



## GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF IRELAND

### Summary of Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### Show Dates

- CORK 16<sup>th</sup> September in Blarney
- SABCCI (double show) 21<sup>st</sup> October Knocklyon

#### Working with N Ireland Clubs

- A small group has been formed who will be meeting with representatives of the NI Cat Clubs with a view to holding a joint show at some stage.

#### Presentation class

- This will be introduced at the Supreme at an entry fee of €5. Exhibitors will be invited to take their exhibit, in a carrier, to the judge. They will present their cat and be able to discuss with the judge. Originally this was going to be for exhibitors under 16 years but the Supreme committee have decided to extend it to all exhibitors. Details will be in the schedule.
- It is hoped to offer a similar class for Non Pedigrees, probably just for young exhibitors, at the Cork show.

#### Titles for Non Pedigrees

- Cats can now compete for two titles, Top Cat for Household pets and Super Pet for Pedigree Pets. Titles are achieved by winning three BIS certificates under three different judges.

#### Trainee Show Managers

- Ger & Sarah Bowles have joined the programme and will be acting as Joint Assistant Show Managers at the Supreme.

#### Rule Amendment

- **Section 4 Rule 3** – Applications for registration & transfer must be received **10 days prior to the show**, instead of the closing date. This is to allow exhibitors more time.

#### NEW TITLE CLASS

**A new class for cats who have achieved Hibernian status is being introduced and will be called INVICTUS. Details below:**

- The operation of Olympian classes in the GCCF has been investigated, and although, cats enter a single class according to their category, there are three sections: Bronze, Silver and Gold. When a cat wins Bronze it then enters the class as an Olympian Bronze and competes for the Silver and then as Olympian Silver competing for Gold. The judge, of course, doesn't know at what stage the cat is. The fact that cats at different stages are competing against each other doesn't seem to prevent new entrants achieving titles.

The advantage of this process is that it is very ongoing and could keep exhibitors engaged for a long time. It is hoped that it will bring the “Golden Oldies” out.

- There will be two classes for Adults and two for Neuters:

#### **ADULT**

**AV Hibernian Grand Champion Male**

**AV Hibernian Grand Champion Female**

#### **Neuter**

**AV Hibernian Grand Premier Male**

**AV Hibernian Grand Premier Female**

- It was agreed that that **four** certificates should be gained in each section in line with the Hibernian. The new classes will commence at the **CORK** which is the first show of the new season.

#### **Supreme 2018**

- The Show is at Ballinteer on **22<sup>nd</sup> April**.
- The new Presentation class will be introduced.
- We aim to encourage more Non Pedigrees to enter and will be advertising this on our Facebook page.
- A couple of film makers/documentary producers have been in contact and hope to film the show. They will also be interviewing Council members and exhibitors.

#### **Cat Fair Dublin**

- We produced fliers promoting the GCCFI and the Club shows distributed at the Fair last November.

#### **Dates for AGM**

- This is not an election year. The 30<sup>th</sup> June & 7<sup>th</sup> July have been suggested.