

The 55th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Cat Fancy Incorporated, was held 10.00 AM Saturday 9th May 2026, at the Rydges Wellington Airport, 28 Stewart Duff Drive, Rongotai, Wellington.

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming those attending in person along with those who had joined via Teams.

Item 1: Attendance & Apologies

In Attendance

Ngaire Dixon, Sharon Jose, Diane Holtom, Janice Davey, Marie Prendergast, Sheree Russell, Christine Yeung, Sacha Kleyhans, Mushfik Yeung.

Present via Teams

Anita Cheetham, Sue Ford, Diane Hobson, Emma Kimberley, John Smithson.

Fred Haslemore & Chris Lowe joined the meeting at 10.08am, increasing the voting strength of the Business Section of the meeting.

Ange Robinson Joined the meeting 10.26 – 10.53am

Apologies

Keryn McOmish.

Resolved: That apologies be accepted

Moved: Ngaire (chair)
For: 46 / Against: 0 / CARRIED

Voting Strength

- 9 attending, 32 registered proxies & 5 attending via Teams giving a total voting strength for the Business section of the meeting as 46, with online voting, the voting strength for the Constitutional Remits is 99 and General Remits 93.

Resolved: That the voting strength be accepted

Moved: Christine / Seconded: Sheree
For: 46 / Against: 0 / CARRIED

Item 2: Election Result

In accordance with Constitutional Clause 21.10 a. Announcement of the Results of the Executive Council Election.

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| Janice Davey | Total Votes: 40 | Diane Hodson | Total Votes: 37 |
| Marie Prendergast | Total Votes: 57 | John Smithson | Total Votes: 30 |

Janice Davey & Marie Prendergast were announced as being the successful candidates for the two 3-year terms.

Life membership:

Joanne Millar For: 68 / Against:13 Life membership accepted (84%)

Congratulations were extended to Jo on her new status. Jo will be presented with her life membership pin at the next available show that he attends where either the Chair or Vice Chair will be present.

Item 3: Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes of the 54th AGM held 10th May 2025

Resolved: That the Minutes of the NZCF 2025 AGM be accepted as a true & correct record of the meeting.”

Moved: Janice / Seconded: Marie
For: 46 / Against: 0 / CARRIED

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Voting Strength increase to 48, with Fred and Chris joining the meeting.

Item 4: 2025 Annual Report

The Chair presented the 2025 Annual report, reiterating the Vision and Mission of the NZ Cat Fancy as stated in the report. Some of the highlights within 2025:

- Congratulations to the small team, our Treasurer and our Secretary. We have operated within budget.
- Auckland Cat Club hosted the National Show with a highly successful seminar following the National Show.
- We completed audits on the registry.
- We actively participated in the World Cat Congress meeting in Hong Kong.
- We established a Membership subcommittee and Registration and Transfer Auditor role.
- We have had two Judges schools running, 2 handlers' courses and a steward's course also run during the year.
- We made all voting for the hybrid AGM to be available online and prior to the meeting.
- We are active members for the Health and Welfare Group for the World Cat Congress, and we remain a member of the Brachycephalic Working Group.
- The BSAC has had a busy year this year. A big thank you to all those people involved in this team, your work is so invaluable.

The year in review - we had: 492 members, which remains steady.

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| 19 cat shows were held during 2025 | 1600 Facebook followers | 19 Affiliated Clubs |
| 16 accredited breeders | 3 new entrants into longhaired judging schools | |
| 564 Breeders award of merits | 24 new handlers | 20 new stewards |
| Four editions of Flash Cats | Two major partnerships | AGM voting form and |
| Updated show system. | | |

- 2025 saw an extremely busy year for the National Disputes Coordinator, with five complaints.

Three complaints were moved through to a formal process, of which two of those resulted in written warnings and one has resulted in a membership being cancelled.

- Health and safety, 4 bites and scratches, 2 trips and falls.

Highlighted from these incidents: One cat bite occurred when a cat got its back paw caught in the bottom wire of the cage. So, there is the discussion that in order to minimize the risk of this happening, clubs and owners should consider inserting or float or similar around the edges of cages. Clubs should also include the potential hazard in their health and safety briefings to judges and handlers.

- A reminder that clubs should also review the layout of their shows to ensure judges, handlers and exhibitors have clear and safe access.
- A reminder that all clubs are required to complete the health and safety checklist, which is available on the website.
- A copy of this checklist also needs to be included in the club's health and safety records and should be available on the show date.

IT have had a massive year.

- The main focus over the year has been stability and the future capability of the website. And of course, when we talk about the website, that also includes the Registration programme, ROCAP.
- Website reliability was a challenge for much of the year due to the previous hosting provider making unannounced changes, which often resulted in outages that were time consuming to resolve. So, in late 2025, the decision was made by the EC to move to a New Zealand-based hosting provider, offering a much more reliable service and much more accessible support. The website changeover, despite huge amounts of pre-planning, has been challenging, but it has now given us a much-improved platform for the website and row care. We now have much greater stability and future changes and improvements are going to be much, much easier to implement.

Finance: The financial report has seen slight changes that are based on the Auditor request to bring our reporting layout up to New Zealand Financial Standards, which has given NZCF a clean audit report. Our Treasurer has done a lot of work on the finances during the year, so thank you for all your hard work, Diane.

Compliments came from the floor on the new format, expressing that it was eye catching, easy to read and engaging. While there was initially a format error, once it was pointed out by some members, the issue was quickly rectified.

Resolved: That the 2025 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Janice / Seconded: Christine
For: 48 / Against: 0 / CARRIED

Item 5: Remits

Constitutional Remits

5.1a: Executive Council

Constitutional Remit Sections 4 – 8 (Membership)

Proposal: That the current sections 4 – 8 of the Constitution, dealing with Membership, be amended to read:

4. Types of Membership

4.1 Membership shall be open to:

- a. any individual person who wishes to become an ordinary member who is:
 - i. interested in owning, breeding, or exhibiting cats, and
 - ii. a full, junior, family, or life member of a cat club that is an affiliate member of the NZCF; or
- b. a club that wishes to become an affiliate member which:
 - i. is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022,
 - ii. has objects and other rules that are consistent with and remain consistent with this Constitution, and
 - iii. has at least five members having voting rights with the NZCF.

4.2 Members have the rights, privileges, recognition, and responsibilities set out in this Constitution.

4.3 A member of the NZCF will be:

- a. an ordinary member,
- b. an affiliate member,
- c. a life member, or
- d. an honorary member.

4.4 Ordinary members are one of the following classes.

a. Full members are applicants whose primary place of residence is within New Zealand. Having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies they:

- i. are eligible to vote,
- ii. may be granted or use a NZCF prefix,
- iii. may hold office in the NZCF, and
- iv. will receive NZCF publications.

b. Family members are applicants who are aged 16 years or more, a member of the full member's family (as defined by current Family Laws in New Zealand), and are living at the full member's address. Having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies, they:

- i. are eligible to vote,
- ii. may be granted or use a NZCF prefix, and
- iii. may hold office in the NZCF, but
- iv. will not receive NZCF publications.

c. Associate members who, having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies:

- i. are not eligible to vote,
- ii. may not be granted or use a NZCF prefix, and
- iii. may not hold office in the NZCF, but
- iv. will receive NZCF publications.

d. Junior members are applicants whose primary place of residence is within New Zealand and are under 16 years of age. Having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies they:

- i. are not eligible to vote,
- ii. may not be granted or use a NZCF prefix,
- iii. may not hold office in the NZCF, and
- iv. will not receive NZCF publications.

4.5 An affiliate member is as described in para 4.1 b. Having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies they:

- a. are eligible to vote, and
- b. will receive NZCF publications.

4.6 A life member is a person who is acknowledged as a longstanding member who has made significant contribution to the NZCF. A life member does not have to pay membership fees, subscriptions, or levies but has all the rights and privileges of a full member so they:

- a. are eligible to vote,
- b. may be granted or use a NZCF prefix,
- c. may hold office in the NZCF, and
- d. will receive NZCF publications.

4.7 An honorary member is a person who is acknowledged as providing or having provided important services to the NZCF. An honorary member does not have to pay membership fees, subscriptions, or levies and they:

- a. are not eligible to vote,
- b. may not be granted or use a NZCF prefix,
- c. may hold office in the NZCF, but
- d. will not receive NZCF publications.

5. Admission of Members

5.1 To become an ordinary or an affiliate member, the applicant must:

- a. complete an application form, with the form and content as prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council, and
- b. supply any other information the Executive Council requires.

5.2 The Executive Council may interview the applicant when it considers membership applications.

5.3 The Executive Council shall have complete discretion when it decides whether or not to let the applicant become an ordinary or affiliate member. The Executive Council shall advise the applicant of its decision, and that decision shall be final.

5.4 An ordinary member may become a life member as follows:

- a. A recommendation is made by at least five ordinary members entitled to vote and one affiliate member.
- b. A recommendation is forwarded to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Council.

c. If a motion is passed by the Executive Council to accept the recommendation, the nomination shall then be placed on the ballot paper for the next Annual General Meeting.

d. All persons who are nominated for life membership will be considered life members if a majority (51% or more) of members voting, support the motion.

5.5 An honorary member shall be appointed by the NZCF Executive Council upon such terms and conditions permitted by this Constitution for a term befitting the reasons for making the appointment.

6. The Register of Members

6.1 A register of members shall be kept which shall contain the following information about all members:

- a. names,
- b. current addresses,
- c. telephone numbers,
- d. email address,
- e. the dates at which they became members, and
- f. their current class of membership.

7. Cessation of Membership

7.1 Any member may resign by giving written notice to the Secretary.

7.2 Any member may have their membership terminated or suspended as an outcome of:

- a. a dispute or discipline process,
- b. the failure to pay fees or levies as required in this Constitution,
- c. a unanimous vote by the Executive Council in accordance with the promulgated rules, or
- d. in the case of an honorary member, a majority decision by the Executive Council to end the appointment.

8. Obligations of Members

8.1 All members (including Executive Council members) shall promote the purposes of the NZCF and shall do nothing to bring the NZCF into disrepute.

Rationale: An updating of the Membership section as part of resolving duplicated content between the Constitution and the General Rules & Policies. Mostly layout and other small changes for clarity and comparison, but one significant change to add a method of ceasing membership which is allowed in the General Rules & Policies but not mentioned in the Constitution.

**Moved: Janice / Seconded: Christine
For: 95 / Against: 4 / CARRIED [96%]**

5.1b: Executive Council

Constitutional Remit 4.4 e.

Notes: Two proposals are provided for this remit – Option 1 for the original text as it is currently in the Constitution and Option 2 for the updated text if 5.1a remit to update the membership section is passed.

Proposal: That an additional para 4.4 e. be added to the Constitution which reads:

- e. Overseas members are applicants whose primary place of residence is outside New Zealand. Having paid the required membership fees, subscriptions, and levies they:
- i. are not eligible to vote,
 - ii. may be granted or use a NZCF prefix for registration purposes,
 - iii. may not hold office in the NZCF, and
 - iv. will receive NZCF publications electronically.

Rationale: Allows for overseas membership and sets out the rights and privileges of their membership

Concerns were expressed from two clubs, that clubs may have to look at changing their constitutions to accommodate overseas members joining, and asking how registration for these cats would work and how colours not recognised by NZCF would be handled. Raising the question as to whether consultation with clubs would be sought before any changes are implemented. It was agreed that consultation with clubs would be a good step to include in this process.

**Moved: Sheree / Seconded: Marie
For: 92 / Against: 5 / CARRIED [94.8%]**

General Remits

5.2a: Executive Council

General Remit GR&P Section 2 (Membership)

Proposal: That the current Section 2 of General Rules and Policies, dealing with Membership, be amended to read:

2. Membership

2.1 Membership is open to individuals or clubs in accordance with the Constitution (Section 4 Types of Membership), that:

- a. make an application;
- b. sign an agreement to abide by the Constitution, rules, regulations, codes, and policies of the NZCF; and
- c. pay the required membership fee.

Types of Members

2.2 Types of membership are established in the Constitution (Section 4 Types of Membership) and the following additional points apply.

Ordinary Members

2.3 Full members may belong to breed sections and take part in all activities of the NZCF.

2.4 Family members may belong to breed sections and take part in all activities of the NZCF. Family member applications must include one full membership per household. Lodgers or friends living at the same address are not eligible for family membership.

2.5 Associate members may belong to breed sections but may not vote.

2.6 Junior members may belong to breed sections but may not vote. All junior members must be under 16 years of age for the whole financial year.

Affiliate Members

2.7 Affiliate members (clubs) must meet the following conditions:

- a. Incorporated Society status must be maintained.
- b. Clubs must be one of the following types:
 - i. all breeds (long and shorthair cat breeds as recognised by the NZCF), or
 - ii. a specialist club that caters for either longhair breeds or shorthair breeds or stated breeds or stated colours of pedigree cats, or any other NZCF section of domesticated cats.

2.8 Clubs may hold a show or shows as covered by their constitution.

2.9 Clubs have voting rights of one vote per club.

Life Members

2.10 A life member may belong to breed sections and take part in all activities of the NZCF.

Honorary Members

2.11 Honorary membership is reviewed on a yearly basis or can be granted for a fixed amount of time.

Admission of Members

Ordinary Members

2.12 An ordinary member must send a completed application form each year to the Membership Co-ordinator and make payment of the applicable fee.

2.13 The Executive Council may interview the applicant if the Membership Co-ordinator asks for a review of a membership application. All other membership applications shall be approved by the Membership Co-ordinator.

Life Members

2.14 The process by which an ordinary member becomes a life member is covered in the Constitution (Section 5 Admission of Members). The recommendation provided must describe the ordinary member's years of service, quality of performance, significant events, and their contributions to, and achievements within, the NZCF.

Affiliate Members

2.15 To become an affiliate member a club must meet the requirements in the Constitution (Section 4 Types of Membership). A club must supply a copy of their constitution with their first application and supply a new copy to the NZCF when it registers a new or amended constitution to the Incorporated Societies office.

2.16 The affiliated member must have no less than five of their current voting members that are also current voting members of the NZCF at all times and must also maintain the membership requirements of an Incorporated Society.

2.17 The application must also include the geographical area in which their activities are proposed to take place. All breeds clubs will be restricted to 50 km radius of their registered office. Specialist clubs are able to hold events anywhere.

2.18 All breeds clubs may apply for exemptions if they wish to hold a show in a new location that is outside their stated area.

Breed Section Membership

2.19 A breed section shall be established by the Executive Council for each NZCF recognized breed or breed group (as set out in Registration Rules, Appendix A). There shall be a breed representative

for any breed section which has five or more active breeder members. An active member is one who has bred and registered with NZCF a minimum of two litters in the past two years.

2.20 A breed section shall also be established for members who show or have an interest in cats in the Domestic Division. There shall also be a breed representative for the Domestic breed section if there are 10 or more members.

2.21 A breed section shall lose its individual breed representative if the above criteria are not met for three successive years. A breed section which does not meet the criteria for an individual breed representative will be linked with another breed section or represented by the general breed representative as recommended by the Breed Standards Advisory Council to the Executive Council.

2.22 As part of their membership fee, NZCF members are eligible to belong to the breed sections of the breeds they own, and breeder members to belong to the breed sections of all breeds they are actively breeding. Any member may belong to additional breed sections, to a maximum of six sections in total for all classes of membership except affiliate. Affiliate members may belong to all breed sections provided that such breed sections are to be relevant to their constitution. Application for breed section membership can be made at the time of application for membership, or at any later date, by applying for membership and by paying any prescribed additional fee.

2.23 Members of each breed section shall sponsor the breed and be responsible for assisting in the development of a comprehensive standard for the breed, and proposing amendments and revisions of the standard for the breed.

Register of Members

2.24 As required by the Constitution (Section 6 The Register of Members) a register of members shall be kept and maintained in a secure manner in accordance with the Privacy Act.

2.25 Members must advise the Secretary of changes to their contact details, address, or telephone number as soon as reasonably possible.

Membership Fee

2.26 An application for membership must be completed each year at the beginning of the NZCF financial year which is the 1st of January and the membership fee paid on or before the 31st of January in the same year.

2.27 On the 1st of February, if no membership fee has been paid by the member, all rights and privileges shall cease.

2.28 A member whose membership has been terminated because their membership fee is overdue as described in paragraphs 2.26 and 2.27 is required to pay the current fee for the type of membership that they apply for as well as any late payment fees applicable at time to become a financial member again.

Cessation of Membership

2.29 In addition to the reasons for termination of membership mentioned in the Constitution, the Executive Council may, by a unanimous vote, terminate the membership of any member for breach of the provisions of the constitution or any other rules or bylaws including the codes of conduct, or non-payment of fees, or any other indebtedness to the NZCF. A member may also have their membership suspended or terminated where a member is charged or convicted under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and subsequent amendments.

2.30 Any member who may be liable to be removed from membership under para 2.29 shall be entitled to appear before the Executive Council to offer a verbal or written explanation in mitigation.

At least 14 days written notice of the Executive Council meeting shall be given to the member concerned.

2.31 Any member that has their membership terminated for any reason other than as stated in para **2.32** has the right to appeal within 14 days of the termination by submitting their appeal in writing to the Secretary.

2.32 The Executive Council may by ordinary resolution terminate the membership of any member whose membership fees are more than 1 month and 7 days overdue without written notice or the right to appear before the Executive Council.

Rationale: At AGM 2025 it was advised under General Business that the Constitution and governance documents would be reviewed, among other things to reduce duplication. The Membership sections of the Constitution and General Rules and Policies have been reviewed and this proposal seeks to remove the bulk of the duplicated content already covered by the Constitution. Other changes (layout, reordering) have been made for clarity and logic. The Resignation and Removal from Office of Officers and Officials content has been moved to Section 3 Management of the NZCF (as paras 3.23A – 3.23C.) since it relates to cessation of office not of membership and is covered under a separate remit.

**Moved: Janice / Seconded: Marie
For: 89 / Against: 4 / CARRIED [95.7%]**

5.2b: Executive Council

General Remit GR&P Section 3 (Management of the NZCF) paras 3.23A – 3.23C

Proposal: That the current General Rules and Policies paras 2.31 – 2.33 (including the ‘Resignation and Removal from Office of Officers and Officials’ heading) are moved to Section 3 Management of the NZCF as para 3.23A – 3.23C to read:

Resignation and Removal from Office of Officers and Officials

3.23A Any elected officers or appointed officials of the NZCF shall cease to hold office upon:

- a. death;
- b. a written resignation from the officer or official;
- c. they become incapable of holding office by reason of infirmity or otherwise;
- d. being lawfully removed from their office;
- e. being declared bankrupt;
- f. conviction of any criminal offence with subsequent imprisonment exceeding three (3) years;
- g. being absent as a member of the Executive Council from more than two (2) consecutive meetings of the Executive Council, without the prior leave of the Executive Council; or
- h. conviction of an offence involving the neglect of or cruelty to animals.

3.23B All property and documents obtained or produced during their term remain the property of the NZCF and must be returned to the NZCF when they cease to be an official or officer of the NZCF.

3.23C Resignation of an officer or officials will take effect at a date that is either mutually agreed on or at the date that the letter of resignation is received or dated or a date in the future that is stated in the letter of resignation.

Rationale: The 'Resignation and Removal from Office of Officers and Officials' content moved from Section 2 Membership to Section 3 Management of the NZCF as it deals with the cessation of office not cessation of membership.

**Moved: Sheree / Seconded: Christine
For: 86 / Against: 4 / CARRIED [95.6%]**

5.2c: Executive Council

General Remit GR&P 2.6A

Proposal: That an additional para 2.6A. be added to General Rules and Policies which reads:

2.6A Overseas members may not belong to breed sections.

Rationale: *The updated text addition only mentions breed section membership as the other details are covered in the Constitution so don't need to be duplicated.*

**Moved: Janice / Seconded: Sheree
For: 83 / Against: 6 / CARRIED [93.3%]**

5.2d: Executive Council

General Remit GR&P 2.22

Proposal: That para 2.22 of General Rules & Policies is amended by adding 'New Zealand resident' and changing 'Any member' to 'Those members' so that it reads:

2.22 As part of their membership fee, New Zealand resident NZCF members are eligible to belong to the breed sections of the breeds they own, and breeder members to belong to the breed sections of all breeds they are actively breeding. Those members may belong to additional breed sections, to a maximum of six sections in total for all classes of membership except affiliate. Affiliate members may belong to all breed sections provided that such breed sections are to be relevant to their constitution. Application for breed section membership can be made at the time of application for membership, or at any later date, by applying for membership and by paying any prescribed additional fee.

Rationale: These changes limit breed section membership to New Zealand resident members only.

**Moved: Marie / Seconded: Christine
For: 83 / Against: 5 / CARRIED [94.3%]**

5.2e: Executive Council

General Remit GR&P 2.29

Proposal: That para 2.29 of General Rules & Policies is amended by adding '(or similar for overseas members)' so that it reads:

2.29 In addition to the reasons for termination of membership mentioned in the Constitution, the Executive Council may, by a unanimous vote, terminate the membership of any member for breach of the provisions of the constitution or any other rules or bylaws including the codes of conduct, or non-payment of fees, or any other indebtedness to the NZCF. A member may also have their membership suspended or terminated where a member is charged or convicted under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (or similar for overseas members) and subsequent amendments.

Rationale: These changes ensure New Zealand resident and overseas members are treated in an equivalent way with regards to animal welfare offences

Moved: Sheree / Seconded: Janice
For: 83 / Against: 5 / CARRIED [94.3%]

Item 6: 2026 Annual Plan

The Chair presented the 2026 Annual Plan, as presented in the document circulated prior to the AGM. Highlighting the Overview of the document, the Strategic Objectives, Benefits of membership, upcoming products and services and the 2026 Budget, which shows a very minor profit.

Resolved: That the 2026 Annual Plan be accepted.

Moved: Ngaire / Seconded: Janice
For: 49 / Against: 0 / CARRIED

Item 7: General Business

With the leave of the meeting, the Chair opened the floor to anyone who wished to raise any General Business matter for discussion.

- The Breeders & Registration Portfolio Manager expressed a sad farewell to Kaye Dixon, who has stepped down from her role as the Longhair Registrar after almost 17 years. The Executive Council extended their thanks to Kaye for all her years dedicated to this role and wishes her all the very best in her new ventures.
- A big thank you was also extended to Sue Makay for stepping into the role of Longhair Registrar, it is reassuring that the longhair breeders will be in her very capable hands – Thank you Sue!!

With no other business

Meeting closed at 11.04pm

Sharon José
Secretary NZCF

Ngaire Dixon
NZCF Chairperson