

MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND CAT FANCY INCORPORATED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Held via Teams

Commenced 7.43pm, May 28, 2024

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 1 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Executive Council: Ngaire Dixon, Sharon Jose, Marion Petley, Janice Davey, Lyall Payne, Marie Prendergast and Christine Yeung

Apologies: Sheree Russell

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Janice / Seconded: Lyall
CARRIED 5/0

Item 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EC MEETING

26th March 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meetings be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Lyall / Seconded: Janice
CARRIED 5/0

Item 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

EC To-do-list reviewed with follow ups from previous meetings.

Question asked as to where we are at with the guidance for clubs for the upcoming Incorporated Society changes. This is still work in progress, with a template being created of the changes that clubs will need to look at, it is hoped that this will be completed shortly, once done it will be emailed out to clubs and be put into Flash Cats, it is hoped that this will be ready for the next edition.

Item 4 CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards correspondence received, and outwards endorsed.

- Email from a Registrar voicing concerns on an all-breeds judging giving incorrect guidance regarding having a new breed accepted by NZCF
- J Formby putting forward a suggestion of changing the structure of hander assignments at shows
- F Haslemore accolades of the online attendance at this year's AGM

- B Colley asking for a discussion on the system of awarding BAMs particularly in small sections
- Confidential concerns raised in reference to a breeder

Resolved: That inwards correspondence is received, and outwards endorsed and dealt with in detail under the Portfolios they fall into, secretary to advise outcomes for those required.

**Moved: Janice / Seconded: Marie
CARRIED 5/0**

5.1 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

A. TREASURER REPORT [Marion Petley]

Regular Reporting Items

Due to the time involved in preparing for the National Show, the normal treasurer report is not available this month.

1. Cash Position as at 26/02/24.

Current bank balance is \$ 22,908.00.

2. 2024 National Show Float

The National Show requires a cash float along with other cash payments for allowances required for accommodation and meals for the 9 National Show Judges.

Due to there being no TSB in the Treasurers local area, permission in being sought for the required amount to be transferred into the Treasurers personal account with Kiwi Bank, so the withdrawal can take place at her local branch, they have verified that this is possible, the amount at this stage is likely to be between \$3-4,000 at this stage. Once the show is over the process will be reversed.

To alleviate any concerns around internal corruption, a third party, namely the Assistant Show Secretary, will secure all monies from the show for an independent count, which will be signed off and counter signed by the treasurer once the second count has taken place prior to banking.

Resolved: That the permission be granted for the amount required for the National Show float and judges' reimbursement of expenses be transferred into the Treasurers account to allow for cash to be withdrawn and for the process to be reverse post-Show.

**Moved: Ngaire
CARRIED 5/0**

Resolved: That the Treasurers report be accepted

**Moved: Ngaire
CARRIED 5/0**

B. SECRETARY REPORT [Sharon José]

Nothing to report.

Governance Documents Officer [Jane Webster]

Nil.

C. EC CHAIR REPORT [Ngaire Dixon]

- The NZCF & Proplan brochures have been produced and look amazing, they will be available at the National Show and supplies will be issues to the Registrars for distributing with transfers.
- Petcover have paid the sponsorship money, along with good headway taking place with the partnership.
- There have been two meetings that have taken place for WSAVA (World's Small Animal Veterinary Assn.) Brachycephalic Cat Working Group, which has been set up in association with Leslie Lyons in World Small Animal Veterinary Assn. There are 30 people internationally that are involved in this and are looking at ways that we can keep breeds that we have and stop the banning of breeds that is currently happening across Europe.

NDC Report [Linda Flude]

- Nil

Privacy Report [Lyll Payne]

- Nil to report

Resolved: That the Chair report be accepted

**Moved: Ngaire
CARRIED 5/0**

5.2 BREED STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL (BSAC) [Lyll Payne]

Requested the two items that were agended be bought back to the table next month.

Although it was pointed out that there was an error in the colour series item under 6c. with the Burmese Breeds, which states: Burmese breed being limited, tabby to classic – it should read tabby to Ticked not Classic. So that needs to be fixed.

Action Point: Generation Progression on Imported Pedigrees and Complete Colour Series report to be presented at the next meeting.

Action Point: Correction to be made to 6c of the Complete Colour Series report to amend the Burmese breed to read Tabby to Ticked.

5.3 BREEDERS AND REGISTRATIONS (B&R) [Marie Prendergast]

- Accelerating an issue with breeder repeatedly not registering or transferring, despite numerous reminders. Item deferred until next meeting.

- Correspondence item regarding concerns over a breeder, this is quite an involved item and is still being investigated, we need to get everything in order, to ensure the correct process is followed.
- Proposal to change Reg rule 15.13: The name of any cat once registered shall not be changed, except with the approval of the Portfolio Manager (Registrations) in a case where the ~~cat~~ kitten (under 9 months) has not been shown or bred from and it is a minor name / spelling correction. Where the ~~cat~~ kitten (under 9 months) has been shown or bred from then application must be made to the Executive Council. The relevant fee for this will be applied at the time. Any name once registered shall not be used again with the same prefix.

Rational: The registrars have requested that 'Cat' be removed from this rule to clear indicate that name changes can only applied to kittens.

Resolved: That the proposed changes to Registration Rule 15.13 be accepted and amended accordingly.

**Moved: Marie / Seconded: Janice
CARRIED 4/1**

- Proposal to revisit the import cost for cats from other registries (by request of all 3 registrars) where majority of pedigree is already in our system: The proposal was a pro rata system as follows:
 - Level 1 \$40 1-3 cats requiring entering
 - Level 2 \$60 4-6 cats requiring entering
 - Level 3 \$120 7+ cats requiring entering

Resolved: That the proposed changes to Import costs be accepted.

**Moved: Marie / Seconded: Janice
Lost 2/2/1 abstain**

This item was robustly discussed, and it was suggested that the Registrars attend the next meeting so the Executive Council can gain further insight as to why they feel it is justified.

- Amendments to Registration rule 14.8 and 15.1 were requested as the previous accepted change did not address the concerns the Registrars had with these policies. However, it was not felt that they needed to be amended, and again it was suggested that the Registrars attend the meeting to clarify what the issue with these clauses were.
- Numerous concerns have come in regarding Face book posts from people claiming to be registered when they are not & One from Trade Me, the Trade Me was a NZCF member who had never applied for a prefix, so NOT a registered breeder, this was reported to Trade Me and they removed that reference form the ad. The Face Book ones were all reported, but that process is basic, and we don't know if it does a lot, one however was resolved as they were a member, with the issue of concern being resolved satisfactorily.

Resolved: That the B&R report be accepted.

**Moved: Marie / Seconded: Lyall
CARRIED 5/0**

Action Point: Accelerated issue regarding breeder repeatedly not registering or transferring to be addressed at the next meeting.

Action Point: Government Documents Officer to amend RR 15.13 as above.

Action Point: The B&R PM invite the Registrars to the next meeting.

5.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) [Christine Yeung]

- Online registration form is ready to go live at the end of the week, once done the Registrars will be notified and a notice will go out to the membership. A request is made that if there are any issues please let the IT Portfolio Manager know so they can be quickly resolved.
- Next priority is getting the Show Program sorted, which work has already begun on.
- Following that will be the Temple Cat registration item that the Registrar is waiting on.
- The Proplan link will then be looked at.
- Once the above have been completed, work will continue through the established list of tasks that were established prior to these higher priority items, so great progress being made.

Resolved: That the IT report be accepted

Moved: Christine / Seconded: Janice
CARRIED 5/0

5.5 JUDGES & SHOWS [Sheree Russell]

With the Judges & Shows Portfolio Manager being absent, the chair presented this report.

- The Portfolio Manager has started to contact some of the retired judges in reference to the Judges Emeritus panel, those she has contact so far have all been keen, there are still others to contact, which won't happen until after the National Show.

The Chair has approached the spokes person for the Judges Manual Subcommittee for this panel to also be included in the Manual, which raises the question as to whether there needs to be criteria required for acceptance or if it should be open for anyone judge who wishes to go on the panel on retirement.

- The Tutor for the current judge's school has raised concerns around the fact that the students are having problems getting practical experience with judges, with some clubs are not allowing them to do hands-on with judges at their shows. While it is appreciated that exhibitors want to hear the judge's opinion of their cats, it is an essential part of a student's training, this is where the judges learn their hands on skills. The time factor that this involves was also raised, with many wanting shows to close early than previous years.

Other options were discussed, such as setting a separate judges table up for the students, giving them allotted cage numbers to critique, however this would mean other judges would need to volunteer their time for this. Or the possibility of the student critique the exhibits before the Judge, so the exhibitors still get to hear the judges' opinions of their cats.

Health & Safety [Christine Ryan]

- Nil to report.

Resolved: That the Judges & Shows report be accepted.

**Moved: Ngaire
CARRIED 5/0**

5.6 PUBLICATIONS & MARKETING (P&M) [Janice Davey]

- Some advertisers have held up the publication of the second edition.
- A notice to go out to the membership when ready to gauge interest in the calendar for next year.

Resolved: That the Publications & Marketing report be accepted.

**Moved: Janice / Seconded: Marie
CARRIED 5/0**

Item 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Show Bylaws clause 4.17 for discussion

4.17: Totally blind, abnormal, declawed, devoiced, or if any body part or parts are pierced for the purpose of applying an embellishment are not eligible to enter NZCF shows.

The part which has been the subject of discussion is about the word 'abnormal' and how this should be interpreted. It seems there is a joint responsibility on clubs and judges to enforce this rule. Does the statement need to be reworded to be clearer about what is meant?

Concerns have been raised around the terminology of the word 'abnormal' in this clause, and what it refers to. It was decided that this terminology needs to be investigated and how we give judges better tools to disqualify cats that don't fit the standard.

Any alteration to this clause would also need to be reflected in the Standard of Points Introduction clause 3.1b.

Action Point: Investigate better terminology for abnormal to give better guidance for judges to disqualify cats that don't fit standards.

With no further business.

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 25th