



GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF IRELAND

Summary of AGM Minutes 2nd July 2016

1. Chair's introduction

All welcomed especially new Cork delegates.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from seven members.

3. Minutes of 2015 AGM

These were read and accepted.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Treasurer's report & accounts

- A total balance of £34,802.43 was shown as against £33,669.74 for the previous year.
- Income from registrations, transfers and prefixes was just over £1,000 up on last year.
- The audited accounts were accepted by the meeting and the Treasurer thanked for all her hard work.

6. Appointment of Examiner

Mary-Anne Clifford was re-appointed as Examiner.

7. Reports

Chair (attached)

Registrar

- Registrations numbers were similar to last year but there had been quite an increase in the number of transfers.
- 58 of the cats registered were Imports and 16 GCCFI cats were exported.
- The Registrar noted a big surge in the number of British SH cats imported into the country mostly from Europe. The majority of these are sold on the active register to novice breeders who continue the same procedure. This produces large numbers of kittens but the numbers are not reflected in show entries or transfers.
- There has been some alarm in the Ragdoll breed mostly through some breeders selling active males to people with no idea on the management of stud cats. This has resulted in some studs being moved among a number of owners and the proliferation of Ragdoll kittens.
- No new prefixes were registered but there were four ownership changes.

Judges' committee

The committee had proposed that any judge qualified to judge the Olympian in the UK who is a probationer on a list, may in a GCCFI shows judge that class as a full judge as they are already full judges in other breeds. This

would give us a few extra judges for breeds at present difficult to cover and has been approved by the Executive.
No new candidates had joined the scheme and the Chair asked the committee to review the scheme to see if it could be shortened to encourage new applicants.

8. Constitution

The amendments as attached to the agenda were unanimously approved.

9. Appointment of Investigation Panel & committee changes

- Lavinia Anderson, Margaret Baker and Lorna Taylor were appointed to the new Investigation Panel.
- Lavinia Anderson was replaced on the Disciplinary committee by Carmel Byrne and Georgina Goodison took Carmel's place on the Appeals committee. Maura Lenihan was appointed reserve to Appeals.

10. Supreme 2017

- Ronnie Brooks was unanimously appointed as Show Manager.
- The committee for 2017 are: Ronnie Brooks + Georgina Goodison, Gloria Hehir, Teresa Monahan, Karen Sluiters and Lorna Taylor.

11. Ratification of Rule Changes

The amendments attached to the agenda were all approved with the addition of an increase to a total of **30** letters for a name, including prefix, spaces, hyphens or apostrophes. This is because the new GCCF system has room for this amount and will take effect from the date of transfer of our registrations to the GCCF. From that date certified pedigrees will no longer be needed for imports between GCCFI and GCCF for cats registered with either body.

Please note that the age for showing of kittens has been reduced to 14 weeks. This will commence from the Cork Show.

12. Delegates' Reports

CORK

The show will be held on **18th September** at Great Island Centre, Cobh. Plans are in hand and all judges have been booked.

MIDLAND

The show in February made a profit. Unfortunately the hotel, which was obtained at a very good rate, no longer allows animals so a new venue needs to be found.

SABCCI

There is great excitement because the new two in one show (SABCCI & GCCFI) has been invited to the RDS alongside PetExpo and will be called the Dublin Championship Show. Excellent terms have been obtained. Cats entering the Cork show have the opportunity of gaining titles within a month if successful.

13. Next Council Meeting

This will be held on 1st October.

14. AOB

None.