



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CAT FANCY INCORPORATED held 12-14th February 2016 at the Bay Plaza Hotel, Oriental Parade, Wellington.

Item 1 Attendance & Apologies

Apologies *Diane/Annette: "That the apologies from Deb Armishaw & Marion Petley who are not able to attend the Friday session be accepted."* **Carried**

Item 2 Confirmation of minutes of EC Meeting (held 13-15 November 2015)

Refer Page 4 – Annette: "That the expressions of interest for the appointed positions are accepted"

To read: *"That the following officers are appointed."*

Refer Pg. 15 – action point amended to read 2017

Zena/Diane: "That the minutes as amended be accepted" **Carried**

Item 3 Matters arising from the minutes:

Logo

Rebranding This is an on- going project – still has a lot of work to be put into this with the likelihood that this will be opened up for further discussion at the 2016 AGM.

Marketing

Plan It is Zena's intention to present a marketing plan prior to her standing down from the role which will give the incoming EC some headings that they can work with to agree to a marketing plan

Training

Questionnaire Has not been circulated - refer to PM Deb Armishaw

Administration

Support Portfolio Managers and Officers are under increased pressure, NZCF needs to look at working smarter perhaps even streamlining some of the roles this will be addressed with the strategic plan discussion.

Microchip

Project Marion is to have further discussions with Diane & Gaynor prior to putting some time into a feasibility study around the proposed Microchip project.

BSAC Nominations Nominations for elected positions BSAC document is to be removed from website as it is out of date. The process for this year’s election has been outlined correctly on the circular that has been sent to the membership.

Matters Arising In the future will be addressed prior to the meeting this will be initiated by the EC Secretary who will provide Portfolio Managers with details of any action points which have not been signed off (prior to an agenda being released).

Membership Forum Affiliate Clubs have been advised that they can have postings on the membership forum advertising their show schedules, entry closure etc.

Complaints Reporting A spread sheet has been developed to track all complaints through to signing off

Privacy Statement To be reviewed to match the new declaration on the membership forms

Unable to be Judged New report form had been put together by Jane and the appropriate rule changes have been completed.

Double Points A feasibility study is to be undertaken by the IT Portfolio Manager

National Awards A generic letter has been put together announcing the winners of National Annual Awards.

Judges Refreshers A review of the Judges Manual is to be undertaken regarding the reimbursement of travel costs for Judges to attend annual refresher seminars.

NZCF Stationary Gaynor apologised for the delay in contacting Janice Davey prior to the stationery being returned to NZCF. Some stationary items will continue to be held by the relevant Portfolio Managers.

Catz (Inc) Imp NZ Imp NZ has been removed from the registration certificates

Electronic Voting Remit will be tabled for approval at this meeting (AGM 2016)

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb (Judges PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate the Training Questionnaire • Judges Manual review- the reimbursement of travel for judges refresher seminars (report back for

	budget discussion)
Chris (Secretary)	Send out action points to PM prior to Agenda release for follow-up
Jane (BSAC PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove outdated BSAC information from the website • f/up with Deb re: release of submission to Judges refresher (health)
Gaynor (Business/Admin PM)	Report back on code/confidentiality document
Marion/Diane & Gaynor	Report back feasibility study microchipping project
Diane (Registrations PM)	Follow-up on the content of the webpage breeding/showing information
Zena Pigden (IT PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study re: “double points”
Deb (Privacy Officer)	Review the Privacy Statement on the website

Meeting adjourned at 5.30 pm reconvening at 8.30 Saturday

Agenda continued.....

Item 4 Correspondence

CABCC

Storage EC agreed that the NZCF owed storage fees to CABCC for the March-November 2015 period and resolved that as a gesture of good will the NZCF would pay one full year’s storage fees to CABCC.

Bengal

Cross Breeds There are a number of advertisements on Trade me for Bengal crossbred kittens this is of concern to NZCF. The EC resolved that this matter needs to be pointed out to the Ministry of Primary Industries utilising the information that has been forwarded to NZCF by our concerned breeders

Complaints Decision Memorandum received from JH Lloyd

Zena/Gaynor: “That the EC accept the recommendation from John H Lloyd and that letters in line with his recommendation be sent to both parties.” 4.1.1 (Diane/Gaynor) Carried

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Chris (Secretary)	To commence consultation with MPI regarding the regulations surrounding the importation and breeding of Bengals

(Observer present – Sally Dennehy)

Animal Bylaws

Wellington

City Council

Zena reported that the Council are reviewing their Animal Bylaws and she was invited to a consultation meeting (see Attachment 'A')

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Deb Armishaw	To keep the EC up to date on the consultation proceedings

Benching Fee

Submission

Dean Thomas's submission has now been circulated to all EC members and will be discussed further under the Shows Portfolio Managers report.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Zena Pigden	To investigate the possibility of using a Gmail account for all Portfolio Managers, which will enable them to BCC all communications of significance to the EC Secretary

Deb/Gaynor: "That the inwards correspondence is received and the outwards endorsed." Carried

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea 10.30 reconvened 10.50 am

Item 5 NZCF Strategic plan review

Business Plan It is the intention that the business plan rather than the strategic plan will be reviewed at every EC meeting and both documents will be used for setting the agenda.

While retaining the awareness of the strategic plan EC reviewed the business plan this will be presented to the AGM under the item "Discussion and approval of plans for the balance of the current and next 5 calendar years."

Strategic Plan *"The EC resolved to adopt the suggested changes highlighted by Jane as Governance Document Officer."*

EC acknowledged that there is room for improvement however the current document still fits in with the end goals.

Zena/Jane: "That the updated version of the strategic plan for 2016 be adopted." Carried

(Note: the exception: with the approval of the wording change in goal 1 depending on the outcome of the AGM remit – re: the wording in the Constitution)

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
EC Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the Business Plan Document for circulation to EC prior to AGM • Strategic Plan to be placed on the website prior to the AGM

Meeting adjourned lunch 12.27 reconvened 1.20 pm

Item 6 General Business

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;

CONSTITUTIONAL REMIT: NZCF STRATEGIC ENDS (GOALS)

Deb/Zena: *“THAT the wording of para 3.6 a. is altered to read: 'providing high quality governance and operational policies and procedures to manage the NZCF, the Executive Council, and shows licensed under the rules of the NZCF;*

This goal of the NZCF currently reads: 'providing high quality governance and operational policies and procedures to govern the management of the NZCF, the Executive Council, and shows licensed under the rules of the NZCF;' and this constitutional remit seeks to simplify the affected wording as indicated.

CONSTITUTIONAL REMIT: NZCF SECRETARY

Zena/Gaynor: *“THAT all mentions of 'Executive Council Secretary' or 'Secretary' in the constitution are replaced with the new title for the position, 'NZCF Secretary'. Carried*

Rationale:

The November 2015 EC meeting passed a change to the title of the organisation's secretary to 'NZCF Secretary' (previously 'Executive Council Secretary') to better reflect the wide-ranging role the appointment plays in the NZCF.

Amendments to the constitution over the years have introduced the 'Executive Council Secretary' title in addition to the original 'Secretary' title. This constitutional remit seeks both to introduce the new title and make consistent all the references to this position.

'Executive Council Secretary' occurs in paras: 5.4 b., 12.1 d., 12.1 f., and 21.6.

'Secretary' occurs in paras: 7.1, 9.1, 17.1 a. i., 21.3, 21.4, 21.4 d., 22.1, 22.1 a., 22.1 c., 23.7 a., 26.1 b., 27.3, and 27.4

CONSTITUTIONAL REMIT: STANDING ORDERS FOR NZCF MEETINGS

Zena/Gaynor: *“That reference’s to the 'Standing Orders for the Conduct of (NZCF) Meetings' be changed to reflect the current title of the document that is 'Standing Orders for NZCF Meetings'.” Carried*

Rationale: The constitution uses two titles for the subject document: 'Standing Orders for the Conduct of Meetings' in para 13.1 m and 'Standing Orders for the Conduct of NZCF Meetings' in para 27.6. Before

reissue the document itself was titled 'Standing Orders for the Governance of All Official Meetings of the NZCF Inc'. This constitutional remit seeks to amend the constitution so that it uses the current (and simplified) title of the document. This is another tidy up – alignment of documents

CONSTITUTIONAL REMIT: ELECTRONIC VOTING

**Zena/Gaynor: “That the Constitution is amended as follows to allow electronic voting in EC elections.”
Carried**

10.1 Before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the NZCF Members will decide by postal vote or by electronic vote, the new members of the Executive Council.

12.1 (f) Upon the closing of nominations, each eligible member will be provided with access to electronic voting or a ballot paper will be mailed to them.

12.1 (g) the election ballot shall contain a list of candidates for the Executive Council and be accompanied with each of the candidates biographical notes, if provided. If voting is via an electronic election site, biographical information will be placed on the NZCF website or circulated by other means and the membership advised of this.

12.1 (h) Each member shall be responsible to ensure that their ballot is properly completed and signed and forwarded to the appointed Returning Officer by the date required. If voting is via an electronic election site, each member shall be responsible for completing their vote by electronic means by the required date.

Also included the following clause

Elections - Election of officers shall take place in the month prior to the AGM each year by postal ballot of the membership or by electronic means.

Rationale: electronic voting using established election management websites is now becoming widespread and offers a secure and reliable alternative to postal voting. The option of electronic voting has been discussed at AGMs and the EC requested to make this available as an option for the NZCF. These constitutional amendments will allow this.

Rationale: Reference to the method of forwarding ballot papers to the returning officer has been removed. The intent of the clause is that the member is responsible both for completing the ballot paper and for forwarding to the returning officer, but there is no requirement to prescribe the method of doing this in the constitution.

- Disclosure of nominations prior to close off - discussion item

Goal 2: Providing Information to promote knowledge and interest amongst breeders, owners, exhibitors, and the general public of the registration, breeding, and exhibition of cats.

Non-Constitutional remit – (Discussion)

“That Breed Representatives are appointed rather than elected.”

Discussion Marion: As a breed rep (initially appointed and then elected unopposed) I'm wondering where this change has originated from. Historically, within certain breeds, there has been, and still is, some suspicion of both any proposals and some decisions made by the BSAC, as there is an awareness of certain radical opinions held within the BSAC which are not always in step with the more conservative views held within the breed sections.

So part of my concern is that the membership of the BSAC is now by appointment - somehow 'sneaked in' as part of the revamped Constitution. And so this proposal means that the entire administration of our BSAC will become entirely by appointment - for any democratic organisation, election always wins over appointment - and this move does not make for good democracy. There needs to be some checks and balances - and this may not always be provided by the EC. So if this change has come from the BSAC I would suggest that there needs to be a watertight rationale to support the change.

I would sincerely hope that anyone who is appointed as a breed rep. will be screened to ensure that they will truly represent the wishes of their breed section, and not be appointed on the basis that they will follow the more radical BSAC line.

I follow a conservative line in my views on breed standards, and there are many who feel as I do. Following a radical or liberal line is not always in the best interests of any breed, and certainly not for the integrity of the NZCF. I consider this to be a serious matter.

NON-CONSTITUTIONAL REMIT: APPOINTING BREED SECTION REPRESENTATIVES
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**Zena: Deb “That this remit go forward to the AGM 2016” Carried
 “THAT breed section representatives be appointed annually in the same way as other NZCF appointments, rather than elected for two-year terms in conjunction with the AGM.”**

Rationale: Fewer and fewer people are being nominated for breed section rep elections resulting in post-election appointments being made to the unfilled positions. There has not been a contested election (where there is more than one candidate) for some years.

In many cases the people appointed to positions after the elections are the previous incumbents who had not realised that they needed to be nominated again. The EC has instituted a number of administrative changes in an attempt to improve this situation but another solution is to move to appointing all breed reps.

An example from the AGM 2015 'elections':

- 13 positions needed to be filled
- 5 reps were nominated and elected unopposed
- 8 reps had to be subsequently appointed by the BSAC PM
- 6 of those 8 were the previous incumbents

Since there were no contested positions in the elections the same result would likely have been achieved by asking for expressions of interest and making appointments from the respondents.

(After the AGM 2013 elections 14 positions needed appointments made and this included some of the large breed sections like SIA, OSH, PER, EXO, SBI, etc.)

Since the majority of breed rep positions end up being filled by appointment it is worth considering formalising this for the administrative ease of handling breed rep appointments with all other NZCF appointments at the end of the year.

This remit offers the membership an opportunity to vote on a significant change from electing breed section representatives to appointing them.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Zena Pigden (Chair)	To check the minutes of the 2015 AGM to ensure that all items have been followed up accordingly and rules have been amended to reflect any changes in policy

Meeting adjourned 5.30 pm & reconvened 8.30 am

Item 7 Portfolio Managers Reports

7.1 Business Finance & Administration (Gaynor Saxon)

Late Fee Membership late fee (suggested review – could reflect a % penalty)

Meetings Future timing of EC & AGM meetings to alleviate pressure on Officers

Travel EC

Members We currently have no policy in place for payment of travel and/or expenses for the Executive Council - Incoming new members & existing incumbents

Jane/Deb: *That the travel, food and accommodation will be paid for outgoing Executive Council members attending the AGM. This will include food and accommodation the night following unless the member is returning home by car.* **Carried 4.2 .0**

Gaynor/Deb: *“That travel to the post-AGM meeting will be reimbursed for newly elected Executive Council members. It is preferred that incoming members also attend the AGM and the NZCF will reimburse for a flight that allows this. Food and accommodation on the night following the AGM will be paid for by the NZCF.”* **Carried 5.1 (Deb)**

Notes: a policy should be included in our General Rules and Policies- outgoing members are expected to attend the AGM, like incoming members are expected to attend the post AGM EC Meeting and that expense should be the responsibility of the NZCF.

New DDP (Disputes & Discipline Procedure) document has been published on the NZCF website

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Gaynor Saxon (Business/Admin PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a proposal for the next EC meeting regarding penalty fees for late payment of memberships• The last CAC minutes indicated that the micro chipping training is no longer with the polytechnic provider, this is to be confirmed

Treasurers Report

(Marion Petley)

Gaynor/Zena: *“That the payment of accounts for the period 01/10/15 to 31/12/15 totalling \$32,453.94 (incl GST) be approved for payment in retrospect”* **Carried**

Budget Marion will email PFMs re any items to be included in 2016 budget

Gaynor/Deb: *“Business Admin report be accepted.”* **Carried**

7.2 Breed Standards Advisory Council (Jane Webster)

Standard

Of Points The 2016 amendments to the Standards & the Breed Codes should be issued late February. It is intended that a policy document will be produced to establish the layout & content of a preferred Standard of Points.

Breed Section

Consultations Articles are to be put together for Flash Cats around the importance of responding to Breed Section Consultations.

Guidance of

Judges A letter was received from NZ Siamese regarding the conformity faults listed in the Standard of Points. The existence and location of the information is not well known

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Jane Webster (BSAC Portfolio Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For The Guidance of Judges – an awareness article is to be published in Flash Cats • BSAC have been invited by Hamilton CC to have an information booth at their show – feedback to be provided by the BSAC member to the PM & EC

Breeding Practices

Policy Incorporating conformation & health project will take approximately three years with an aim to have at least 10 breeds completed in 2016.

Jane/Deb: "That the BSAC Portfolio Managers report be accepted." Carried

7.3 Shows**(Annette Dunn)**

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Annette Dunn (Shows Portfolio Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Show 2016 membership forum notice to be completed for Rosette/Ribbon sponsorship (Longhair Sections have been filled) • Show Bylaw updates – check for publication on the website • Health & Safety – Officers name and contact details to be listed in Flash Cats • Show Representative- feasibility study

Fractious/Unable

To Be Judged The wording of the new rules has been completed by Jane (See Show Bylaws on the website and Attachment 'B' of these minutes)

Honours

Application New amended application has been uploaded to the website.

2016 Show Dates TOSCA – cancelled 2016 show
Central Districts – change date from April to 29th October
Kapiti-Horowhenua – cancelled March show still holding September show
Taranaki – changed from 21st May to the 14th due to venue availability
Aby/Somali – are holding a show on the 20th August
Nelson – upgraded to 5th ring

Health & Safety

Review A review is to be arranged by the Health & Safety Officer before the 2017 Show season commences. The Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) comes into effect on 4th April 2016.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Annette Dunn (Shows Portfolio Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-reply forum notification regarding updates to the H&S requirements • H&S notes - will be recorded in the minutes of each EC meeting • PM to proof the manual prior to release
Sue Mackay (Health & Safety Officer)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the H & S manual to reflect the changes

Annual Awards Bylaw tidy up around ownership and eligibility for points to count toward annual awards.

13.11 Exhibitors must be financial members of NZCF in order for their cats to qualify for NZCF awards and title points, and titles from the first show will be awarded if the owner joins the NZCF within 14 days of the show. NZCF awards will not be made to exhibitors who are not current members of the NZCF.

The EC agreed in principle that the recipient of the award must be a current member of the NZCF, and also that the 'owner' who receives the award is the owner at the last qualifying show (meaning that, yes, if a cat or kitten changes hands partway through the show season, the person who exhibited it prior to the change of ownership does not receive the award even if they put in most of the work and money to show that cat or kitten).

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Annette Dunn (Shows Portfolio Manager)	Wording of Clause 13.12 re: change of ownership to come back to the next meeting

Annette/Deb: “That the Shows Portfolio Managers report be accepted.” Carried

7.4 Judges (Deb Armishaw)

Tutor Judges *“That the appointment of Jo Millar (Sth) Sue Ford (Nth) & Janice Davey (Central) be accepted.” Carried 5.0.1 (Annette)*

Judges

Contracts How to manage Judges contracts: Contracts are struck between the Affiliate Club and Judges not NZCF therefore there is no need for judges to seek approval from the Portfolio Manager. This requirement will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Judges Promotion The requirement of number of exhibits for Trainee Judges & Transfer Panel Judges (Refer Judges Manual 7 (b) & 8 (b) was removed some time ago but the change has not been documented.

Deb/Gaynor: *that the exhibit number requirement in 7 (b) & 8 (b) of the Judges Manual is removed but the number of supervisions remain.* **Carried 6.0**

Judges School *Deb/Jane: "That dispensation be granted to run a judges school with fewer than three applicants."* **Carried 5.0.1**

Meeting adjourned lunch 12.23 (Meeting notes taken by Zena EC Secretary left for flight)

Reports continued.....

7.5 Flash Cats & Marketing (Zena Pigden)

NZCF Calendar The NZCF calendar has been an extremely successful fundraiser

Zena/Deb: *"On behalf of the NZCF, the EC would like to express warm appreciation and thanks to Susan Edwards for her wonderful effort in organizing and carrying out this project.* **Carried.**

Zena/Annette: *" That Flashcats and Marketing report be accepted* **Carried**

7.6 Registrations (Diane Holtom)

Imported Cats *Diane/Annette: "That the following amendment be made to Registration Rule 14.1 As follows, to include the words (minimum 4 generations) in the rule.*

14.1 Application to register an imported cat must be submitted to the appropriate Registrar on an NZCF registration application form, to which must be attached a certificate of export pedigree (minimum 4 generations) and transfer certificate issued by the registering body or equivalent, being a body officially recognised by the NZCF, in the country or state with which the cat was registered at the time of export to New Zealand. Photocopies of certified export pedigree and transfer shall be acceptable, but breeder's pedigrees shall not be acceptable. " **Carried**

Online

Registrations Submission has been received requesting email confirmation to the breeder be generated when online registrations are received and also requesting confirmation from registrar when transfers are completed.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Zena Pigden (IT Portfolio Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Support person will be asked if it is possible to email the applicant as well as the registrar when online registrations are completed. • IT support person will be asked if a notification to originator of the transfer can be automatically generated when a transfer is completed • if email confirmation of transfers would have to be done manually by Registrars (note: it was considered if this was the case the increase in workload would be far to great

Colour Changes suggested that there should be no fee for colour changes under 9 months. This allows breeders to register by four months without fear of incurring colour change fees if the colour of the kitten is uncertain at that point.

Diane/Deb: That there will be no fee for colour changes up to the age of nine (9) months.” Carried

CATZ Inc It appears that exhibitors of CATZ Inc registered cats wishing to enter NZCF shows are interpreting this rule differently from our intent (intent of our rule is that dispensation to show may be given to imported or CATZ Inc cats pending arrival of documentation allowing those cats to be registered with NZCF). Dispensation period of 6 months is longer than required for registries based within NZ.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
Diane Holtom (Registrations Portfolio Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review rules for CATZ Inc registered cats being shown at NZCF shows • Microchipping proposal – continue with investigation and report back

Diane/Jane: “That the registrations portfolio report be accepted. “ Carried

7.7 Information Technology (Zena Pigden)

No Reply Forum noted that it is still possible to reply to the person posting the message (but not to the whole forum). Discussed broadening direct access to no reply forum to all EC members, to be reviewed after 1 year.

Zena/Gaynor: “That all Portfolio Managers are given privileges allowing them to post notices relating to their portfolios directly to the no reply forum.” Carried

EC discussed allowing more notices on the no reply forum e.g. additional notices re upcoming shows, information from outside parties of interest to members etc. EC felt it preferable to set up a separate forum with more relaxed rules about what can be posted, but which members can unsubscribe from if they wish i.e. keep no reply forum for its original intent. IT PFM to investigate and implement if practical.

FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION
IT Portfolio Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To set up access for PM to send notices direct to the no reply forum. • To investigate and implement the additional forum if practical

Zena/Deb: “That IT Report be accepted.” Carried.

Deb/Annette that the expenses of \$3986 (excl GST) for this meeting are approved.” Carried

Meeting closed 1.52pm

Chris M Lowe
Executive Council Secretary

Attachment ‘A’ Wellington City Council Pre-consultation report

Introduction

In December the NZCF was approached by the Wellington City Council requesting a meeting with a spokesperson for the NZCF to discuss changes to animal bylaws that they are considering, specifically by-laws relating to cats. I met with Myfanwy Emeny on 21st December 2015. Prior to the meeting I requested a list of the issues we would be talking about and these were discussed by the Executive Council. While these by-laws would only apply to residents of the Wellington City area, we can anticipate that other councils may well follow suit with similar by-laws in the future so we considered the implications for all of our members (mainly but not solely breeders).

It was stressed by Myfanwy that these by-laws had not yet been formulated and the pre-consultation was just to get our thoughts about these issues with the fine print to be worked out later and then a general public consultation to take place, in Feb-Mar 2016, before actually enacting them.

Issue 1

Compulsory microchipping and registration with the NZ Companion Animal Registry

Our response

- We support compulsory microchipping
- We suggested that the by-law requires registration with a recognized microchip database (in case there are other alternatives in the future, or NZCAR goes bust and another registry comes into being)
- We stated that the age for compulsory microchipping should be 3 months (in line with dog requirements) rather than a younger age e.g. 8 weeks – that way the cost falls on the new owner rather than the breeder
- We suggested that breeders who may own a number of cats, be given a transition period to meet the microchipping requirement as for those who are not already microchipping the cost of initial compliance will be high

Issue 2

Limit on numbers (with exception for breeders and kittens under 12 weeks)

- No number was given - we suggested that the number limit be 5
- We suggested they consider an exemption or a higher limit if all cats are desexed
- We suggested the exception to numbers for breeders, be only for breeders who are registered with a recognized cat association.

Issue 3

Cat curfew (probably not compulsory – education only)

- From a cat welfare perspective we stated that we supported education regarding keeping cats confined at night
- From a wildlife perspective, we pointed out that cats are more of a danger to birds (and native lizards) in the daytime, than at night

In addition we raised our concern that there was no mention of requiring (or even giving incentives for) desexing pet cats. We stated that we believe all cats 6 months and older, not belonging to a registered breeder, should be desexed, and we would like to see the council bring in a regulation requiring this (or if that is not legally possible giving an incentive to desex of some kind)

It was very pleasing that the Wellington City Council decided to involve us at this early stage. The feedback from Myfanwy was positive, stating that we had provided them with plenty to think about.

Zena Pigden
NZCF Chair.

Attachment 'B' "Unable to be Judged Certificate



NEW ZEALAND CAT FANCY INC.

Unable to be Judged Certificate

Club: _____ Show Date: _____

In order to reduce the risk of harm to handlers and judges, and distress to your cat, your cat has been assessed as unable to be judged (UTJ).

It is appreciated that this will be a disappointment to you but the show organisers hope that you understand that the safety of people and welfare of cats is our primary concern.

You are hereby advised that your _____ (breed, type) _____ (sex) cat, known as _____ (name), owned by _____ (owner name) of _____ (owner address) was assessed as unable to be judged as follows:

Unable to be Judged Category 1 (UTJ Cat 1)

A cat that is unable to be judged due to being nervous or angry, and demonstrates its disapproval at being exhibited by noise and a menacing attitude, without attacking or savaging any person.

I consider that this cat is unable to be judged according to the definition of UTJ Cat 1.
_____ (judge's signature) _____ (ring) _____ (date)

Other judges shall be advised when an exhibit is declared unable to be judged (UTJ Cat 1) at a show.

Unable to be Judged Category 2 (UTJ Cat 2)

A cat that is unable to be judged due to being vicious or savage and attacks or injures any person who is authorised to handle the cat during a show.

I consider that this cat is unable to be judged according to the definition of UTJ Cat 2.
_____ (judge's signature) _____ (ring) _____ (date)

Any exhibit declared unable to be judged (UTJ Cat 2) at a show shall be automatically withdrawn from any subsequent judgings at that show.

Any exhibit unable to be judged (UTJ Cat 1) at three shows during one show season shall be disqualified for the remainder of that season only.

An exhibit declared unable to be judged (UTJ Cat 2) at two shows shall be permanently debarred from showing.

Copies of this certificate to:

NZCF Secretary

Exhibitor

Club holding show for their files

