



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD at the Bay Plaza Hotel 40-44 Oriental Parade, Wellington on 6th & 7th August 2016 commencing 8.30 am Saturday

Item 1 Attendance & Apologies

Gaynor welcomed the Executive to the meeting and asked Janice to give a Health & Safety briefing. All Executive Council Members are to complete the Health & Safety training questionnaire.

Item 2 Confirmation of minutes of EC Meeting (12-14th February 2016)

Corrections:

Standing Orders

Remit **Jane:** refer Page 6 - the second constitutional remit relating to Standing Order for NZCF Meetings isn't included in the minutes. There were two of these remits in a row, the first standardises the document title (and is there, starting on page 5) and the second removed one of the conflicting references about whether the EC can amend the document.

Recorded as: That para 13.1 m. stating that the Executive Council may 'Make, amend, or rescind Standing Orders for the Conduct of Meetings.' be removed.

This para is inconsistent with para 27.6 which states: 'All other bylaws, rules, operational procedures and regulations of the NZCF may be amended at any Executive Council meeting except the Standing Orders for the Conduct of NZCF Meetings.' The statement 'except the Standing Orders for the Conduct of NZCF Meetings' in para 27.6 was added at the 2012 AGM.

This constitutional remit seeks to prevent confusion about whether or not the Executive Council can make changes to the Standing Orders for NZCF Meetings.

Page 8: AGM travel/accommodation the voting breakdown to read "**Carried 4.0.2**" (Zena/Diane)

Jane/Gaynor" That the minutes as amended be accepted."

Carried

Post AGM EC meeting (April 2016)

Corrections:

Page 3 systems approach to training recognition of prior “learn” to read “learning”
 “MPR” should read “MPI”

Deb/Wendy: “That the minutes as amended be accepted.” Carried

Item 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

NZCF Mentors This update has not been completed

NZCF No-reply Forum Discussion regarding what is classified as an acceptable posting from an Affiliate Club. There have been some issues identified with members not receiving notices, on follow-up there were a number of email addresses that have been bouncing. A notice in flash cats may assist with reminding members to make sure that their email addresses or preferred addresses are utilised by NZCF for membership notices.

- In particular Affiliate Clubs can generate interest in their shows
- Fund raising options
- A separate forum could be set up could even be a closed group

AGM Dates **Deb:** The AGM date selection is listed in the Constitution and the GR&P and they still state that the date for the AGM is set 2 years ahead. This needs to be reviewed.

Registration Rule **Amendment 14.1** – application to register an imported cat (minimum of 4 generation pedigree) needs to be included – this update has been missed from the updated 2016 document.

Change of Colour – No fee will be applied to any applications for a change of colour (under the age of nine months) – needs an entry into the Registration Rules.

AGM Travel Policy A policy needs to be placed in the GR&P booklet which outlines the procedure for reimbursement of expenses for travel and accommodation for incoming elected EC members.

Annual Awards **Janice:** Page 10 - the update has not been completed re: the rule change relating to the ownership and eligibility for points to count toward annual Awards (reference: Show Bylaws 13.12 – 13.13)

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Jane Webster (Governance) (reworded clauses to come back to November EC meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Registration Rule 14.1 missed in the last update • Reword AGM date selection • General Rules & Policy document to be updated to include the “Policy for incoming EC Members” • Registration Rule – add clause re:

<p>Janice Davey (Shows) /Jane Webster</p> <p>Deb Armishaw (IT)</p>	<p>change of colour (no fee under 9 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewording of Constitutional remit regarding the % of members to vote • Rewording of 13.12 re: annual awards to come back to November EC meeting • Investigate the setting up of a separate forum for notices for clubs especially relating to show advertising and fund raising • Place notice in Flash Cats about the importance of keeping email addresses up to date on the NZCF database.
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Item 4 Correspondence

Google Accounts Discussion regarding the setting up of individual google accounts, so that all emails relating to Portfolio Managers will be able to be transferred over to any incumbent.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
<p>Deb Armishaw (IT) & Jane Webster (Governance)</p> <p>All Executive Council Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy re: confidential emails, could be included in the EC induction procedure • Investigate the setting up of individual goggle accounts for each Portfolio Manager • To set up their own google account

HCM Ragdoll Policy Discussion: regarding the sale of HCM kittens for breeding purposes. NZCF had a long lead in to clear the ragdoll lines, allowing for genetic diversity more than three years down the track a litter of kittens has been born to a HCM cat. Negative ones are approved! As long as they are clear we do import them into our system. BSAC is currently looking at the rewording so that there is absolutely no doubt that ONLY negative cats can be bred from.

Sphynx NZCF has been provided with evidence that sphynx are being cross bred. Even kittens from a breeding programme are required to be registered. The Breeders Code of Ethics must be adhered to.

Deb/Janice: “A complaint will be raised by the EC in regards to the non- allowable outcross in the breeding of sphynx. “
Carried

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Annette Dunn (Registrations) Gaynor Saxon/ EC	Application for dispensation to register – Go back to the breeder requesting that a copy of the contract is provided Complaint action to be initiated against a registered NZCF breeder (re: crossbred Sphynx)

Deb/Jane: The PM is to go back to the breeder requesting dispensation to register requesting that Copy of the contract is to be provided.” Carried

New Breeders Breed Reps are to be advised of new breeders – which will initiate a point of contact for new breeders.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Chris Lowe (Secretary)	Advise BSAC PM of new breeders so that the Breed Representative can be advised

Judges Airfares Without consultation an international judge had been booked inappropriate air travel causing a great deal of inconvenience to the officiating Judge. Clubs are to be reminded of their responsibilities

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw (Judges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliate Club no-reply forum to be utilised to remind Clubs of their obligations under the Show Bylaws regarding Judges Travel • Remind Clubs that only NZCF Contracts to be used. • On-line contract form to be completed which will include a clause about Insurance and other expenses such as car-parking etc.

Judging of Russet Burmese Breeders have expressed concerns that not all international judges are evaluating the Russet Burmese to the Standard.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw (Judges)	Addendum to be added to the Judges Contracts REMINDING Judges that they are expected to Judge to NZCF standards

Morning tea 10.40 -15 minutes

Health & Safety Manual A section has now been included in the manual to reflect the inclusion of “bullying” which now is part of the legislation.

Deb: refer to 3rd paragraph page 4 H&S Officer needs to remove all reference to any overridden clauses by removing the references to the previous Act.

Health & Safety Officers A review is to be done by all Officers in Nov/Dec 2016

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw	Highlight all previous references and advise Sue Mackay so that updates can be done before placing the document on the website.
Janice Davey (Shows)	Follow-up on review process
Jane Webster (Governance)	Jane to reformat document for release

Tutor Judge The EC acknowledge with regret the resignation of Sue Ford as Tutor Judge

Jane/Gaynor: “That the inwards be received and the outwards endorsed.” Carried

Item 5 NZCF Strategic & Business plan review

Goal 1: Providing High Quality Governance and Operational policies and procedures are used to govern the management of the NZCF, the Executive Council, and shows licensed under the rules of the NZCF;

- **AGM – Matters arising from the 2016 AGM**

Some matters have been covered in the Portfolio Managers reports for this meeting which include further discussion under the following bullet points:

- Electronic voting
- Microchipping
- Council Districts
- Facebook photographs
- Registrations – Tabbies
- Adoption of EMS codes

CatzInc Discussed at length identifying that there was a variance between the 21 days to become a financial member in the proposal against the 14 days for other non-NZCF members.

Current:

3.1 Every cat shown at an NZCF show in the registered divisions must be registered with the NZCF, provided always that for cats imported into New Zealand but still registered overseas, or domiciled within New Zealand but registered with another registry, upon written application to the appropriate registrar, a dispensation may be granted from this registration requirement. Dispensations are applicable for a maximum of six months and are ratified by the Executive Council at its next meeting. After 6 months, to be shown again, the cat/kitten must be registered with the NZCF.

Proposed, add:

3.1 (a) Cats not registered with NZCF Inc, but registered with another Cat Registry, may be entered in NZCF Inc shows. Wins by Cats/Kittens registered only with another Registry will NOT COUNT towards NZCF Inc TITLES or Annual Awards UNLESS the cat is duly registered with the NZCF Inc and the owner is a financial member within 21 days of the show where such wins were made.

Alternate proposal:

3.1 Every cat shown at an NZCF show in the registered divisions must be registered with the NZCF, except that either of the following may apply:

(a.) Cats not registered with the NZCF but registered with another cat registry may be entered in NZCF shows. Wins by cats / kittens registered only with another registry will not count towards NZCF titles or annual awards unless the cat is duly registered with the NZCF and the owner is a financial member within 21 days of the show where such wins were made.

(b.) For cats imported into New Zealand but still registered overseas a dispensation may be granted from this registration requirement upon written application to the appropriate registrar. Dispensations are applicable for a maximum of 6 months and are ratified by the Executive Council at its next meeting. After 6 months, to be shown again, the cat / kitten must be registered with the NZCF.

Electronic Voting Proposal

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Jane Webster/Gaynor Saxon Secretary	Electronic Voting – policy come back to EC for inclusion in the 2017 AGM Agenda the proposal for the November EC Meeting

Promotion Pamphlets Although some updates were completed prior to the reprint for the World Cat Congress Seminar in 2015 a further review is required to be done.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Wendy McComb (Publications)	Review the promotion pamphlets prior to

NZ Companion Animal Register – (CEO) Nygllhuw (Nigel) Morris

Nigel was welcomed to the meeting and he thanked NZCF for the opportunity to chat about the companion cats register.

He reported that NZCF along with other stake holders each put in money to create the database which is today the NZ Companion Animal Registry, for microchipping of companion animals in NZ.

To date 472,000 animals have been added to the database of which 56.9% are cats. The remaining is made up of dogs, horses, rabbit's birds and fish.

Discussion points included:

- NZCAC rate for bulk users – members could get a discounted rate.
- NZCAR investigating the possibility of taking up training implanters from Maharangi who no longer offer this course.
- NZCAC can apply for funding to train members to become certified implanters.
- Microchips that are not registered or owners who change addresses and don't notify registries.
- Pets on the net - we are currently integrating our software microchip numbers and photos can be bought across – proving to be a useful tool.
- Halloplus! New scanner to come in shortly does not have to be logged into a computer to work.

Item 6 Portfolio Managers Reporting

6.1 Business/Administration & Finance (Gaynor Saxon)

(a) Treasurers Report – (Marion Petley)

The majority of our revenue is now received by internet banking – direct credit and the process is a very time consuming. The Treasurer discussed a possible remedy to this reporting that there are ramifications in that the reporting function will be affected and the EC would not have the same breakdowns that they utilise to set the budget.

(b) Financial Statements p/e 30 June 2016

Gaynor/Janice: “That the payment of accounts for the period 1/01/16 to 30/06/16 totalling \$74541.91 (incl GST) be approved for payments in retrospect.” Carried

(c) Complaints Reporting – (Gaynor Saxon)

Disputes & Discipline Procedure (DDP) a number of issues with the process have been identified and corrections that were needed were discussed.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Gaynor Saxon	To review the document and place the proposed amendments (Ref: 6.1) onto the agenda for the November Executive Council Meeting

Deb/Janice: "That the EC go into committee to discuss complaints." Carried

Jane/Annette: "That the EC come out of committee." Carried

Complaints

Committee EC resolved that the procedure regarding the appointment of a Complaints Committee is investigated.

Cancelled Show Letter to go to CFA flagging this matter, advising them of what happened and what the ramifications were for our Affiliate Club and requesting assistance with follow-up with the Judges concerned.

Digital

Communications The EC discussed the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015

Council Liaison & MPI

Representative Appointments have been deferred until the November EC meeting

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Gaynor Saxon	To liaise with the NZCF Rep Zena Pigden regarding the guest speaker presentation at the NZCAC Annual Conference – EC to approve the presentation prior to the conference

Gaynor/Janice: "That the Business Administration report be received." Carried

6.2 Breed Standards Advisory Council (BSAC) (Jane Webster

Workload The EC acknowledged the heavy workload of the BSAC and the recommendation that additional members should be appointed until the regular appointments are made at the end of the year.

NAWAC Report The response to NAWAC was provided by PM this was not done in consultation with the BSAC – approval for release was given by the Chair (Gaynor Saxon)

Email Box

Secretary NZCF Concerns were expressed that some emails that were provided by the NAWAC to the Secretary were not received.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Jane Webster (BSAC)	To seek approval to release parts of the NAWAC

Deb Armishaw (IT)	draft for printing in Flash Cats To follow-up with Peter Davidson regarding the secretary@nzcf.com email issues
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6.3 Shows Portfolio (Janice Davey)

2017 Show

Calendar EC resolved that the 2017 show date calendar be accepted. Acknowledging date changes for: Auckland Cat Club (June to August date)
Upgrade: Sacred Temple Cat Club – 6 rings
Nelson Cat Club – 6 rings

Show

Complaint Concerns regarding Exhibitors behavior were discussed.
EC resolved that all parties to the complaint will be notified

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Gaynor (DDP)	To advise all parties of the outcome

2016 National The Palmerston North Cat Club wish to sincerely thank their sponsors exhibitors, workers and all those who helped in so many ways which enabled them to produce such a successful show.

2017 National The contract for the National show for 2017 has been signed off. CABCC have put forward the following Judges for the National Ring (shared arrangement with ACF National)
Kaai du Plessis (NOK) Netherlands LH N/S Cats, LH N/S Kittens, SH Entire Cats
Jan Roger (CFA) USA LH Entire Cats/Kittens LH & Shorthair Domestic
Pamela Barrett (TICA) USA SH Entire Kitten, SH N/S Cats/Kittens, LH & SH Companions

“EC resolved that the Judges listed are approved subject to confirmation of the Affiliate Organisations.”

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Chris – Secretary NZCF	To follow-up to confirm Affiliate status of all Judges for National Ring

Registered

Companion Cats Refer Show Bylaws Appendix A Registered Companion Cats – The recommendation from the PM regarding a change in status was discussed and it was identified that a rewording of the bylaw will be required.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Janice Davey	Refer Appendix A rewording to come back to the November EC meeting

Higher Titles Recommendation from the 2015 AGM (Palmerston North Cat Club) refer:
NZCF Points NZCF Title System: Appendix C Show Bylaws would need to be updated to incorporate any upgrade needs to be updated (C8 & C9)

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Janice Davey	Follow-up with Club regarding BIS in a show season to look at rewording Bylaw for the November EC meeting

NZCF Medallions Approved Special awards for NZCF medallions refer table 16.1 which is listed Bylaw 16.5 – the PM recommended the table should be renumbered.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Janice Davey	Follow-up on the possible use of the table for the National Ring Points.

Double Points

Proposal Refer Show Bylaws Appendix 'C' suggested amendment was discussed

C.6 All Champion or higher qualified cats placed in the Top Ten at NZCF shows (except as described in para C.7 below) will automatically be awarded points towards their next higher title depending on their position in the Top Ten as shown in Table C.1. Additional to these placing points, further points will be awarded depending on the number of cats beaten, e.g., if fifteen cats are entered, the top cat will earn 10 points for being first, plus 14 for the number of cats beaten (total of 24 points), the tenth cat will earn 1 point, plus 5 for the number of cats beaten (total of 6 points).

Table C.1: Placing Points for Top Ten Best in Show 10 points Reserve 9 points 3rd 8 points 4th 7 points 5th 6 points 6th 5 points 7th 4 points 8th 3 points 9th 2 points 10th 1 point

C.7 All Champion or higher qualified cats placed in the National ring Top Ten at the NZCF National Show will automatically be awarded points towards their next higher title depending on their position in the Top Ten as shown in Table C.2. Additional to these placing points, further points will be awarded depending on the number of cats beaten, e.g., if fifteen cats are entered, the top cat will earn 20 points for being first, plus 14 for the number of cats beaten (total of 34 points), the tenth cat will earn 2 points, plus 5 for the number of cats beaten (total of 7 points).

Table C.2: Placing Points for National Ring Top Ten Best in Show 20 points Reserve 18 points 3rd 16 points 4th 14 points 5th 12 points 6th 10 points 7th 8 points 8th 6 points 9th 4 points 10th 2 points.

Discussion: the EC were unsure whether we wanted this to affect title points (proposal) or also annual award points. EC acknowledged that the annual awards are not covered in the document and possibly Needs to be drafted as a paragraph and appendix similar to that for the title points.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Janice Davey	To liaise with Joan Hill (Honours Registrar) about the technicalities that any change would have in ROCAP – report back to November EC meeting
Jane Webster (governance Officer)	Report back to November EC meeting with further changes if necessary

Show Bylaw Rule Change 4. **Show Entries**

4.7 All kittens entered in the show shall be four calendar months old on

show day (taking out the word minimum)

Janice/Wendy: That the Shows PM report be accepted.” Carried

6.4 Judges Portfolio Report Deb Armishaw

Clubs

Responsibilities Refer Show Bylaws 6 – several references were made to Clubs failing to liaise with officiating Judges regarding travel & expenses. An investigation is required into the travel insurance policies.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw (Judges) / Secretary	Review the online contract to include a second page to cover the requirements under Show Bylaw 6 to ensure that Clubs are reminded of their responsibilities. Include information regarding the responsibilities surrounding the taking out of Travel Insurance

NZCF Stewards The EC congratulates the successful candidates of the Stewards school held in
Steward/Handlers March.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Gaynor Saxon (Chair) / Secretary	A letter is to be sent to all the students with regards to the investigation by the Chair due to the delay in releasing the results

Judges School

2017

There are three Longhair Students and 1 Shorthair – Clubs and Judges were Thanked for all the help you have given these students. Also thank you to the Breeder’s opening up there catteries to the students. It is likely that the practical examinations will be held in Palmerston North in December.

Unable to Be

Judged

Category 1 & Category 2 - there has been some feedback from Show Secretaries about this procedure and there has been an indication that there is a need to amend. The forms which are currently being sent to the Secretary will be held by the Shows PM in the future.

Secretary (Chris) In the absence of a written report for the meeting it was not appropriate that the PM tables procedural changes prior to EC members being able to consider them prior to the meeting

Chair: “That the verbal report of the Judges PM be accepted.” Carried

6.5 Flash Cats & Marketing (Wendy McComb)

Advertising A number of approaches have been made to new advertisers

On-line Shop EC discussed the initiative that Wendy reported in relation to providing an online shop for our members

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Wendy McComb/Gaynor Saxon	Investigate the setting up of a service Provide product examples and report back to the November EC meeting

Wendy/Gaynor” That the Flash Cats & Marketing report be accepted. “ Carried

6.6 Registrations Report – Annette Dunn

Registration

Rules Para 14.9 the accepted November 2015 registration PM report covered the change from ‘subsequently confirmed by the Executive Council at its next meeting to ‘approved by the registrations Portfolio Manager’ but it was not in the minutes, so not processed by the governance documents officer.

“The EC resolved to process this update.”

GCCF Registry Project Phoenix the GCCF new IT system could be worth taking a look at

ROCAP

Database The registrars have requested follow up on database

- **(I) notation** (automatic reminder)
- **Imports:** The registrars have a concern with imported cats and putting their grandparents, great grandparents etc. in the system - currently we "have" to put a DOB for them but more often than not we don't have this information on the pedigree
- **ROCAP:** date selection system only goes to 2017
- When we enter imported cats can Peter put in a date specific for us to select in these circumstances?
- **Leases:** not receiving automatic email reminder about expiring leases.
- We can generate a lease but there's nothing in ROCAP to terminate the lease once it has expired. A new transfer cert should be produced showing the ownership of the cat has gone back to the Lessor. This is the only way around this at present to my knowledge)
- **Microchipping Information:** That they become traceable once entered and appear on the registration/transfer certs when printed.
- **Microchipping Data Entry:** could enter the numbers while generating the litter! Especially now that more and more breeders are microchipping their kittens.
- **Stud Owners:** not replying to auto emails when registrations are done online, always having to follow the stud owners up for confirmation.
- **Duplication of Names on the Database:** Last week a registrar registered a big litter with very similar names and she duplicated one name in that litter but the database didn't pick it up. Neither did the registrar until the breeder noticed when they got their paperwork.
- **Generation status** on them, the database lets the breeders use the same name for full register cats.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw (IT PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up IT issues identified for the Registrars with Peter Davidson • Contact Avon & Sue regarding the laptop issues identified

Registration Rule 11.5 Registering a Prefix

(a) Proposed change to the registration rule 11.5 Registering a Prefix After the circulation to individual members and clubs of a proposed prefix on the prefix list by the Secretary, if no objection to the proposed prefix has been lodged by a person or club on proper grounds within 14 days, then the prefix is issued by the Secretary. Should any objections to proposed prefixes be received, then those prefix applications will be considered by the Portfolio Manager.

Annette/Jane: “That the change to Registration Rule (as on the agenda) is approved.” Carried

Prefix Registrations One objection received against the acceptance of “Plimmerton” the Applicant subsequently reapplied with a change of name.

6.7 Information Technology (Deb Armishaw)

Registrars Concerns Follow-up has been initiated and Peter is working his way through the concerns identified, some of which have been of concern for a considerable period.

Deb/Gaynor:” That the IT report be accepted.” Carried

Item 7 General Business

(a) World Cat Congress Report (Chris Lowe) – This meeting included some very interesting discussion

Health & welfare policies – it is important that an emphasis was put on the fancy’s concern for the health of cats, this is very necessary in view of the negativity that was experienced about the breeding of pedigree cats.

Royal Canin encyclopaedia project almost complete

Future Project – it is the intention of Royal Canin and WCC to work together to build a course for breeders. They were currently doing a course for dog breeders. It was in digital form and could be done on-line. Something similar could be produced for cat breeders.

2021 Anniversary of the First Crystal Palace Cat Show: GCCF have been asked if they would be interested in hosting the meeting that year. If the GCCF board support the idea a working group to start planning, raising sponsorship and finding things of interest would be set up.

WCF Pedigrees from Russia and Ukraine: WCF are currently working on a central registering system with a means of unique identification on the pedigree.

Judges Invitations between Organizations: Procedure for the approval of judges was discussed. **SACC** obtained a CV from the judge and then went to the judge's member body for confirmation. **CFA** had a policy that when there was a show from another organization within 500 miles of a CFA show with a provisional date, then permission would not be given to that judge to officiate at that show. CFA has an officer on their Judge's Committee who administered the guest judges. That officer also checked out any new guest judge applications. **WCF** had no system. If the judge was from a WCC Member body, it just needed to be notified. If a **FIFe** judge asked for permission to judge, for example, for a South African club, permission would be given. There was also the rule that 75% of the judges at a FIFe show must be FIFe judges.

Outcross programme for Burmese. The "Euro" Burmese in Australia were having a lot of problems with various conditions, which could be detrimental to the breed. The breeders had asked for help and they had embarked on a programme, which was voluntary and highly administered. They were allowing outcrosses of Burmese to Mandalays. One of the problems within the Burmese was a high percentage of flat chested kittens and there were other genetic defects. The Mandalays had been developed from "Euro" Burmese and British with some Orientals.

In the UK it was reported as well as hypokalaemia and some flat chested kittens, they also had a very high instance of type 2 Diabetes, oral facial syndrome and increased instances of cancer. Prominent Burmese breeders in the UK did not even want to discuss outcrossing. He had suggested outcrossing to Asians, Korats and Burmese restriction Tonkinese and also bringing in original cats from Thailand but to date he had made no progress against the resistance of the breeders. They regarded it as a threat to their breed. They would only accept pedigrees with twelve generations of full Burmese.

The WCC President wanted to warn everybody that not out-crossing, as also practiced in the dog fancy, and would have consequences from governments, particularly within Europe. FIFe had made some changes in its standards for the health of the cat for example the words 'very short back' in the Manx had been changed to 'short' back.'

In the Sphynx the amount of wrinkles should not be such that interrupt the normal physical behavior of the cat.

In the Persian, in most registries, the point that the nostrils should be well opened. The dog standards did not have such things; they tended to go towards extremes. If the cat fancy did not regulate its breeders itself, then it would be taken out of their hands.

In Germany a Don Sphynx was HCM positive but the breeder would not neuter him. The media however did not pick up on the HCM situation but pointed at the fact that the cat was naked.

Discussion: Deb asked the BSAC PM how the project was going with the NZCF recognised breeds and asked if the breed representatives were involved in this process. Jane confirmed that at this stage only the BSAC are writing up the recommendations for each breed – when completed it would go to the breed section for consultation prior to submission to the EC.

Re: Royal Canin Invitation

The EC resolved

“That the NZCF accept the invitation for the NZCF delegate to attend the 2017 Breeders convention in recognition of the work done with the breed sheets in the encyclopaedia.”

2017 WCC Delegate Role:

“That the EC endorse the appointment of Chris M Lowe to the role of NZCF Delegate to World Cat Congress 2017 allowing for Chris to accept the All Breeds Judging assignment offered to her.

- (b) Companion Animals Council (Gaynor Saxon)
- (c) MPI reporting (Deb Armishaw)
- (d) Health & Safety Manual (Deb Armishaw) Note: the new Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 has identified bullying as a hazard
- (e) Buddy System (network for EC Portfolio Managers)

EC resolved **That the “buddy system” would be utilized to support Portfolio Managers:**

Judges/Shows (Deb & Janice)

Registrations/BSAC (Annette/Jane)

Flash Cats & Marketing (Gaynor/Wendy)

Business Administration (Secretary/Treasurer – Chris & Marion)

- (f) Dispensations (the EC may give dispensations to allow the transfer of cats after the death of a prefix holder – discussion regarding rules that allow the Registrations PM to use their power to give dispensation without recourse to the EC)

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Jane Webster/Annette Dunn	This process needs to be formalised by inclusion in the Registration Rules – to come back to the November EC meeting

Approval of Meeting Expenses:

Gaynor/Janice: “That approval is given for the payment of \$3,205 + GST for meeting expenses.” Carried

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed 12.05