

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF IRELAND

Constitution Amendments – Items 2 - 10

Current	Proposed
<p>2. OBJECTS The objects of the Council shall be to protect the welfare of cats and the interests of cat owners generally, to provide for the registration of cats and cat pedigrees, to classify cat breeds, to approve cat shows, to improve cat breeding and to exercise disciplinary powers.</p>	<p>The Council shall be a non-profit making organisation. Its Objects shall be to promote the welfare of all cats and the interests of Breeders and Exhibitors, to provide for the registration and recording of cats and cat pedigrees, to classify cat breeds, to licence cat shows held under its Rules, to maintain and improve wherever possible the standard of cats and cat breeding and to exercise its disciplinary powers when it considers necessary to do so.</p>
<p>3.MEMBERSHIP 3.1 The Council shall include Founder and Life members. Life members may be elected to replace resignations and deaths. The total number of Life members shall not exceed 10. Any Life Member failing to attend two consecutive meetings without apology will be dismissed.</p> <p>3.3 The Siamese and all Breeds Cat Club of Ireland shall be entitled to 3 delegates. Other affiliated clubs shall be entitled to 2 delegates each.</p>	<p>Delete sentence “Any member failing etc” and insert <i>“Life Members living outside Ireland for more than 12 months, and not attending meetings, shall become Honorary Life Members and will cease to have voting powers. If appropriate, other Life Members may be appointed in their place. If they return to Ireland they will be re-instated as Full Life Members, with voting rights when a vacancy arises”</i>.</p> <p>Delete sentence “The Siamese and All Breeds” etc and substitute with <i>“A club with fewer than 35 paid up members shall have 1 delegate and clubs with 35 or more members shall be entitled to 2 delegates.”</i> At end of paragraph add new sentence <i>“All members of Council are eligible for election to committees”</i>.</p>
<p>4. OFFICERS 4.1 The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by and from the membership of the Council at an Annual General Meeting. In order to be eligible for the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman members must have served at least one term on the Executive</p>	<p>Add <i>“unless there are exceptional circumstances.”</i></p>

<p>Final paragraph – Neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman shall be eligible for re-election if this would result in remaining in the same office for more than six consecutive years.</p> <p>4.2 Any disciplinary action of the Council directed towards a member of the Council, resulting from the established fact of any misconduct whatsoever will automatically result in the termination of that member's term of office.</p> <p>New</p>	<p><i>Change to: Four consecutive years, except in exceptional circumstances as approved by Council.</i></p> <p>Substitute with <i>“Any misconduct by a Council Member will result in a written warning from the Chair to such Member.</i> <i>In the event of such Member so informed not complying with the contents of the letter within a period of 21 days of its issue, or if any Member be deemed to be in complete breach of the Rules of Council it will result in the immediate termination of that Member’s term of office.”</i></p> <p>Add 4.4 <i>“An Officer of the Council may not be an officer, committee member, official, and judge or show manager of any unaffiliated organisation in Ireland whose activities include the registration and / or licensing or holding of shows for pedigree cats without the prior consent of the Executive Committee.”</i></p>
<p>5. Committees</p> <p>5.1 The Executive Committee shall meet six times a year or more often if required</p> <p>Para 2 The Executive Committee shall appoint an Honorary President, a Registrar and a Substitute Registrar The Registrars shall be members of the Council and their terms shall be determined by the Executive committee. The Registrars are to report to the executive committee and attend meetings as required.</p>	<p>line 4 change to “The Executive Committee shall meet at least <i>four</i> times a year etc”</p> <p>Delete Registrar & Substitute Registrar</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>Add 5.2 <i>“The Council shall appoint 3 Members not members of the Disciplinary or Appeals committees, to form an Investigation Panel who will establish the validity of any Complaints received and forward those appropriate to the Honorary</i></p>

<p>The Council shall elect a Disciplinary Committee consisting of six members. Four members shall constitute a quorum</p> <p>The Council elect an Appeals Committee which shall consist of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council together with six other members (not members of the Disciplinary Committee) elected by the Council at its Annual General Meeting. Four members shall constitute a quorum</p> <p>Two members of the Council shall be elected by Council at the Electoral meeting to the Disciplinary and two to the Appeals Committee as substitute members to fill vacancies arising from any cause whatsoever.</p>	<p>Secretary who will call a meeting of the Disciplinary committee”</p> <p>Re-number 5.3 – change to “The Council shall elect a Disciplinary committee consisting of <i>five members, not members of the Investigation or Appeals committees.</i> <i>Three</i> members shall constitute a quorum.”</p> <p>Re- number 5.4 - Delete <i>Chairman and Vice Chairman</i> change to “The Council shall elect an Appeals committee consisting of <i>five members, not members of the Investigation or Disciplinary committees.</i> <i>Three</i> members shall constitute a quorum.”</p> <p>Change two members to one member.</p> <p>5.4 & 5.5 to be re-numbered 5.5 & 5.6.</p>
<p>6. Affiliation 6.1 To be eligible for affiliation a Club must have at least thirty-five paid up Ordinary and Life Members</p> <p>6.1 v111 viii A club must run a minimum of one Exemption and two Sanction shows before Championship licence will be considered.</p>	<p>“to be eligible for affiliation a Club must have at least <i>20 paid up members etc</i>”</p> <p>Substitute with “<i>First applicant Clubs may be granted a show licence on proviso that they have a fully qualified Show Manager to run the show according to GCCFI rules</i>”.</p>

<p>7. Procedures The Council shall hold an Annual General Meeting which is an electoral meeting, in June of each year on a day fixed by the Honorary Secretary. In exceptional circumstances the meeting may be deferred but held no later than 31st August. 7.1 Nine members shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>v.</p>	<p>After electoral add bi-annually Change to: In June or July</p> <p>“Seven members shall constitute a quorum.”</p> <p>Election of Members Renumber rest of section</p>
<p>8. Powers of Council</p> <p>i. To deal with the property and finances of the Council.</p> <p>xi To issue to the Press such information and/or notices as it may deem desirable.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>8.1 Delete “property”.</p> <p>X1 “To issue to the Press <i>“or any other media outlet”</i>”.</p>
<p>9. Finances</p>	<p>9.1 “The funds of the Council will be maintained on Current Account in a Financial Institution <i>“in the Republic of Ireland etc”</i>”.</p>
<p>10. REGISTRAR AND SUBSTITUTE REGISTRAR. These administrators shall deal with the registration, transfer of ownership and the issuing of prefixes on behalf of the Council. They shall implement the Rules on Registration in line with breed policies as determined by the Council. They shall be responsible to the Executive Committee and provide reports, attend meetings etc. as required. They shall provide the Treasurer with itemised accounts and shall lodge all monies through the current bank account.</p>	<p>Registry The Council shall arrange for the registration of cats, transfer of ownership and the issuing of prefixes. These will be in line with the Registration Rules and breed policies as determined by the Council. Reports will be made to the Executive Committee as required. Itemised accounts will be available to the Treasurer.</p>