in our discussion on this and at this point we want to let the board know that we will be presenting the removal of the Accelerated Program from the Judging Program Rules; that method of applying to the Judging Program. This came out in 2019 with a focus group, it was approved by the board February 2020. We have never had an applicant. There is no infrastructure that has ever been built – the test or the in-person set-up to actually

have them do judging. Frankly, most anyone that would apply for this program would also meet the requirements for the regular Judging Program. We have heard a lot of comments that it's unfair, it would be preferential treatment to somebody on the Judging Program's friend or somebody on the board's friend, and I think it's best to have everyone just come through the Judging Program and get the experience that they do when they come through as a regular applicant. So, that is a head's up to the board that we will be bringing that forward. Anybody that would like to discuss that with myself or Russell, you are welcome to give me a call.

## Leave of Absence:

*CFA Allbreed Judge Liz Watson requested a 6 month Leave of Absence on January 6, 2023 to extend through July 6, 2023. Liz haw now requested an extension of this LOA from July 7, 2023 through September 17, 2023* 

**Nye:** I also did want to mention that Liz Watson is extending her leave of absence through September 17, 2023.

## **<u>Retirements/Resignations</u>:**

None.

## Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

## **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

The last on-line BAOS was held on May19-21 with 22 Registrations and 16 Attendees. No funds were reimbursed, but if someone was unable to attend, they would be able to put their registration toward an upcoming in-person BAOS.

## **Current Happenings of Committee:**

1). Planning for the in-person BAOS being held in Hong Kong, August 24-27, 2023. This is the first in-person BAOS since the beginning of Covid. Instructors will be Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis and Melanie Morgan. In addition to the two days of class materials, there will be two days of handling which will be conducted in the show hall on Saturday and Sunday. One thing that is different is that any Associate Judge or attendee of an on-line BAOS between 2020 – 2023, will be permitted to participate in the in-ring component on Saturday and Sunday. Pre-registration is required. The cost of the full BAOS will be \$275.00 per student and the cost of the in-ring for Saturday and Sunday is \$100.00 per attendee.

2). The eight class sessions that are used for the Breed Awareness and Orientation School on day 1 have not had a refresh in more than 10 years. Teresa Sweeney, the JPC Powerpoint expert, was instrumental in reconstructing 3 of the classes whose file was corrupted, and re-wrote the Applying to the Judging Program class based on the June 2023 Judging Program Rules. In all, 321 slides were refreshed, with consistent fonts, and the CFA logo updated to our new brand look.

The Breeds & Standards committee, chaired by Annette Wilson is working with Breed Counsel Secretaries to provide and new 10 slide Breed Presentation which the BAOS will be using with minor additions. These updated breed presentations will have current photos and standards. With the 46 (12 LH & 34 SH) breeds that are reviewed at the BAOS, these 10 slide decks are a better fit to teach longhair and shorthair breeds in 1 day. As the updated 10 slide decks arrive, these new presentations will replace in some cases, 50 page dated decks. Estimated completion time is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and as the BAOS Chair receives the updated Breed Presentations, they will replace the outdated ones. If this project is not completed in time for the Hong Kong BAOS, work will continue with the completion goal for October 12, 2023. The BAOS being planned in conjunction with the International Show in Cleveland, OH.

3). The BAOS committee is also working toward acquiring two laptop computers and two video projectors for use during the schools. The first day of the school is taught in a single group, but the second day of the school, the participants are divided into two groups consisting of longhair and shorthair. The need for our own equipment will allow ensuring that the material is ready for the first day of the school. One of the issues that we have encountered is ensuring that the equipment is on-site and that we are not relying on the hosts to supply equipment and materials.

## **Future Projections for Committee:**

1). Working to ensure that the entire slide deck for the BAOS is current and complete, Breeds and Standards has rolled out a new 10 slide deck template that they are working with the Breed Counsel Secretaries to update. Estimated time for completion was set at August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. These updated 10 slide decks will be what the BAOS uses in their breed presentation teaching.

2). Acquisition of two laptops and two portable projectors.

3). Planning BAOS for October 12 - 15, 2023 to be held in conjunction with the International Show in Cleveland, OH.

4). The possibility of an in person BAOS in Europe Spring 2024

## What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update of the August BAOS in Hong Kong

Update on preparations for the October BAOS in Cleveland.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair

**Nye:** The second thing that we have been busy doing, we have a Breed Awareness School coming up August 24-27 in Hong Kong. There are currently 23 full participants signed up. This is a Breed Awareness School we have allowed those that attended a Zoom Breed Awareness School in the last two years but were not able to do the in-person handling. They can sign up to do that at the Hong Kong show. They will be doing handling on both Saturday and Sunday. As I mentioned, I believe there's 23 full participants plus 9 more handling only, which brings me to the material and the curriculum we use for the Breed Awareness School. Day One is classroom teach, which has to do with etiquette, how to apply to the Judging Program – a number of subjects. They have not been updated fully in maybe 10 years, so the Committee, with the great help of Teresa Sweeney, who is a PowerPoint whiz, we were able to redo the first three classes which were in a corrupted file, and then all 8 classes have been refreshed – new logo, any show rule changes applied. So, that's 321 slides and I am very grateful to my team for all the cooperation that it took to get that done. The second piece is that Day Two of the classroom teach we divide up into longhair and shorthairs. At the annual there was a new program rolled out by Breeds and Standards where we would get new slides, new breed presentations from each of the Breed Council Secretaries. What we have used in the past sometimes has been very dated, photos 10-15 years old, no standard change updates, plus the fact that we do 23 shorthair breeds on one day. Trying to get through breed presentations that are 40 and 50 slides long was near to impossible. So, these 10 slide updated versions are going to be a great help. We'll be using the experience of the judges that teach these to amplify those 10 slides.

**Nye:** The one question I had was that the Breed Awareness Schools that were held during Zoom that did not have the handling piece, that alone is not going to qualify them for the Judging Program. That's one reason why this Breed Awareness School in Hong Kong was opened up to anybody that wants to just do the handling only so they could attach it to their experience of Day One and Day Two, and I imagine we're going to do the same thing at the International Show – have it open so that those Associate Judges or anyone who attended that wants to apply to the Judging Program that wasn't able to take advantage of the handling because we were all locked down, they can attend that.

## **Guest Judging Report**

#### Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Anger, Rachel	ACF WCC	ACF National Show	Launceston, Tasmania	06/10/23
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	SinGen Animal Health R & D	Anshan, China	06/20/23
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	SinGen Animal Health R & D	Chongqing, China	06/28/23
Rumyansteva, Nadejda	Fun Show	Fun Show	China Zhengzhou	07/05/23
Webb, Russell	Fun Show	Kelab Kucing Kita	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	07/09/23
DelaBar, Pam	Fun Show	Kelab Meow United	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	07/09/23
Raymond, Allan	Fun Show	Kelab Meow United	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	07/09/23
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	SinGen Animal Health	Hangzhou, China	07/26/23
Chung, Chloe	Ed Class	Singen Animal Health Ind.	Foshan City, China	07/27/23
Kharmizi, Afza	Fun Show	Mayaysia CF CLub	Sabah, Malaysia	08/06/23
Griswold, Marilee	SF Seminar	Thai Smiles-SF Seminar	Bangkok, Thailand	08/10/23
Griswold, Marilee	Fun Show	Thai Smiles CF -SF Show	Bangkok Thailand	08/11/23
Chung, Chloe	Presentation	Pet Fair Asia 2023	Shanghai, China	08/16/23
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	SinGen Animal Health R & D	Shanghai, China	08/16/23
Griswold, Marilee	CCC of A	Seminar for Cats Queensland	ZOOM	8/19/23
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Rolandus	Kyiv, Ukraine	9/30/23

#### CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments:

Vargas, Teo	Fun Show	Samoir Cat Patry	Surabaya, Indonesia	10/29/23
Quigley, Neil	Fun Show	Samoir Cat Patry	Surabaya, Indonesia	10/29/23
Ardinsyah, Ardi	Fun Show	Samoir Cat Patry	Surabaya, Indonesia	10/29/23
Suherly, Okto	Fun Show	Samoir Cat Patry	Surabaya, Indonesia	10/29/23
Zinck, Iris	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval Quebec Canada	11/26/23
Mathis, Anne	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval Quebec Canada	11/26/23
Griswold, Marilee	CCA	Hamilton Cat Fanciers	Jerseyville, Ontario	03/17/24
Dodds, Nancy	CCCofA	Armidale & New England CC	Armidale, Australia	4/27/24
DeGolyer, Pam	CCA	National Cat Club	Cambridge ON Canada	05/26/24
Fung, Kit	CCCA	The Feline Assoc of S. AU	Adelaide, Australia	07/13/24

## CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date	Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge
Podprugina,		Jiang Nan Fanciers			
Elena	RUI	Club	Shanghai, China	7/29/23	Tier 1 GJ
			San Genesio ed		
Balciuniene, Inga	WCF	44 Gatti Cat Club	Uniti Italy	11/19/23	Tier 1 GJ
			Cambridge, ON,		
Gleason, Elaine	CCA	Golden Triangle CF	Canada	5/25/24	App 6/17/23

#### 2023-2024 Season Guest Judging

Guest Judge Name	# Shows
Balciuniene, Inga	1
Christison, Janis	1
Gleason, Robert	1
Ling, Christine	1
Hamalainen, Satu	2
Elena Podprugina	1

**Mastin:** Vicki, do you have any additional information you want to review? **Nye:** No. I took care of that in the opening. The Guest Judging Report doesn't have anything unusual on it. It's a little shorter for us guest judging for other association judges guest judging for us, because of our utilization of the Associate Judges.

## Associate Judge Program

Sub-Committee Chair:<br/>CoachesAnne MathisJacqui Bennett, Pam DelaBar, Chloe Chung, Hope<br/>Gonano, Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis, Teresa Sweeney,<br/>Liz Watson, Russell Webb, Bob Zenda

#### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

The Associate Judges continue to be busy judging in their respective areas. We are pleased to be able to say that several of them are working toward applying to the regular program. Paperwork is being reviewed, and evaluations received.

#### **Future Projections for Committee:**

We have three associate trainees who are still in the process of finishing up their video submissions, and we hope to be able to recommend them to be advanced at the October meeting.

#### What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

#### We hope to have one or more of the Associate Trainees ready to be advanced.

DelaBar: On the Associates, Anne through the Chair, last Wednesday an email went out to the Associates saying something to the effect of, the Associate Program may be discontinued, which caused a lot of consternation on the part of the Associates. Secondly, they were told that they have to have three shows in one year. We approved judges don't have to have three shows except in two years. I was wondering where that came from. Nye: The second question that you had, had to do with some email that went out. The Judging Program Committee didn't send any email out indicating that the Associate Judging Program was going away. Perhaps at some time in the future as we move these people hopefully to the regular Judging Program, there may come a time when we want to sunset it, but there has not been any firm discussion on this. The third piece that you are talking about is, the Judging Program Rule – I believe it's 9.18 – says that you must have three judging assignments in two years. That's the only rule that I know that applies. I do have a few Associate Judges that have not judged at all and one that has judged one time. So, that would be something that they might want to look at and be aware of, but it is in the Judging Program Rules. It's not something new. Was there another question? DelaBar: Yes, and I'll send you the email that went out, because I got a copy of it. Mastin: Does anybody else have any questions for Vicki or Anne or Russell? Mathis: Vicki, that one year was an error. It should have been two years. That's my mistake. I'm typing that in an email right now. Yes, I will send to them that they have two years, by the way. Nye: Great, thank you.

**Nye:** Anne Mathis is working on three additional Associate Judges who have not been advanced from trainee to Associate Judge, and she is working with them to get their video teaches completed.

## **Continuing Education Subcommittee**

## Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis

#### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

The judge's workshop takes place at the Annual meeting, and this year's was very well attended! Over 60 judges, associate judges, and trainees attended this workshop, and the JPC was thrilled to have such wonderful attendance.

Presented at the workshop were a session from Allene Tartaglia reminding judges to make sure our paperwork is easy to read, a session from Kathy Calhoun, ID Chair, regarding shows in the ID next April, a presentation on the bi-metallic gene from Iris Zinck, and Vicki Nye gave two presentations- one on the shaded golden British Shorthairs, and a discussion on whether to DQ or bury cats with disqualifying features. The judges in attendance were awarded 2 CEUs for attending. The JPC thanks these ladies for their informative and interesting presentations. They were very well received by the attendees.

#### **Future Projections for Committee:**

Vicki Nye and I will be representing the workshop topics in a Zoom session on August 3 for those that didn't attend the Judge's workshop at the Annual meeting.

Bethany Colilla will be doing a Zoom session on the Maine Coon Cat to the Judges and Associate Judges and trainees on August 14 via Zoom

Desiree Bobby will present the Lykoi breed to the Judges, Associate Judges, and trainees via Zoom at the date to be named later in September.

Judges will earn 1 CEU for each session they attend. Judges need to earn 12 CEUs every 5 years, with the next due date being 4/20/26 for most judges.

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair

**DelaBar:** The other question I had is, on the Judging Program Rules, Rule 13.1.a. says, *Attendance at a CFA Judges' Workshop and 3 CEU's*. We have been given 2 CEU's for attending workshops at the annual meeting. **Nye:** I realize that. Normally, they base them on the number of hours that they take, and since we shortened this workshop up because there weren't going to be any breed presentations, we're going to be doing two more breed presentations which would be an hour each. So, you got the two CEU's for the in-person workshop and then the opportunity to get two more CEU's for each of the other two workshops, the Maine Coon and the Lykoi. **Mathis:** One more CEU for each. **Nye:** Yes, right, because they are based on one CEU for each hour of presentation. We'll probably need to adjust that show rule because of what's happened with COVID or if we start adding a breed presentation workshop onto the actual workshop. Then it will be back to 3. **DelaBar:** Are these going to be recorded? **Mathis:** Yes. **DelaBar:** So, judges can go back that cannot attend at 3:00 in the morning? I'm sorry, I have some very disgruntled people and I'm not real thrilled about getting up at o'dark 30 to watch

breed stuff, but I will because that's what is expected judges, is to continue our education. Please, please, at least get us the recorded sessions so people can participate along with everybody else; if not at the same time, at least with the same subjects and information. **Nye:** My suggestion, when you do that, to take a screen print of the beginning of the Zoom class or whatever the recording that you're doing, when you send that to Anne so she is aware that the participant actually viewed it and that she's got a record of the person's name, too. **DelaBar:** Thank you Vicki for being a font of information.

## **Recruitment, Development and Mentoring:**

## Sub-Committee Chair: Teresa Sweeney

Created new role on JPC designed to encourage applicants and cultivate new talent. This Recruitment Administrator works directly with education and mentors, as such, Teresa Sweeney has taken on the additional role of Mentor coordinator. We currently have received 2 applications, 72 additional individuals actively working on applications, 43 individuals have been assigned a mentor.

The Mentor and Recruitment Lead has been busy assigning mentors and moving pre-applicants through the program. Below are current statistics on both the Mentor and Recruitment Committee which shows the uplift in both programs. We are working to uplift the program by providing one on one Mentor direction to ensure mentors are guiding pre-applicants through completing requirements of the judging program. Recruitment continually checks in with potential pre-applicants to review their status and provide advice, guidance and encouragement.

#### Mentor Program:

Number of Applicants	Number That are	Number That are not	Number of Inactive
and Pre-Applicants	Associate Judges	Associate Judges	with Assigned
Assigned Mentors			Mentors
43	13	30	5

#### **Recruitment Program:**

Total Number Potential Pre- Applicants	Associate Judges	Number SH	Number LH
72	12	37	35

Geographical Area	Number
China	7
Finland	3
Germany	2
Hong Kong	11
Israel	1
Italy	1

Japan	3
Malaysia	1
South Korea	3
Spain	4
Switzerland	2
Thailand	4
USA	29
Venezuela	1

**Mastin:** Vicki, do you have anything else? **Nye:** No. I'm hoping that everyone took a chance to read Teresa Sweeney's report. It looks very hopeful and optimistic for growth in our Judging Program. I am very excited. We're moving faster in the International Division with applicants than in the U.S., but there are quite a number of them that are working on their requirements, doing cattery visits, marking their judges' book, getting mentors, so all the encouragement of qualified or people you think look promising to the Judging Program, they look up to the board members. Give them some encouragement please.

## Applications and Advancements:

Letters of Appreciation and thanks to the CFA Board and Judging Program Committee received from Chate Ruengruglikit and Pattama Weeranon following their 6/22/2023 advancements from LH Trainee to Longhair Apprentice Judges.

**Nye:** We did get two letters of appreciation from Pattama and Chate, who were trainees for longhair, that came to the United States to train. They are back in Thailand and they are judging, and they sent two letters thanking the board and the Judging Program for all the time that we have given them.

## Applications:

Two applications were received by the 6/1/2023 deadline to be considered at the October 16-17, 2023 board meeting. These two applicants from Hong Kong – Alex Luk Chun Lap and Grace Cheung were pre-noticed on the CFA Website and in CFA News prior to the 7/1/2023 required deadline. Both of these applicants are currently LH Associate Judges, officiating shows in Hong Kong.

**Nye:** We also have two applications that will come up in October. These are both from Hong Kong. They are both Associate Judges and they have applied to the regular program. We also, just in the last couple days, we have a third application you will be able to take a look at. It is a second specialty from China, it's Gavin Cao. He has provided us his application that has been reviewed by both Jodell Raymond and myself for his second specialty, which he is also an Associate Judge for.

#### <u>Advancements:</u>

No advancements at the board meeting.

#### Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Nve, Co-Chair

Nye: That's it for the Judging Program. Mastin: Does anybody have any questions or comments for Vicki and Russell? DelaBar: Vicki, we've gone over some of the things on the Guest Judging Program and I know that we allow people to guest judge for World Cat Congress organizations. There are nine of those, minus TICA. Several of us have judged for many different independents, and we do have a listing of associations that we are in reciprocity with, especially on accepting their documents for registration and a few other things. Can we work up something to where we can build on the history, especially the independents, because that's a concept that unless you're in Europe you don't really understand independents – so we can not have to come to the Judging Program Committee, be rejected and then have to come to the board where we can work up this listing and get a real firm grasp on the organizations that we can be allowed to guest judge for. That was one thing. [Note: Transcript goes to Associate Program section. Nye: OK Pam, you're going to have to let me answer some of these before I get lost in my reply. In response to the independents, my suggestion is to go to the CFA website and see if they are already listed there. If they're not, the best way to do it – that application is not that extensive - provide it to the organization that you would like to have judging reciprocity with and provide it to Rachel, because the rest of us are not going to know what this organization is and the board is going to be voting on something that they are not familiar with. I'm more than happy to go through any sort of historical look-up on what we've approved for guest judging. I think the Excel list we keep is probably at least 10 years old. It has that much history, so I would be more than happy to provide that, but as you get independents that come up, I know we did Felidae not long ago and that was approved without any problem. I don't know any other independents that have come forward, but if they get approved through the Executive Committee, I may not know what they are, so that's the first piece.

**Nye:** I really promise, that's the end of it. **Mastin:** OK. Vicki, thank you very much to you and your Committee for all you are doing. **Nye:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Vicki, are you going to join us during executive session? **Nye:** If I am needed, I will be available. Somebody can text me and let me know, but I will be on until we get there. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

[Secretary's Note: In executive session, a motion to approve the request from the Feline Club of India to allow CFA judges to guest judge for FCI was ratified by unanimous consent.]

#### (4) <u>INTERNATIONAL DIVISION</u>.

Committee Chair/Co-Chair:Kathy Calhoun/ Matthew Wong<br/>Dohn Colilla, Subcommittee ChairChina:John Colilla, Subcommittee ChairChina:Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-ChairID Outside of China-Asia Other:Robert Zenda, Subcommittee ChairAfrica, W Asia, Middle East:<br/>Central and South America:Jan Rogers, Subcommittee Chair

#### **Brief Summary of Past Events:**

The International Division Committee welcomes Jan Rogers and Brad Newcomb. These individuals bring both a wealth of global knowledge and a new perspective to the team.

The International Division Meeting at the Annual was well received both in-person and live via Zoom. This was a historic moment as it is the first time an International Division meeting was conducted both in-person, live via Zoom at a CFA Annual!

**Mastin:** We're going to move on to Agenda Item #4, International Division. Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Thank you. Good evening. I'll try and be brief. The report pretty much is self-explanatory. We want to welcome Jan Rogers and Brad Newcomb to the team. They bring both a global perspective and a new perspective to the team, so that's good. We were very pleased with the Zoom/in-person meeting of the International Division at the CFA Annual. That went very, very well.

#### **Current Happenings:**

*The clubs that make up the International Division are busy filling up the show calendars for the 2023-2024 season!* 

In China, six (6) shows have already occurred and an additional seventeen (17) shows have reserved dates.

A Breed Awareness and Orientation School is also being planned in Hong Kong by the CFA Judging Program. Huge thanks to the Judging Committee!

Sixteen (16) shows and one clerking school have already been held in five countries throughout ID Asia (except China) since the beginning of the 2023-2024 show season (Hong Kong 4, Indonesia 5, Korea 2, Malaysia 3, Thailand 2).

*In addition, forty-eight (48) more dates have already been reserved thru the end of April 2024, including one in Singapore.* 

The ID Awards Ceremony and Banquet for Asia Other than Mainland China is in the final stages of planning. This event will occur in Hong Kong.

*The China Awards Ceremony and Banquet will be held in Shanghai the weekend of November 17-19.* 

**Calhoun:** We are really getting off to a really good start in the 2023-2024 season. We've got 6 shows that have already occurred in China, 17 shows have reserved dates. As Vicki said, we are very happy that the Breed Awareness and Orientation School is being planned in Hong Kong. Huge thanks to the Judging Committee. In ID-Asia except China, we've got 16 shows, one clerking school. We've got shows in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand. We have an additional 48 clubs that have reserved dates for the 2023-2024 season, so we're very pleased about that. The ID Award Banquet for Asia other than Mainland China will be in Hong Kong where the BAOS is. We're very happy about that. They are doing a great job of doing all the things as necessary to have such a monumental event there in Hong Kong. The China ceremony will be in Shanghai and that will be November 17-19.

## Next Update:

Our new team members are getting off to a fast start! More to come!

**Calhoun:** Our new members are getting off to a fast start. We're really excited about bringing new news to the board in October.

#### Regards,

International Division Committee

**Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Kathy or Matthew? Kathy, do you have anything else? **Calhoun:** I do not. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

#### (5) <u>SHOW SCHEDULING</u>.

Committee Chair: Pam Moser List of Committee Members: Mary Auth

National Norwegian is asking that Atlanta Phoenix not be allowed to change their date to a the last weekend of February. Their concern is that, while the distance is greater than 500 miles, many of the entries come from the Northern part of the Southern Region.

National Norwegian has run very successful shows for over 30 years on that weekend. With the decline in entries and a show, equally distant if you live in the Maryland or DC area, the club feels it will seriously hurt entries. We are not opposed to the reasons Atlanta Phoenix wants to change their date but this has always been one of the more successful shows in the North Atlantic Region and the club would like that to remain true.

We are asking that Atlanta Phoenix, please reconsider and choose a different date.

Thank You.

## Sharon Roy, Secretary, National Norwegian NAR Regional Director

Mastin: Moving on to Show Scheduling. Pam Moser, thank you for joining us. I see you are here, correct? Moser: Yes, can you hear me? Mastin: Yes, I can hear you and see you. Moser: I apologize for being late. I didn't even look at the time, since we always did it at 5 my time. I didn't even look, so I apologize for being late. OK, so on this show, I received the letter from the National Norwegian Cat Club saying that they did not think that this other club, which is the Atlanta Phoenix Cat Club, should have a show opposite their show. What I have to say about it is that, although there are several objections to the approval from the Show Scheduling Committee, and because each side of the issue has expressed their arguments, the Committee makes a decision initially and primarily because of the guidelines and rules that were approved by the board. While neither I nor Mary were influenced by the pleas of each side, our decision is non-biased and takes into account the guidelines and what is best for CFA altogether. More importantly, that measurement of whether a show should happen or would compete against another is not based upon the number of expected entries, but in the exposure for CFA and the financial success of a show. Declining entries across the United States is not going to save clubs. In this instance, the show distance between the clubs – the Illinois show and the Georgia Atlanta Phoenix show – is 733 miles and the National Norwegian show is 815 miles away. According to our guidelines, that is sufficient. It's over 500 miles, so we approved the show. Any questions? Mastin: Pam, did you say 815 or 850 miles? Moser: 815. Mastin: Thank you for clarifying that.

**Currle:** Speaking on behalf of the Atlanta Phoenix show, they have tried very hard to find a date that would be suitable for them. Let's remember, this is a February date. We have no shows at the end of February in our region at this time. Most of their entries will be coming from Florida and neighboring states. Very few people are going to travel down to Georgia for a show at the end of the month unless there's a huge snowstorm up north, which nobody can predict. So, I agree that the guidelines – 815 miles is quite excessive. She used to compete against a show

that was much closer and they did, indeed, hurt each other. I think with what's happening now with the successful gates that we're getting because we're finally listening to get the public in the door, I don't think it's going to affect either show. Mastin: Kenny, thank you. Newkirk: I think that people in that area need a show to go to. As Kenny said, they don't have a show in the region on that date, so to me this show needs to be approved. I'll be supporting it. Griswold: I also know their traditional date did compete with another show and in the past they did move it at one point and it worked out really well for both of the shows involved in the Southern Region. I can't really fathom that people are going to prefer to drive the 800 miles south versus going to the show for the National Norwegian Forest Cats. I think this is a reasonable request. Moser: Just what Marilee was stating. The Atlanta Phoenix show, they used to be against Crab and Mallet, which was in the same region and that did affect their entries because it was the same region, and they did try to move. They moved in 2020 to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in February to the different location. They had a fabulous gate. It worked out very well. They wanted to stay with that if possible. I asked if they could continue on their same date in April and they said it just doesn't work because of Crab and Mallet, plus they don't even know if they have their show hall any longer. So, they wanted to go back to the same show hall where they got the great gate, and so I think that's a reasonable request.

**Calhoun:** My question, I am in support of the Atlanta Phoenix show also occurring, but my question really is, is there a motion that we are discussing? The decision has been made by the Committee, so I don't see a motion here as to what we are discussing. **Mastin:** There is no motion yet unless Sharon Roy wishes to make a motion. Sharon? **Roy:** No. I was writing on behalf of the club, but I will say that yes, it is over the 800 miles. They were more worried about the people from the northern part of the Southern Region and losing a bulk of entries from them. That's where the Norwegian Forest Cat people had some concerns. **Mastin:** Sharon, you're not going to make a motion to ask – **Roy:** No, no. It seems kind of fruitless at this point, so no. **Mastin:** OK, I just wanted to clarify that.

**Mastin:** Pam Moser, do you have anything else? **Moser:** No. I will go ahead and tell Atlanta Phoenix that their show has been approved. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thanks Pam, did you have anything else you want to share? **Moser:** No, that's it. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Pam and Mary.

#### (6) <u>EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS</u>.

**Mastin:** Moving on to Agenda Item #6, Experimental Format Requests. Sharon? **Roy:** Sorry, I'm a little disorganized here. I just got in and I've had phone calls all day and phone calls all the way home. Anyway, these three formats were presented by Cathy Dunham from Region 6. I guess if she wants to, I would like her to explain them or what they are looking for with these formats, although her write-up is very self-evident. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham. **Dunham:** Thank you Sharon and Rich. We have three requests in Region 6 for experimental formats for the OCP rings.

Mastin: At some point in time I'm going to ask Allene and James to just share some potential concerns we have if we're going to allow this format to continue into a new year, so we'll do them separately. DelaBar: We approved the OCP rings to be used for regional award shows. I have no problems supporting the one for the Midwest Regional Awards show and they are doing it as we originally approved this, which was to be a stand-alone type of situation, but the other two, they do not fit the criteria that we set when we established the OCP rings. Mastin: Pam, thank you for pointing that out. Currle: Not to disagree with Pam, but they've really never established any rules about, we have been in favor of separate judges standing alone at a separate ring for this. These clubs are asking specifically to use some contracted judges. I can just tell you this; every time we've had this at one of the shows in my region, it is tremendously popular. Our exhibitors want it and I am in favor of every single one of these. Mastin: Thank you Kenny. **Roy:** I'm in favor of them, too. When I did some walking around and talking, both with judges and with exhibitors, and I did put it in the June report, they actually prefer to use existing judges and existing rings. We have judges that don't want to accept a stand-alone OCP ring and travel all the way to the show to maybe have 60 entries to judge. My other concern is, back last Spring we turned down three Southern Region clubs in the northern part of the region, saying that there were too many in that region. If we agree to do this - and I have no problem with these clubs having them - we need to revisit it when some of these clubs ask, because we can't say yes to the Midwest for three and then say no to the northern part of the Southern Region, who did ask to do it, as well. Mastin: Thank you Sharon. Griswold: I'm kind of with Kenny on this, because not only do the exhibitors seem to love it, so do the clubs. That's why they keep asking for them. We've had these going on for a few years now. When would we be looking at them not being experimental? Maybe just putting them into the show rules. Mastin: Sharon, do you want to address that question? Roy: My concern with just putting it in the show rules without some kind of guidelines like, every region can only have – I don't know – throw out a number of 5 per year and they need to pick it – if we do it as just a regular show rule and let anybody do it, we are looking at possibly raising grand points in order to keep it going that way. Mastin: Pam Moser, you had your hand up. Moser: No, I lowered it because what Marilee said. When does this stop becoming an experimental format? I mean, we've been doing this for quite some time and they just keep saying "experimental". Either put it in the show rules or drop it as far as I'm concerned. I'm not for this and I never have been, so that's my two cents. Krzanowski: I think that part of the reason why we have not moved forward with this to be a permanent format is that we were supposed to be receiving some kind of information back from the clubs and/or the exhibitors where these formats were held, so that we would know what was good about them, what was bad about it and therefore could make changes or not before we would move forward with making them a permanent format. So, that's part of the problem. I don't think I've ever seen any kind of a report on how these rings were received at particular shows where they are held. Griswold: I

do hear Sharon's concern that maybe we would have to look at increasing grand points, but at this point the counts are so low at the shows, I think watching grand points and if we have a plethora of grands coming in, we can address grand points going forward. **Roy:** The only thing I want to say, people have been talking about it has been many years, the first OCP rings were held in the Southern Region at their regional in 2022, so it has only been like a year and two months. It hasn't been multiple many, many years. **Dunham:** A couple of things. One, I know that Show Me Cat Fanciers did submit a report to the board upon the completion of their first OCP rings. My regional show committee from this past June is working on theirs and it will be available at the October meeting. So, I know some reports have been provided. I can't speak for all of them, but I try very hard to get my region to comply with the request of having reports done.

Mastin: Allene, would you just take a couple minutes and share with the board some of the potential challenges at Central Office with the scoring on this? Tartaglia: To specifically address the June 2024 show, I think it was already mentioned by a couple of board members that this is now going into the third year of doing an experimental format, so at what point do we stop having experimental formats? The particular challenge for the Central Office is, the OCP rings, regardless of whether they are simply expanding the top 10 or they are doing stand alone, it has to be hand scored by the Office. So, if we're going to continue with the shows into the new year, then we will be presenting a budget item to do the programming for these shows, these rings. If we are going to continue having two types of OCP shows - either an expanded final or stand alone - then it could potentially double our programming costs because it's two separate types of programming. I spoke with James today. We both agree that the potential cost could be in the area of \$30,000 to program for both types, so I would just encourage the board to pick one and that's the one we go with, if we're going to go into the new show season. Shirley is retiring at the end of the show season. We just simply can't continue to hand score these shows. It takes double the time and it's very tricky to do. Mastin: Allene, at the present time, how many of these rings has Shirley scored year to date? Tartaglia: This season to date, there haven't been hardly any maybe 4 or 5. I'm not sure exactly. Mastin: So, maybe one every 3-4 weeks? Tartaglia: Probably. I think that's what it was the prior year. We ended up having between 10 and 12. I\*'m not sure of that. I didn't check that. Mastin: When you say it takes Shirley double the amount of time to score the show, are we talking an extra hour, and extra two hours, an extra four hours per show? Tartaglia: It might be an extra hour or two for the show and a lot of it is the tweaking of grand points. These rings have to be scored manually and then she has to figure out which are the higher points and then go in and modify the grand points for each cat to have the appropriate number of points, nor do they show up in the count for Scoreboards. None of it is automated, so it's happening but it's all manual. We just won't have the people to do it manually, once the new show season starts. It's not an easy process. Mastin: If Shirley has to do upwards of two per week, is that going to create a situation where she is putting in overtime hours, or will she be able to do it within her normal 40 hour work week? Tartaglia: It's not so much the hours that's needed. It depends on the time of the year. If it is towards the end of the show season when we have more shows, then yes, she may have to put in overtime. My concern is that effective with the end of the show season, Shirley is retiring. She is no longer going to be scoring shows for us - not that she is going away, but she has made it pretty clear that she is ready to retire. Mastin: My last question before I call on Kenny and Kathy, can you and James confirm that investment cost to do the programming for our October board meeting? Tartaglia: Yes. Simbro: Yes, we can do that. Mastin: I mean, \$30,000 is a big number and I don't know if it's \$5,000-\$30,000 or

if \$30,000+. Tartaglia: Each method or each format, whether we're expanding, doing the top 10, or if we're doing the OCP stand-alone, they are two separate program changes. They don't piggyback off of each other, so we estimate that each one would take approximately \$15,000. I know that sounds high, but every time we think it's going to be simple, it's going to be easy, it never is because the scoring software is very complex because our scoring is very complex. Every time the programmers start to make any change, it breaks things, we have to do testing, it becomes very elaborate even for what are simple changes. Mastin: Assuming the board supports the decision to move forward and spend the dollars to invest in two new programs, will the company be able to have the program done in time for the new season? Tartaglia: Yes. Mastin: They will? Simbro: It's going to be pushing it, because we're looking at wrapping up CSU 2022 by the end of the year and you're going to already be making some somewhat significant changes to the scoring process anyhow to streamline it and improve what we already have. Now we're putting on top of that these additional changes. We don't know if the programming company has got – they have booked time to the end of the year for our project. They have possibly already committed to other projects from other vendors for after that time, so come January 1<sup>st</sup> they may not have time to jump right on these changes. It may be February, March, and then we're coming up on the end of the year and starting a new show season, so it's going to be very, very tight. Mastin: James, can you also confirm timing on that for the October board meeting? Simbro: I can try to, yep. Mastin: Kenny? Currle: Basically, Allene already answered my question as to the cost of each of the different types or styles of the OCP rings, so I think we should just go ahead and move ahead and vote these in.

**Calhoun:** In addition to getting zero in on what we think the cost would be, which is not in the budget, also I would like to know what this may do to other work that this company is doing, if we ask them. Is that going to impact our deadline in other projects? So, I would like for us to have an eye toward that, as well. I think as to the reports that clubs have given, it's a no brainer that this brings in more entries. Now, the question would be, is it a significant number? Of course it's more, and I think the analytics of comparing what happened with one and what happened without one is what we really need to dig into and get, and maybe we can get some help from like a Dick Kallmeyer or somebody to help us to quantify this, because it's a new format, people are excited, it's great, yes, but where is the analytics?

#### Experimental Format Approval – Mo-Kan Cat Club

Mo-Kan Cat Club would like to hold two OCP rings at their two-day 10 ring show November 4-5, 2023. Due to space limitations, the judging for these rings would be conducted by two of the already contracted judges. The club plans to have the judges present the top 10 op/ch and op/pr finals prior to presenting the top 10 AB final in the ring. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved that portion of the final will not be held.

# *Motion:* Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Mo-Kan Cat Club to include two OCP rings at their November 4-5, 2023 show.

**Dunham:** The first one is for Mo-Kan Cat Club, November 4/5, 2023. They would like to use already-contracted judges due to the space in their show hall. Again, they will only do this format if the minimum number of entries for opens/champions and opens/premiers are achieved.

Do you want to vote on them separately, or do you just want me to explain them all and we'll go back? **Mastin:** Cathy, are you doing a standing motion on all three? **Dunham:** I am. **Mastin:** Sharon Roy, are you a standing second on all three? **Roy:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** OK, so we got that out of the way. **Mastin:** We can do them separately. The reason why I want to do them separately is, the last one goes into a new year.

**Dunham:** Back to the request for Mo-Kan, this is their first request for this and it would be on the furthest western side of our region, which is a new location for this format to take place in our region. Thanks. Calhoun: I just have a quick question for Cathy Dunham on the Mo-Kan request. If they are going to use existing judges for the OCP rings, will the judges potentially provide scores for some of the cats twice? So, they would participate in the normal ring where you would have top 10 champions, top 10 premiers or top 15, depending on how successful the show is. Then again would they judge the same cats in the OCP ring? How would that work? **Dunham:** No. They only judge the cats once and if they are an already-contracted judge, they would just do their top 10 champions or top 10 premiers, and then they would present their top 10 grands and grand premiers. So, the champions would only get points once. Calhoun: Thank you. Currle: You're not going to get double points in this. One of the things as a judge – and I did one of the very first ones - Sharon came down and did it at our Southern Region extravaganza in Sanford. I followed that up with a show in Baltimore. I was an officiating judge, I had 3 longhairs and 3 shorthairs in my allbreed final. In my OCP ring I had 10 shorthairs. It was a very exciting time for the shorthair people. Mastin: Thank you Kenny. Roy: Actually, Kenny just kind of explained it almost perfectly. You're still going to name your top 3 shorthairs, your top 3 longhairs, and then you're going to do your top 10. In the case like Kenny said, even if he had only done the 6, his top 3 allbreed champions would have been shorthairs. So, whenever a judge does it, if they don't have 3 longhairs and 3 shorthairs in their top 10, they have to name the 3 longhairs and 3 shorthairs, as well, but they only get points once. Mastin: Thank you Sharon. [Transcript goes to opening discussion]

**Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, this is your motion. All these are your motions. We're going to do each one separately. Sharon Roy, you made the second. Do either of you have any closing comments? **Dunham:** I do not. **Mastin:** Sharon? **Roy:** I do not either, at this point, but thank you. **Mastin:** Alright, let's take the first one, which is Mo-Kan. The date is November 4/5, 2023. I'm going to call for the vote on this, so if you're in favor raise your hand. When I call your name, do not lower your hand until I tell the whole group to lower your hands.

#### Mastin called the motion. Motion Carried. Colilla, DelaBar and Moser voting no.

**Mastin:** In favor, voting yes, is Kenny Currle, Darrell Newkirk, Cathy Dunham, Russell Webb, Rachel Anger, Carol Krzanowski, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Yukiko Hayata, Mike Shelton, Marilee Griswold, Sharon Roy, Paula Noble, Kathy Calhoun, Anne Mathis. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. John Colilla, Pam DelaBar, Pam Moser. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel, no abstentions. **Anger:** Thank you. That's 14 yes votes, 3 no votes, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes.

## **Experimental Format Approval - Show Me Cat Fanciers**

Show Me Cat Fanciers would like to hold one OCP ring at their one day 6 ring show December 9, 2023. Due to space limitations, the judging for this ring would be conducted by one of the already contracted judges. The club plans to have the judge present the top 10 op/ch and op/pr finals prior to presenting the top 10 AB final in the ring. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved that portion of the final will not be held.

# *Motion:* Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow Show Me Cat Fanciers to include one op/ch and op/pr ring at their one day 6 ring show December 9, 2023.

**Mastin:** We're going to go into the next one, which is Show Me Cat Fanciers. The date is December 9, 2023. Does anybody have any questions or comments? OK, I will call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. Motion Carried. Colilla, DelaBar and Moser voting no.

Mastin: Kenny Currle, Carol Krzanowski, Marilee Griswold, Cathy Dunham, Darrell Newkirk, Anne Mathis, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb, Mike Shelton, Paula Noble, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Sharon Roy, Rachel Anger. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam Moser, Pam DelaBar, John Colilla. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions, Rachel. Anger: I do not have a vote from Hayata. We can take it verbally. Hayata: Yes. Can you hear me? Mastin: Yes. Hayata: I say yes. Mastin: Thank you. Hayata: Sorry. Anger: You're good, thanks. That's 14 yes votes, 3 no votes, zero abstentions. Mastin: The motion passes.

## Experimental Format Approval - Midwest Regional Awards Show

The Midwest Region Awards Show would like to hold two OCP rings at their show June 15-16, 2024. These rings would be standalone rings and the format would be 7 AB/HHP, 1 SP/HHP, 2 OCP rings. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved that portion of the final will not be held.

*Motion:* Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Midwest Region Awards Show to include two OCP rings at their show June 15-16, 2024.

**Mastin:** The next one is the Midwest Region Awards Show. That is June 15/16, 2024. Any questions or comments? **Roy:** I'm just wondering, based on some of the earlier discussions, if we can wait until after October to vote on this one when we get some information from James and Allene on scoring and pricing. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, do you want to withdraw your motion? **Dunham:** We can table it until October. We are working on getting the show licensed and things together, but we should be fine for October. **Mastin:** Sharon, you suggested it so I assume you agree, as well. **Roy:** Absolutely, absolutely. **Mastin:** Good recommendation. It does allow Allene and James to provide to the board additional information, so good working on that.

## Tabled.

**Mastin:** A question for Sharon Roy and I believe Marilee. You may have suggested it or Pam Moser did. Sharon, can you and one or two other board members work on presenting something to the board in October, in making this a permanent thing available for clubs? **Roy:** Yes. Yes, I can. Marilee, would you work on that with me? **Griswold:** Yes, I can do that. **Roy:** If we have one other board member, maybe Cathy Dunham, because her region has some of the most experience? Or Kenny. Kenny also has a lot of them. **Dunham:** I'm happy to be part of it, Sharon. **Krzanowski:** I would just like to request that after you work up exactly what it is that you want to propose, if you would also include the Show Rules Committee. Contact Ed Raymond because this way we can get it properly inserted into the rules. **Roy:** Absolutely.

**Huhtaniemi:** I actually have a question for Allene and James. How do you score shows, top 10 finals, when there is only opens and premiers or champions present? I know there has been shows with no grands. **Tartaglia:** What you're asking is how we score a show if there's only champions in the top 10? It happens. **Huhtaniemi:** It's the same. **Tartaglia:** It is the same, but now we have to have additional cats, so it's not doing just top 10. It might be top 15 or top 20 by the time you have the additional champions. So, if you have 9 grands, let's say, in the top 10 then they've got to choose an additional 10. So, it is different from a regular show where there's just champions in the top 10. With the stand-alone OCP rings, currently our get-around on that is that we score it as a separate show and then we merge the points from those two stand-alone rings into the other show, the regular show, but taking into consideration which ring did they get the highest points in. Was it the final or was it the OCP? So, there's a bit of manipulating for these shows. Does that answer your question? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, thank you.

**Mastin:** Sharon Roy, do you have anything else on Experimental Format? **Roy:** No, I don't at this time. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Sharon on Experimental Format? OK Sharon, thank you very much.

## **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

#### (7) <u>OTHER COMMITTEES</u>.

**Mastin:** We will move on to Other Committees. Rachel, do we have anything from Other Committees? **Anger:** I have received nothing for Other Committees for open session. **Mastin:** Carol, let's take this opportunity to remind the board and all those watching on the deadline for show rules so we can get that out. **Krzanowski:** Yes. It would be great if – actually, we are requesting that any show rule changes be submitted to Ed Raymond by September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give the Show Rules Committee time to investigate how these changes may affect other show rules and make sure everything is worded properly. Of course, any board members who submit a change like that will have an opportunity to review what's going to be presented. **Mastin:** Thank you Carol.

#### (8) <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>.

Mastin: Rachel, do we have any New Business? Anger: I do not have any New Business.

Newkirk: We had an issue this weekend with a Scottish Fold in our judge's book. I didn't notice it until I was doing my breed sheet, but there was one category for Straight Ears. We have a shorthair and a longhair division now, and so it took us a while to try to figure out what was wrong. The class number was wrong because it was the old class number, and so Allene, has anyone contacted you or James about the issue? Tartaglia: No. Simbro: Dick Kallmeyer send me an email about that. I looked in there. We removed the prefixes for the old color class for the Straight Eared Folds because we created new divisions for those. Since a lot of the cats still have the old BCS prefixes, they can mistakenly get put in there. I believe the clerk would have had to have done that purposely. It didn't automatically kick that in there. I could be wrong but I'm pretty sure. Newkirk: Just saying, the entry clerk is very experienced. She told me that she entered it using the CFA program, so we apparently have an error. Simbro: We can take a look at it again. The problem is, we can't just delete it because we lose all the previous show data that's linked to those. Newkirk: That's what the entry clerk was concerned about, was the old Straight Ears were 8800 and this should have been an 8700 prefix. Dunham: It would have had to have been, if the cat was a new cat to the entry clerk database, it would have been pulled in from the registration database, because that's how it works now, but if it was an existing cat in the database, it would have had to have been manually put in. Darrell is right, the entry clerk in question is very experienced. She helped write the silly program, so she would have known what needed to be hand keyed and what would have been pulled in. So, it is something we need to look at, James, in the programming itself and if we can direct the two to look at each other. Simbro: OK Cathy. I was going to say, I'll be happy to work with you on that to understand how it actually works with that and see what we can do. Dunham: OK. Mastin: James, do you have the information on the specific cat that had the wrong number? Simbro: Not the specific cat, but it would be easy enough to duplicate. Griswold: I can tell you this is happening all over the world. I think it might have something to do with color class numbers, because before they were in a different color class and now they're a different division with color classes. I have people that enter the shows and apparently the registration number is automatically putting them into, say, like a bi-color class instead of what the exhibitor is entering, which would be a tabby and white class. So, this past weekend we had to change the color class. It just showed up as Scottish Straight Ear and didn't have the color class of the tabby and white in there at all. We had to add that. I also noticed overseas someone was posting the breed summary from a show and they had Scottish Straight Ear Longhairs, Scottish Straight Ear Shorthairs, and Scottish Straight Ear as three separate categories in the breed summary. So, somehow people, whenever they are entering, maybe it's like you said some of the old numbers that are automatically kicking into that as some sort of a show category division. Mastin: OK Marilee, thank you. Newkirk: I just wanted to say that this was a cat that was shown last year, so it's an existing registered cat, not new. Dunham: It would be in the database already, which could be part of the problem. James and I and Cheryl will look at it and look at what needs to be corrected. Mastin: OK great, thank you. Darrell, anything else on this? Newkirk: No, no. I just wanted to make sure it got brought to the board's attention, and Central Office and James. Mastin: OK, thanks for bringing it to our attention. Any other New Business?

## (9) <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>.

**Mastin:** Rachel, do we have Old Business? **Anger:** No Old Business. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any Old Business?

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**Mastin:** I want to thank everyone for attending the meeting. This meeting is adjourned. Before all the board members sign out, we're going to take a 15 minute break and come back at 8:26 on the executive closed session Zoom link. So, we'll come back about 8:26 and Rachel will do roll call. Thank you all.

The open session meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted, Rachel Anger, Secretary

#### (10) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

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

## 23-004 CFA v. Caisse, Lynn, et al.

## Violation of CFA Rules for Registration, Article I, Section 1

**Guilty.** The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a one year suspension of all CFA services, a \$500 and \$1,200 restitution for a total of \$1,700; the total assessment payable within 30 days. If the total assessment is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full.

In addition, CFA shall correct the registration of the two cats, Inara's Holiday (CFA #3033-02804047) and Inara Columbo (CFA # 7598-02872886) as follows: INARA'S HOLIDAY, 3033-02804047, change breeder back to the correct breeder, Katja Viladsen, and remove the INARA cattery name. INARA COLUMBO, 7598-02872886, change breeder back to the correct breeder, Katja Viladsen, remove INARA cattery name, delete CH title, correct sire to BENESTAR BLUE DREAMER, issue complimentary CFA registration to BLUE DREAMER, correct sire on litter registration F4213443.

CFA will contact the owners of each of the 26 cats affected by these changes, advising them that CFA has been made aware of an error in registration of the two imported cats; that CFA has corrected the registration of these cats to maintain the integrity of our database; that these changes affect the registration of their cat; and that, as a courtesy, CFA will provide an electronic, certified, corrected pedigree for each of the 26 affected cats. [vote sealed]

## 23-014 CFA v. Muse, Marlohe

#### Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (g)

**Guilty.** The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a one year suspension of all CFA services and a \$1,000 fine payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]

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

None

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

None