

SUMMARY MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 1st July 2017 at Knocklyon Community Centre, Dublin 16

1. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Lorna welcomed all Members present particularly Margaret Baker after her illness. She also welcomed Charmaine Weldon who was standing for Council and would be an observer until the members were elected.

2. APOLOGIES

These were received from Georgina Goodison, Ger Bowles, Betty Dobbs, AnnMarie MacDonald, Colm Noonan, Karen Sluiters Rhona Sullivan and Shirley Ward.

3. MINUTES of AGM 2nd July 2016

These were duly read and their acceptance was proposed and seconded by Rowena Murphy and Caroline Wren as no queries had been raised.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Lorna reported that there had been 2 Council and 4 Executive meetings during the year.

The new Rules and Constitution had been completed and approved at the last AGM and were available after the meeting for anyone who hadn't yet got copies. She wished to pay tribute to Teresa Monahan for all the work she had done on Facebook in connection with the GCCFI and she thanked all Members for their work and commitment to the Council, particularly to the Executive for their support. She also stated Gloria, Karen, Tina and Teresa were standing down but there were two new people standing namely Charmaine and Ger.

She wanted us to take the word TEAM forward into the new session of Council and reminded everyone that we need to work together to develop the Cat Fancy in Ireland and support cats, breeders and owners.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT & PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Carmel reported a healthy balance of €35,215.07. The Chair expressed her appreciation of all Carmel's work in connection with the Council's finances.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The appointment of Mary Anne Clifford as the Council's Auditor was agreed.

8. REGISTRATIONS

Reports were presented by Caroline from Betty and the GCCF. The meeting was pleased to note that numbers were similar to last year. A large number of Ragdolls had been registered.

Lorna reported on the visit she and Gloria had made to the GCCF. They had seen the new system and been given training in its use. They and Caroline now have a test database and are testing and sorting out discrepancies prior to going live.

9. JUDGES COMMITTEE

Nothing to report except Emeline Callan had almost completed her training period. It was suggested that at a later date the Committee might consider how to shorten the qualification period if new applicants were to be attracted.

10. ELECTIONS

Life Members - Caroline Wren and Lavinia Anderson had been proposed by the Executive and were both unanimously elected and both expressed their gratitude.

The following Officers were elected by a unanimous show of hands:

CHAIR - LORNA TAYLOR

VICE CHAIR. - CAROLINE WREN

TREASURER – CARMEL BYRNE

SECRETARY – LAVINIA ANDERSON

Committees were elected and details are on this website.

11. SUPREME SHOW

Report

Ronnie reported on the 2017 Show which had been successful despite last year's cancellation. Pedigree Pets was trialled with 6 entries with a total entry of 75 cats, Financially the show made a loss. The new Show Stopper award was introduced and run by Maura Lenihan. A date would be decided later for next year.

Appointment of Show Manager

Ronnie was unanimously elected again and a committee were appointed.

12. DELEGATES' REPORTS

CORK - Patsy reported on CORK CLUB The show, a back to back, would be held on 16th September. Venue to be announced shortly. Judges, Vets and penning had all been booked. The Club met monthly to make show arrangements.

MIDLAND - Carmel reported on MIDLAND – Their show had been a success but not financially. They had a total of 63 cats.

SABCCI - Gloria reported on the SABCCI/GCCFI show in the RDS last October. It was successful but very short of helpers. The next show will not be in conjunction with PetExpo and will revert to Knocklyon. It will be a double show and will be held on 15th October. PetExpo are unable to get the RDS and the Expo is likely to be held in a place used by Dog Shows near the airport in November.

13. AOB

Norman raised a query re certificates for BIS non pedigrees and this is being looked into.

14. DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Executive – 29th July at Rowena's house

Council- 4th November