

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 14, 2012**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, via teleconference. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)**
- Mr. Mark Hannon (Vice-President)**
- Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)**
- Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**
- Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**
- Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)**
- Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)**
- Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)**
- Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)**
- Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)**
- Mrs. Tracy Petty (SOR Director)**
- Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)**
- George J. Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)**

Also Present:

- Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**
- Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations**
- Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations**

Not Present:

- Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**

Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

SUMMARY

(1) BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUIDEBOOK – APPROVE UPDATES.

On standing motion, **Mrs. Meeker** moved to accept the Guidebook, with the caveat that certain changes be made. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

(2) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

The following action items were presented for approval:

- a) Grant exception to Show Rule 12.04 to approve change of Domesti-Katz show license to add a co-sponsor.

Date of Show: October 20, 2012

Location of Show: Palm Bay, Florida (Region 7)

Change Requested: Add That's My Point Cat Fanciers as a co-sponsor

Mr. Newkirk moved for approval. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

- b) Club Resignations:

Brazil Persian & Exotic Fanciers (International Division/Latin America)

Mrs. Meeker moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**

Feline Club of Brazil (International Division/Latin America)

Mr. Newkirk moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

- c) Approve request to have CFA judges guest judge a TICA show in Malta.

Mrs. Meeker moved to withdraw item c). Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion [to withdraw] Carried.**

Withdrawn.

- d) Approve waiver or deferral of regional scoring fee from club in Malta.

Mrs. Meeker moved to withdraw item d). Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion [to withdraw] Carried.**

Withdrawn.

- e) Approval of expenditure for Classmarker breed council ballot software.

No action.

- f) Approval of a volunteer to document the process of online voting.

Ms. Anger moved for approval. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, **Motion Carried.**

(3) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

The following club applications were presented for acceptance:

- FRONTIER FELINE FANCIERS (Region 6). Upon motion by **Mr. Newkirk**, seconded by **Mr. Shelton**, **Motion Carried.**

- INTERNATIONAL CAT WORLD e.V.-ICW e.V. (Region 9). Upon motion by **Mrs. Baugh**, seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Failed**.
- SIAM CAT FANCIERS CLUB (International Division-Asia, Thailand). Upon motion by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, seconded by **Mrs. Baugh**, **Motion Carried**. Kallmeyer abstained.
- BEIJING INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB (International Division-Asia). Upon motion by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried**.

(4) **BEGIN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ASIA REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL REALIGNMENTS.**

No action items were presented.

(5) **REVIEW CERTAIN FEES AND UPDATE THE OFFICIAL PRICE LIST.**

1. *Raise the Returned Check Fee from \$20 to \$40 (our bank charges us \$36).*
Tabled.
2. *Clarify the use of the Expedite Fee and Place on Price List. We currently charge \$25 expedite fee for up to two transactions sent from the same customer at the same time. In addition, we should charge a lesser amount for additional transactions received in the same package. Suggested amount is \$10 for up to an additional two transactions and then \$5/transaction for any over four.*
3. *Same Day Expedite after 2:00 PM charged at \$50.*
4. *There has also been a request that there be a \$15 fee retained if a registration by pedigree cannot be completed due to ineligibility of the cat for registration. (Similar to the \$15 temporary registration fee that is retained even if the cat is not (or cannot be) eventually registered.)*

Mr. Newkirk moved to approve items 2, 3 and 4, with the caveat that item 2 is per transaction. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**.

(6) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Ms. Anger moved on standing motion for approval of the following action item:

Determine that the Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese and Siamese breeds are affected by the Oriental breed adding color descriptions to their standard that duplicate the Colorpoint Shorthair colors, the Balinese colors and some additional point colors (e.g. cinnamon point, fawn point, silver points, etc.) and showing those cats in the Oriental breed.

No action.

(7) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the following acceptance, reserving the right to vote no:

Accept as Approved Double Specialty:

Ricky Burthay – Indianapolis, Indiana (LH/SH – Specialty) 6 yes (Roy, Meeker, Baugh, Huhtaniemi, Eigenhauser, Newkirk); 7 no; 2 abstain (Anger, Bizzell)

(8) **DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS PROTEST MATTER.**

After an executive session discussion, **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to amend the Protest Procedures to adopt a policy that when an individual has been on temporary suspension for 2 years because of a pending criminal matter and they have not resolved it, after that period of time it will be published. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried**.

(9) **MARKETING.**

No action items were presented.

(10) **IT UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

(11) **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.**

No action items were presented.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: We better call the roll call. **Anger:** Good idea. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I am here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. No Ginger yet. **Anger:** Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Here. **Anger:** Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here. **Anger:** Koizumi is not here. It's a holiday there in Japan. They honor their ancestors, is what she said. Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, I'm here. **Anger:** Roger Brown is in Europe. George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** I'm here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** Here. **Anger:** David White is also in Italy. Annette Wilson is on vacation. Also, Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Is Roeann on the call? **Fulkerson:** I'm here. **Anger:** Is there anyone on the call whose name I have not mentioned? OK, thank you.

(1) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUIDEBOOK – APPROVE UPDATES.**

Hamza: OK, did Ginger come on yet? Alright, item #1 is Ginger's item. Is everybody familiar with it? **Anger:** Yes. **Hamza:** Is this something we can approve without Ginger being here or should we wait for her? **Anger:** It's Rachel. We tabled this from the last meeting. Carla had a couple suggestions and I think Ed gave it a once over, so maybe those two can speak to it. **Hamza:** Yeah. Ed, have you looked at the document? **Raymond:** Yes. I've been through it. I suggested one change dealing with the auditors. It's probably the same thing that Carla caught, and I believe that change has been made. **Hamza:** And Carla, is that the same issue? Carla? **Bizzell:** Carla is talking into a muted telephone. I was wondering why no one would listen to me. It makes it harder when I'm muted. Under **Objects** it says, ... *the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names and/or pedigrees of only those cats and kittens entitled to be registered as one of the breeds recognized bla, bla, bla.* We now record Household Pets, so we might want to modify that just a bit. That's the very first thing. **Hamza:** Ed, is that the same issue? **Raymond:** No, that was a different issue. **Bizzell:** That's different, yeah. I went over the Treasurer's portion and made edits. I believe those were put in, except Ed did want to make a change there and that was done. **Hamza:** Let's see if Ginger pops on this call at any point in time.

[Transcript goes to agenda item #2 below]

Hamza: Let's go back to item 1 because Ginger's here. Ginger, you have Board of Directors Guidebooks, approve update. We tabled it in July and we started talking about it this evening before you got on the call. As my memory serves me – **Bizzell:** Carla had a question. **Hamza:** Carla had a question and so did Ed. **Meeker:** OK. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Carla. **Bizzell:** I think under Objects, we should just mirror what it shows in the Constitution. We actually modified the Constitution to allow for the recording of Household Pets, so if we just clip that Objects section out of the Constitution and slap it in there, it cures the problem. **Hamza:** Are you following that, Ginger? **Meeker:** I am. I'm just amazed that we have looked at this thing for 3 or 4 times now. **Hamza:** I know. See, that's what happens when you have so many fresh eyes. Ed, did you want to – **Raymond:** I'm good. The change that I requested has already been made. **Meeker:** Yeah, we updated it. So, I will make that – under the Objects section, I'll pull that out of the Constitution and put that in there, and then we'll do this again in September. **Hamza:** I think that we can – you know, I think that we can approve it now. Does anybody else have any issues with the Guidebook? **Newkirk:** I agree with you, Jerry. I think we can approve it. **Hamza:** Yeah, with the caveat that the change be made. Somebody else had a question. **Petty:** Yes, Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** Page 25, I'm not understanding what that is at all. Is that maybe for the October meeting? **Meeker:** You mean the telephonic rules? **Petty:** Yeah. **Meeker:** Yeah, that's for the October telephonic meeting where we use the computer and telephone simultaneously and we have a way of communicating. **Petty:** That's kind of what it looked like, but since we do monthly telephonic meetings, I was a little confused about that. **Hamza:** The October meeting is a little different, and being new I can see where it would be hard to imagine, but it's supported with a PowerPoint. **Petty:** I've used that before. That's why I recognized it and it's not what we do at my place, so you might want to just point out that that's for the regular – **Meeker:** October meeting? **Petty:** Yeah. **Meeker:** OK, I can certainly do that. **Hamza:** Alright, so can I get a motion to accept the Guidebook, with the caveat that the two changes that have been noted here will be made. **Eigenhauser:** I think that's Ginger's standing motion and I'll second it.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

Committee Chair: Donna Jean Thompson
List of Committee Members: Kristi Wollam – Administrative Assistant

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Central Office has been busy since the Annual and July BOD meeting. We are in the midst of “Kitten Season” and it appears our CFA cats are having a prolific year. Registrations via pedigree are moving along very quickly, often times within two weeks or less if no questions. The women in Registration are very proud of this accomplishment when once it was a very lengthy process.

Current Happenings of Committee:

In addition to our daily routines, we are nearing the completion of the Traditional Show Dates listing to be placed on the web site. The rough draft was sent to the Regional Directors and any corrections made. I ask that the Regional Directors give the document one more viewing prior to placing the information on the web site.

Hamza: Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yes, sir. **Hamza:** Have all the Regional Directors submitted a calendar of their traditional dates? **Thompson:** I have everyone except Japan. Asia and Latin America, they don't have anything cast in stone just yet, because they don't have enough shows that they're encountering any problems, but I have a list from Pauli and a list from all the rest of our Regional Directors. Now, the Region 7 Director found an interesting problem that she wishes to speak to. I didn't catch it myself, but it is interesting. This is supposed to be traditional show dates, and she brought up the fact that I think that maybe some of the Regional Directors had their schedulers send in their list, and what they sent in was their next coming year, which was maybe not 100% a truly traditional show date, especially when they indicated weekends that had a fifth weekend in it. **Hamza:** Well, fifth weekends can't be traditional show dates. **Thompson:** No. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I know that you had one date in here that is supposed to be Steel City's traditional, and it's going to be their second year but it's not going to count as a traditional. **Hamza:** OK. What we really need to do is, Donna Jean, I need you to get all the input from – when you have the input. You need to send Kayoko an email asking for hers, and put out a master calendar that you can submit to the regional directors and they can peruse it. **Thompson:** That is – **Hamza:** Pardon? **Thompson:** That's pretty much what this was. We asked for the information, we put it together, I sent it out once and received corrections. We made as many of those corrections as we received and I was sending this via the board list so that the board was aware that we were doing what was requested, and was rather hoping that this would be a finalization or get us to the finalization of the list. **Hamza:** Tracy, you wanted to speak to this? **Petty:** Yes. The fifth weekend issues I think need to be clarified. A show can be a fourth weekend or it can be a last weekend, in which case it might end up being a fifth weekend, but that should be clarified on the list if it's a last weekend or fourth weekend, and nothing should be listed as a fifth weekend, even if there is one in the upcoming year. I don't think the annual meeting necessarily should be on there, because that does float. It's going to be sometime usually the last two weeks of June, but everybody knows, they look on the calendar and see what it is, and don't schedule a show that weekend. **Hamza:** I think for consistency's sake, we have to – as far as this calendar – we have to assume that the last weekend is the fourth weekend. **Hannon:** No. This is Mark. No, I don't agree with you. If the last weekend is the fourth weekend, that's

the fourth weekend. If the last weekend is the fifth, some of those clubs – Birmingham is a good example – they’re the last weekend of January. It sometimes is the fourth weekend, sometimes it’s the fifth weekend, whatever the last weekend happens to be. **Hamza:** But then, where does the extra weekend in that month come from? **Hannon:** I don’t understand your question. **Hamza:** If there’s a fifth weekend – a fifth weekend can’t be a traditional show weekend. **Hannon:** Sure it can. The last weekend is the traditional show weekend. If that year has five weekends, then their traditional date is the fifth weekend. **Hamza:** No, my point being, if that’s the case, then one of those weekends is the non-traditional, extra weekend. Let’s say “extra weekend”. **Hannon:** Well, then it would be the fourth weekend because they would be on the fourth or fifth weekend, depending upon how many weekends there were in that month. If there are five weekends, they go to the fifth and the fourth weekend is available. **Hamza:** As long as whoever is running that region is consistent, I guess that works. **Hannon:** It’s been that way in the Southern Region, because we have two shows in late January. One in Virginia is the fourth weekend of the month. The one in Birmingham is the last weekend of the month. Sometimes it’s the same weekend as the Virginia show, sometimes it’s not. **Roy:** Jerry, this is Sharon. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Sharon. **Roy:** That falls into play when the last weekend of the show season turns out to be a fifth weekend. The fourth weekend is the free one, and the clubs that are traditionally at the end of the show season are always the fifth weekend. **Hamza:** I should have used the word “extra weekend”. Anyway, we have – then the calendar, Donna Jean, is fairly set then, if you remove the extra weekend. **Thompson:** Right, but I would like to hear from the Regional Directors to be sure that I’m making the indication correctly.

Hannon: I have a question. This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Hannon:** Donna Jean, what do you plan to do with this? Are you planning to put it up on the website? **Thompson:** We were requested to put it on the website. **Hannon:** OK, I agree. That’s what was passed. Now my next concern is, what you sent out I think looks like an Excel spreadsheet and I’m hoping you’re going to have Kathy Durdick translate that into a web page – not just import the Excel spreadsheet, but put it into HTML. **Thompson:** Well, I heard via the grapevine that there was someone who put an excellent schedule together and I’ve been trying to find out who it was. I think I know at this point in time, and I’m going to try to contact her to see if they will do that for us prior to putting it on the website, because I do think it needs to be in a little better format than the way it is now. But the Excel sheet seemed to be the quickest and easiest way to get it put together. **Hannon:** I think that what you were looking for was put together by – **Meeker:** Kat Brady. **Hannon:** No, it was Kat’s but she got it from the former Regional Director in the Southwest. What’s her name? The entry clerk? **Shelton:** Regina. **Hannon:** Regina. Regina put it together but Regina put it together in an Excel spreadsheet. **Hamza:** You know, what I would like see it done as, is I would like to see it put in a calendar form that’s easy to read and understand, and I would also like it to end up on Kat’s Cat Shows US. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** When we had the National Scheduling Committee, Kat Brady put together a beautiful master schedule. It had every show, every weekend was numbered and each region was a different color. **Hamza:** OK, I get it. I’ll work on it this week with Donna Jean. The important part is that, from the Regional Directors, does this look complete at this point? Are there still – we know that Steel City isn’t traditional, we know we’re going to remove the extra weekends if there are any. Is there anything else in those calendars that seems to be inaccurate? **Meeker:** I need to look at it again, because I hadn’t seen one since the changes that I made and my region was really – **Hamza:** Why don’t we do this with the Regional Directors? We’ll give you until Monday to look it over. Check your calendars, and any edits, try to have them – email Donna Jean and cc me, and try to have it in by Monday. Is that fair? **Meeker:** And it’s on File Vista? **Anger:** Yes, and I’ll send it out again. **Meeker:** OK. **Hamza:** Do any of the Regional Directors

have a problem with this? And, Donna Jean, you're just going to have to send Kayoko an email tomorrow, requesting her schedule. **Thompson:** OK. **Baugh:** Jerry, this is Loretta. Can you hear me? **Hamza:** Who is this? **Baugh:** Loretta. Did you hear me? **Hamza:** Go ahead, Loretta. **Baugh:** I just sent Donna Jean an email about Steel City and an addition of one show that isn't on the calendar, but I'm noticing going down here, April has a fifth week for North Atlantic Region, Sign of the Cat. There is no fifth weekend in April in 2013. So, everybody really needs to pay attention to this and look at their own, as well as maybe see if there's anybody else [inaudible]. **Roy:** I think that probably came about because I put it in as the last weekend, and if there's a fifth weekend – that's probably how it was recorded. **Baugh:** Yeah, because there isn't a fifth weekend. **Roy:** It's actually the fourth weekend, yeah. **Hamza:** That's why you have to check your dates and make sure they are accurate, so when we get them up it will reduce confusion. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** I just wanted to point out, there is also a show listed the fourth weekend of November listed as tentative. I don't think we can have a tentative traditional date. **Hamza:** Yeah, unless that's a new club name. **Petty:** No, it's a very old club. **Hamza:** OK. But anyway, it's up to the RD's to make sure what they have, what's represented as their region's is accurate, and we'll just say the reviews have to be complete by Monday. Do any Regional Directors have a problem with that deadline? <no> OK, very good.

Also included [in draft form for the board members] is the listing of World Wide Registries from whom we will accept pedigrees. Will those of you active in the International Arena please check for errors, additions and deletions. While we are secure in our choice of recognized registries I would like to have this documented and on record.

Hamza: Central Office Report is next up. First is the international registries from which CFA will accept pedigrees. This is important. We have to come up with a criteria on which we accept a criteria from other registrations that are met for our approval to accept those pedigrees. In CFA, we tend to believe that, with merit, that we have the highest standards in cat registrations, so we need to think about what these other registries should present, to be accredited with CFA. You know, when I looked at it, I had a few thoughts. I think there should be a certain amount of time. I think that those registrations should have a standard and should have some sort of judging of the standard, so we know they are advancing that standard. Are there any other thoughts? **Anger:** It's Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I think they should have a similar philosophy to CFA, and I know that we work with some associations that have a little bit different mindset about wild blood and what have you, but they should have a good proportion of traditional breeds that we have. **Hamza:** I agree with that. **Kallmeyer:** Like the World Cat Congress, I think they should have recognition by other registries that we recognize, as well. **Thompson:** Actually, when I was putting this together, we changed this to the Current Happenings of the Committee. I put this list in there for input from the board members. This is what I was able to gather from some board members and some contacts with other registries. Apparently, we have always accepted the pedigrees from the members of the World Cat Congress. That's the first 9, and then added our U.S. registries that we have accepted in the past. Then, there were some there that I found as unknown and I put comments that had come to me. I was just primarily seeking additional input from those of you on the board that do a lot of international travel or have had some familiarity with some of these that I may not have. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** There are a lot of independent registries over in Europe and I would hate for us to not recognize their pedigrees. Those guys have been around for a number of years and I think we recognize cats being imported from them, and I don't even remember who it was this weekend, but somebody asked me if we were going

to have a list of approved associations, and they were informing me how important it is that we maintain those independent registries over in Europe. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Meeker:** Jerry. **Hamza:** Ginger, was that you? And then George. **Meeker:** Oh, I think George was first. **Hamza:** OK, George then Ginger. **Eigenhauser:** We could go ladies first, though. **Hamza:** George, go ahead. **Eigenhauser:** My thought is, why don't we boot this back to the people that actually know the most about the International? Give it to Darrell, give it to Dick, give it to some of the people that have worked with it, to either come up with a list or come up with a criteria for creating a list, or come up with a tentative list with a criteria for registries to be added to the list. I understand that this is an important issue, but a lot of us that most show in the U.S. really don't have a lot of input here and this might be something that would be better handled by a subcommittee. **Hamza:** Donna Jean? Sorry Ginger, I've just got a question here. Do you have a list of the registries we've accepted to date? **Thompson:** That's basically what I have included with the report. What was it, Exhibit A? **Anger:** Exhibit B. **Hamza:** Exhibit B. **Thompson:** Well, in the part I printed it was A, but that's OK. The one sheet, *World Wide Registries*. That's what I was able to unearth on my own. I still haven't received anything about the ones in Europe that Darrell was talking about. I do not have a list of those. **Newkirk:** Excuse me, Jerry, but that list would be pretty vast and I think probably the best person in the world to ask would be Monique. **Thompson:** Well, I have done that. **Newkirk:** Oh, OK. **Hamza:** Why don't we do this? You know, let's – this is important, so we don't want to just slam it together tonight but we do want to give this thing some wheels, so Dick, you're head of the International, but this is Region 9 stuff, too, so Dick, why don't you and Pauli – and Darrell, do you want to work on this, as well? **Newkirk:** Sure, I would be happy to. **Hamza:** Why don't you folks put your heads together and if we can't list all the folks in Europe, at least a criteria. I think that, like I said at the beginning, it would be important that they have a standard, that they have a certain amount of time they've been around that lends them legitimacy and that they have some sort of shows and judging that back up their standard. You know, what we're trying to avoid here is people putting a club together and trying to register cats. I don't have to become too specific, but we've had a brush with a situation that we just don't want to keep hitting those kinds of situations. It's important. **Newkirk:** It's Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I think one of the important things would be that any of these "independent" quote-unquote registries over there not be an affiliated CFA club. I think that should also be denoted somewhere in the procedures. **Hamza:** I agree. **Anger:** It's Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** But then we have a problem with RUI, don't we? That's an association and a club. **Newkirk:** Do they send in their pedigrees for registration with CFA? **Anger:** Sure. **Hamza:** Yeah, but does RUI also register cats independently? **Anger:** Yes. **Newkirk:** Yeah, they do. You're right. **Hamza:** These are the questions we have to sort through, and so the three of you, I think, can put your heads together. Pauli, are you pretty familiar with a lot of the independents in Europe? **Huhtaniemi:** I don't know how many – 40 or 50 independent clubs in Europe, so I'm not familiar with them. I know many of them, but not all. **Hamza:** Alright. And Darrell seems to think Monique will have them. Darrell, you've got a long affiliation with Europe, so I think the three of you should be able to come up with some sort of criteria that protects us a little bit. **Newkirk:** We'll work on it. **Huhtaniemi:** That sounds good. **Hannon:** It's Mark. I just want to make clear who the three are. Pauli, Darrell and who else? **Hamza:** And Dick. **Hannon:** OK, thanks. **Hamza:** Ginger, did you have something? **Meeker:** I basically was going to say what George said and I think if we set criteria, I don't see this as being a "cut in stone" thing. As the group ages, I think there would be criteria set so that if a new registry opened, they could apply for membership, so to speak. New things are happening all the time. **Hamza:** Just as long as we're consistent and we have something that allows us to really deal with legitimate registries. **Meeker:** And if a new registry wants to come up and can meet the criteria, then I don't think they should be excluded because

they're not in existence today, but I also don't way to look at saying, "OK, anything that's independent is going to be automatically accepted", because of the other experiences we've had. **Hamza:** Alright. We'll see what the subcommittee comes up with here in the next meeting or two.

Action Items:

- a) Grant exception to Show Rule 12.04 to approve change of Domesti-Katz show license to add a co-sponsor.
Date of Show: October 20, 2012
Location of Show: Palm Bay, Florida (Region 7)
Change Requested: Add That's My Point Cat Fanciers as a co-sponsor

Hamza: <reads>. Donna Jean, what is that? **Thompson:** They wanted to add Cats Exclusive [sic]. **Hannon:** No. **Thompson:** Whose show hall was current unavailable, so they wanted to use them as another – well no, I'm sorry. Not Cats Exclusive, What's The Point, as a co-sponsor of the show. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** They contacted me about this. It was a screw up on the part of the person that licensed the show. She didn't understand that she had to send the applications in together, and she asked me how they could get it corrected. I told her the Central Office didn't have the authority to do that, that it would have to go to the board, and I suggested she contact Rachel and I believe she did do that. **Anger:** That's right, she did, and that's how it got on the report. **Hamza:** So, what exactly are they asking for here? **Hannon:** They want two clubs to co-sponsor the show. **Hamza:** Are they adding a second name to the license? Is that what they want? **Hannon:** Correct. **Hamza:** OK. **Anger:** That is what's on the report, *Change Requested: Add That's My Point Cat Fanciers as a co-sponsor.* **Hamza:** That's My Point Cat Fanciers. Does anybody have a problem with this? **Newkirk:** No, and I'll make the motion. This is Darrell. **Meeker:** And I'll second. This is Ginger.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** The change has been approved.

Petty: This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** We don't necessarily have to address this tonight, but what came up with this, it's not terribly clear how to go about licensing a show with more than one club sponsoring it. We're starting to get more shows with multiple – not just two, but six or eight or twelve sponsoring clubs, so maybe we need to clarify how they should go about licensing a show with multiple sponsors. **Hamza:** If two clubs are going to license a single show, I was under the impression that you just listed both names on the license. **Petty:** What if there's 12 clubs? **Hannon:** An addendum. **Hamza:** You would do an Addendum A, I guess. **Petty:** It just seems like that's the way things are trending – multiple clubs doing a show – so maybe we need to look at modifying the show license, putting more lines there, or making some definite procedure for how to do it so they don't just guess, and guess wrong. **Hamza:** I think that if they can't fit all the names on the license, I think the most – the shortest distance between two points would just be adding, "See Addendum A". **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** I don't have a copy of the application for a show license in front of me, but I thought that it required the signature of the club officers – president and secretary, or just the secretary, I'm not sure – but by just listing a bunch of clubs, we don't know that those other clubs are in agreement with this without – **Hamza:** Their officers would have to sign. Ed? **Raymond:** I'm here. **Hamza:** Wouldn't it simply just be a matter of putting addendums on the contract, adding more names and more signatures? **Raymond:** Yes. That's pretty much all it is. **Hannon:** I just wanted to make sure that we have signatures from somebody

in each of those clubs, rather than just the one signature. **Hamza:** Ed, could you just draw up a brief explanation, and Mark, you can put it in your newsletter. **Hannon:** But do you agree with me that it would allow for protection of the other clubs? **Hamza:** Yeah, but the easiest way to do it is just to add an addendum to the show license, and I think we can address that in one paragraph or less, don't you Ed? **Raymond:** Yep. It should be pretty easy. **Hamza:** And you know, Mark, if you put it on the newsletter – **Hannon:** I'll put it with my notes on this meeting, which will be part of the newsletter. **Hamza:** And you know, Ed, once we have it, we can have Kristi send it to the president and secretary of all the clubs, too, just an FYI. It can't hurt anything. **Raymond:** OK.

[from end of next item] **Newkirk:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. I just pulled up the application for a show license. The only signature required is the club secretary. **Hamza:** OK. So, what we need to do is just have each club secretary sign it, so the addendum would have to include the club names and the signatures of the club secretaries. **Newkirk:** Maybe we could add a line on there, you know, for additional sponsors. **Hamza:** But the problem becomes, as Tracy said, what if we, you know, what if there's a super show with twelve clubs? I think it's just easier to have them staple a piece of paper to the application when they mail it in. I think two will fit there pretty easily. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** I think we really just need to spell out the instructions for how to do that, to license a show with more than one club. It doesn't have to be on the form, but we have to tell them, "send in another sheet with these signatures." **Hamza:** And we're going to do that. Ed is going to draw up a paragraph, we'll put it in the newsletter and we'll also send it to all the club presidents and secretaries. **Kallmeyer:** Just looking ahead to the new IT system, is there going to be a limit to the number of clubs that can sponsor a show? Right now, I don't think they have set up for that. **Hamza:** I don't think – I don't see a reason to limit it yet. I mean, we haven't run into any ridiculous situations, so we should just let the clubs do what it takes to be successful. **Newkirk:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** There is also a thing under the instructions, or let me see what it's called here – the show license application, general information. It says for the forms to be submitted, it says *Application(s) for each participating club completed as necessary*. So, that basically says that if there's more than one club, there has to be more than one show license. That's the way I read it. **Hamza:** Ed? Because we know we've let multiple – we have in the past let clubs put on shows together, and I don't believe we have charged them additional licenses. **Hannon:** No, but we had additional applications. They were all submitted together as a package, so it was understood by the Central Office that they were co-sponsoring the show. **Newkirk:** There's also, right behind the club name, the show date, and type of show and the entry limit, is a *check one*. It says, *benching club or ring sponsor*. **Hannon:** Yeah, but that dates back to the early days of CFA when every ring had a different club sponsor it, and it was usually a way for the paper clubs to license shows. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Hannon:** That really wasn't intended for what we're talking about. **Newkirk:** OK. **Hamza:** I think – like I said, let's see what Ed comes up with. Right now it's not a very common thing, so if it gets to be more common, we may have to re-do the form. You know what, Donna Jean? When you start running low on those forms, let me know because it may be just time to update it. **Thompson:** I think we may have just ordered them, but I will double check. Oh yeah, I have been kind of gritting my teeth. **Hamza:** We'll go through them at some point, and when we do we'll just, you know, look at making it a more user-friendly form.

b) Club Resignations:

Brazil Persian & Exotic Fanciers (International Division/Latin America)

Hamza: Donna Jean, we have item b). Has everybody seen the resignation letter from Brazil Persian & Exotic Fanciers? <yes> Any point of discussion? Can I get a motion to accept their resignation? **Meeker:** So moved. Ginger. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** The resignation is accepted [with regret].

Feline Club of Brazil (International Division/Latin America)

Thompson: We also had the addition of the resignation from the Feline Club. I think it was in the last information that Rachel sent out. **Hannon:** What Feline Club? **Thompson:** The Feline Club of Brazil. **Kallmeyer:** It was the second club from Brazil. **Hannon:** Oh. **Hamza:** Is everybody familiar with that resignation, as well? **Calhoun:** No, I don't think I saw that one. **Hannon:** What's the name of the club? **Hamza:** It's the Feline – what is it? **Thompson:** Feline Club of Brazil. **Kallmeyer:** That was actually the first resignation. **Hamza:** I didn't see their resignation on File Visa. Is it there? **Anger:** This is Rachel. Yes, it's there. I'll resend it to everyone. **Hamza:** OK. Why doesn't everybody take a few minutes to look that over and we'll come back to it.

[from end of report] **Hamza:** What I'm talking about is accepting the resignation of the other Brazilian club. **Thompson:** Oh, OK. **Hamza:** Can I get a motion? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

c) Approve request to have CFA judges guest judge a TICA show in Malta.

[discussed together with d) below] **Withdrawn.**

d) Approve waiver or deferral of regional scoring fee from club in Malta.

Hamza: <reads> I'm not crazy about this one. I think if we open that door, it should be opened everywhere and I don't think we're ready to open that door. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Anger:** I also emailed the TICA Judging Administrator, Marylou Anderson, to verify that what the club stated about it being fine with TICA was true. Now, I have not heard back from her and this was last week. So, at this point, I would not be comfortable voting on it without that confirmation. **Hamza:** Darrell, if you can help me here with my memory. We had quite a bit of problems with this particular show last cycle, right? **Newkirk:** Yes. That would be an understatement. **Hamza:** I'm also not very confident that, for the rest of the board, it took on proportions that were very tough and some of the requests were similar to this. I have no confidence that even if we were to approve this, that this would be something that would go off in a courteous manner. How's that for diplomacy? **Newkirk:** That's great. **Calhoun:** [inaudible] clarity of what we're trying to do here? I'm a little confused. **Hamza:** Kathy, I couldn't hear you. **Calhoun:** I just wondered if we could have clarity. Are we trying to approve – if Rachel could just restate what we're trying to decide whether we're going to engage in it or not. **Anger:** Sure. Basically, the TICA club in Malta is sharing a weekend with the CFA club. One is going to Saturday and the other is going to be Sunday. I'm not sure of the logistics of it, but it sounds to

me as though, if I were the judge and this was approved, I would judge the CFA show Saturday and basically the exact same cats on Sunday. I am sure there's going to be a majority overlap of entry. What they are asking for is for the CFA judges to guest judge the TICA show on the opposite day. **Huhtaniemi:** This is Pauli. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** They are also asking the board to approve their show date, because I have denied the show date already. We have, in the next item coming up, where they asked to void the regional fee, what we have here in Europe, and they haven't paid the fee yet from the previous show. So, that's the reason why I denied their show date, and they are now trying to share with TICA the judges, but it says in the attachment that went to the board, *I cannot get Pauli to answer me about licensing the show.* I have answered her. **Hamza:** Can we just – you know, this thing raises so many red flags, I think we just need to go past it. **Anger:** This is Rachel. I would like to withdraw item c) on the basis that we haven't heard from the TICA Judging Administrator. Pauli, would you like us to withdraw d)? **Baugh:** Jerry, am I off mute? **Hamza:** Yes. **Baugh:** OK. We have a policy in place that in order for a guest judge to judge for CFA, we have to have a reciprocal agreement with them, which has never been established. That needs to be done, and this is not something we need to be doing at this point in time. **Hamza:** There's lots of problems. Can I get a motion to withdraw c) and d)? **Meeker:** So moved. Ginger. **Anger:** Second. Rachel.

Hamza called the motion [to withdraw]. **Motion Carried.**

e) *Approval of expenditure for Classmarker breed council ballot software.*
Assuming 1839 breed council memberships (i.e., not unique members), the options are 2,500 tests taken over 12 months for \$625, or 5,000 tests taken over 12 months for \$1,000. It is recommended that the 5,000 test option be purchased. As for the cost, there will be significant savings in postage/paper, as well as employee time counting ballots. This is an election year, so all breed councils will have a ballot with at least one sheet of paper. 47 cents times 1839 is over \$800, and of course many ballots will cost more than 47 cents to mail so the cost of printing and mailing a ballot is over \$1000. If we email ballots and online voting instructions to those with email addresses and only mail ballots to those without email addresses or to those that request a printed ballot, that will cut out a lot of postage. Employee time counting ballots will be cut as well since the online software counts the votes. The savings should cover the expense. Remember, also, that breed council members pay dues. Of those 1839, probably at least 1200 are unique that pay \$25 for their first breed council, \$30,000 plus an additional \$6000 for 2nd memberships. Breed council members certainly pay enough in membership fees to justify a \$1000 expense on online balloting.

Hamza: Donna Jean, didn't we already pay for the software? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hamza:** Well folks. Dick, do you want to talk about the software? **Kallmeyer:** It's the software we use actually for the clerking test and it's going to be used for the online voting, so we enhanced our license to handle the increased number of users over the amount that we had before. **Hamza:** What was the cost? \$1,000? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. That would handle all our requirements for testing and voting, for the whole year. **Hamza:** And you know, we may as well take this opportunity to let you tell the board how we are coming along with the breed council voting. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, I guess Rachel and Annette did the hard work on this, as well as Donna Jean and Kristi and Mary Kolencik. They set up the process in place to handle the online voting, and they are about ready to go with the Burmese, Tonkinese out-of-cycle ballot. **Hamza:** Dick and I discussed today about ways to – how we need to notify the membership, so I kind of want it to appear in the minutes, as well. **Kallmeyer:** Jerry, before we start, I guess Annette and Rachel

had already defined the processes in place. Actually, they would prefer that it go out in a letter, just so that they can actually show how to vote online, present some diagrams to handle the procedure, so I think it's probably pretty important the first time that we lay out exactly what we want to do. **Hamza:** And has that letter been drawn up yet? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, I think they already have the draft. Am I correct, Rachel? **Anger:** That's correct. It's a very straightforward letter that says, "Here's how you do it. You can do this or this or this." That's all there is to it. **Hamza:** OK, then we need to get that in the mail shortly. Rachel, does it lend itself to be put on a CFA news blurb and to be put on the website, as well? **Anger:** I don't see why not. What do you think, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** I definitely think we ought to replicate it as many places as we can, just to avoid any claim that people didn't get noticed. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** Now, we're talking about the off-cycle ballot, correct? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Hamza:** We're talking about all of them, though. **Hannon:** No, no, no. If we're going to send out a CFA News notice, it's going to confuse people unless we address it just to the summer ballot, explain that this is a trial, that this is a test, and that the Tonkinese and the Burmese people are going to be voting online this summer. I think if you broaden it beyond that, you're going to confuse people. Once that ballot has been done and we're ready in the fall to send out the total package of ballots, then we can send in another CFA News notice, because we may learn something from the first one. We may want to make some changes. So, I think we only want to say that this is addressing the summer off-cycle ballot. **Kallmeyer:** I agree, Mark. I think we should have two notices; one for the later ballot of the regular breed council and then one for the special. **Hamza:** I still think that the procedure should be put in the newsletter like Mark wants, but it also should be online.

Hannon: I have a question, though. Are we – what number are we using for an ID? Is it their breed council number? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hannon:** I ask this because it's online already. It's on the public website. Anyone can go in and look at anybody else's number. How are we going to ensure that the ballot is coming from the breed council member and not from somebody else? **Kallmeyer:** I believe Mary K – I don't have it in front of me – Mary K determined a method that we can handle that. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** If there's any question, we throw out the electronic ballot and go with the paper ballot. So, if it was me, I would probably just send in the paper ballot, which you can download from the website. **Hannon:** What are you saying? You're encouraging people not to vote online? **Anger:** Well, you're right. We are doing it as a test, so I would vote online and see how it goes. I just reversed myself. **Hannon:** My concern is, what if they two online ballots? Kristi is going to accept the first one. Well, if the first one is the fraudulent one, then the valid ballot gets tossed out. **Hamza:** You know, Dick, if security becomes an issue, we can always tell people to use their cattery number. **Hannon:** You can't do that because a cattery number is assigned to more than one person. If a husband wife individually belong to breed councils, they get two votes but they've only got one cattery number. **Anger:** This is Rachel again. **Hamza:** So you could have cattery number A and B, or we could issue a secure number, as well. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** The number that they sign in with is supposed to be the number that's printed on the envelope to the letter, which may or may not be their cattery number. **Hannon:** So, that's not going to be their breed council number. **Anger:** It may or may not be. What the letter says is that there are safeguards in place to prevent voter fraud. **Hamza:** Mark, now that you raised it, we'll have to be – we haven't sent the letter out yet. Dick, it wouldn't be hard to add, you know, a 3 digit addition to their council number. **Kallmeyer:** Mary K I guess is working the issue on that, so I guess we would have to check with her about the procedure. **Hamza:** OK. I'll give Mary K a call. **Kallmeyer:** One of the things it does, too, by the way, is actually records the IP address of the person voting, so we actually have a way to track

individual votes, as well – match them up against multiple votes. **Hamza:** Are you then in the letter that you're sending out, are you then instructing people to vote on their home computers? **Kallmeyer:** No, I didn't write up the letter. It's coming from the breed people. **Hamza:** Rachel, maybe you should put something in there that it's important not to vote on a – I don't know. Let me talk to Mary K. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. Let Mary K work the security issues. She probably knows it much better than we do anyway. **Hamza:** She works for people who insist on it. **Kallmeyer:** Who are concerned about that sort of thing. **Hamza:** Are there any more questions on the breed council voting? At this point I think it would be silly to vote on money we have already spent.

- f) Approval of a volunteer to document the process of online voting.
Authorization for Mary Kolencik to create and handle the online portion of the Burmese/Tonkinese ballots. This will allow her to document the entire process and give Central Office detailed instructions. She has volunteered to come to Alliance for a day to assist in training the setup of the traditional BC balloting. This would add an additional cost of approximately \$500.00. Please also note that this will necessitate Mary seeing the votes on the Burmese off-cycle ballot, which she has pledged to keep private. However, when the full breed council ballot cycle is performed, the access password will be changed and Mary will no longer be able to see the votes.

Hamza: Next, <reads>. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Anger:** We have a volunteer, as you see in the minutes, and she wants to be up front that during this test ballot, she has no dog in this race but she is going to be able to view the voter results. After the test process is completed, if it is completed successfully and we continue this with our regular balloting cycle, she will no longer have access to that area. Only Central Office will, but in an effort to be completely transparent about what the process is going to be, she wanted the board to know this and to get official acknowledgement of that in the form of a vote. **Hamza:** The only caveat, Rachel, is that I would like her to sign some sort of confidentiality agreement, just basically saying she won't disclose anything she knows until after we put the results of the election out. **Anger:** So, my motion would be that we approve Mary Kolencik to oversee the online portion of the balloting process for the Burmese/Tonkinese ballot, and that she sign a confidentiality waiver that – will Ed draw it up? **Hamza:** Ed, you can do that pretty quick, as well, can't you? **Raymond:** Yes. **Anger:** So moved. **Newkirk:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Hannon: This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** I just want to make it clear that her intention is that, when we get to the fall ballot, she will be involved in helping Kristi pull together the ballot. She will not have access to the voting, since she's a candidate this year and people will be voting on that breed council secretary position, but she will be involved in helping set up the fall one, as well. I just want to make sure the board was clear that her participation does not end with the summer ballot. She plans to be involved with the fall ballot, up to a certain point. **Hamza:** OK.

- g) *Approve request from CFA Foundation President David Mare that poster number 250 of the Garfield Yearbook cover be donated to the Museum.*

Hamza: Next. **Thompson:** The request from the Foundation that poster #250 of the Garfield Yearbook cover be donated to the Museum. **Hamza:** I have – we've already sort of dealt with that, but yeah. I mean, I don't think that takes a board action. [transcript goes to club resignations]

Calhoun: Jerry, this is Kathy. **Hamza:** Who is this? **Calhoun:** What happened with g)? Have they been allowed to have the poster or not? Have you dealt with it? **Hamza:** With what? The poster? **Calhoun:** Item g), <reads>. **Hamza:** You know, I'm looking at an entirely different agenda than you are, but we've taken care of it already. **Hannon:** In what way? **Hamza:** They are getting the poster. **Hannon:** #250? **Hamza:** #250. The last one. **Hannon:** OK.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue to fulfill our daily duties to the best of our abilities.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will continue to submit requests, questions, and problems that may arise requiring Board action and/or input.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

(3) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Committee Chair: Liz Watson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Presented new clubs applying to the CFA to be approved by the Board

Current Happenings of Committee:

Four new clubs have applied for membership into CFA. They are:

<i>Frontier Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Region 6</i>
<i>International Cat World e.V.-ICW e.V.</i>	<i>Region 9</i>
<i>Siam Cat Fanciers Club</i>	<i>International Division, Asia, Thailand</i>
<i>Beijing International Cat Club</i>	<i>International Division, Asia, China</i>

Frontier Feline Fanciers

Region Six

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are sixteen members, four members participate in other CFA clubs. This is an allbreed club which wishes to put on shows once a year. The dues have been set and if disbanded, monies will be donated to a no-kill shelter. No negative letters have been received regarding this club. The Region Six Director was notified of this club's application.

Hamza: Club applications. The first club is from Region 6, Frontier Feline Fanciers. Kathy? **Calhoun:** Yes. OK, so this is somewhat confusing still to me. First, I am 100% in favor of this club. It sounds as if this is just a reinstatement. I don't know if Donna Jean has more input. They have been a club for years, and they actually have a show on the CFA calendar. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I asked Liz about that and she said yes, this one was dropped for non-payment of dues or whatever and it's a re-application, as is the Beijing club [sic, Siam Cat Fanciers Club]. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I just wanted to ask Kathy to speak up a little bit. I couldn't hear you at all when you were speaking. **Calhoun:** OK. Can you hear me now? **Hamza:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** Barely. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** I don't understand how these two clubs can have shows on the show schedule if they're not valid clubs. **Hamza:** It would have to be tentative. There can't possibly be a licensed show. **Hannon:** We shouldn't even be putting tentative on the show schedule if it's not a club. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** They may have had their show licensed, and in the interim they neglected to pay their dues and were dropped. **Hamza:** That could be. Donna Jean, do you know what the specifics are? **Thompson:** Pretty much like what Rachel said, and I think the actual reason was a membership list and it was a slip-up by the secretary. **Hannon:** This is Mark again. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Hannon:** I don't want to be a hard ass about this, but if we dropped that club, we should drop them off the schedule. I don't care if they got a show license back when they were valid. Once they dropped out of CFA's membership, their show should have been unlicensed. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Ginger. **Meeker:** I totally agree with Mark. I had the same situation in my region, where a club insisted on a date, they had lost their status and just had a fit, but the rules are there for a reason. **Hamza:** I agree, as well. I agree, as well. This is, you know, a policy that we're going to – Donna Jean, let me ask you

another question. These two clubs, do they have any judges under contract? **Thompson:** I do not know. **Hannon:** The only way they get on the license [sic, website] as a pending show is – **Hamza:** With a contract to judge. **Hannon:** – copies of at least one judge’s contract. **Hamza:** I know, I know. You know, Mark, you’re right. This has just been – **Hannon:** We need to set up a policy in the Central Office that when clubs are dropped, they need to search the show schedule and make sure that there’s nothing licensed or even pending for those clubs, and remove them from the schedule. **Hamza:** And then force them to relicense? **Hannon:** Yeah. **Hamza:** Or to have their money be kept as a credit. **Newkirk:** Do they lose their traditional show date? **Hamza:** There’s a lot to this. **Newkirk:** Yeah, there is. **Hannon:** It depends. If they held a show for two years and it was a traditional date and it was only a matter of a couple months that they weren’t a CFA club, and then they get reinstated as a club and go on to put on a show the following year, I would say that that was a traditional date. I wouldn’t drop the traditional date, strictly because they were out for a couple months. Now, if they were gone for over a year, then they no longer had a show two years in a row. **Hamza:** There’s some questions here. **Newkirk:** They have been having their show, Mark. I don’t see the point. I mean, I understand that probably the office should go through and take these guys off the calendar, but they didn’t do that. We can argue that and stay up until 3 in the morning, but we’re talking about whether we’re going to accept the club and move on. **Hamza:** We can’t go backwards, but it’s something we need to think about. There are a lot of ramifications; you know, do you lose your traditional show date, do the judges become unlicensed and available for other clubs to pick up in the meantime? There’s just an endless amount. **Calhoun:** Well perhaps – this is Kathy. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Calhoun:** Perhaps we can think about it, and I agree. This is done, so we need to just vote and move. **Hamza:** I agree with that. **Calhoun:** Perhaps there could be some sort of reasonable grace period where the club, if they have a license, Central Office communicates, “hey, you have this, you have not done X, Y and Z, what is your status? You’ve got 60 days.” **Hamza:** You know what, Rachel? Add this to the next meeting so we have, everybody has a chance to think about it, because there are a lot of ramifications. We just want to be careful that we’re just, you know, that we don’t suffer unintended consequences. **Newkirk:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Aren’t the clubs dropped on June 1st? Isn’t that, aren’t they? I mean, for God’s sake, we sent them a note from January through June. **Hamza:** And this year we were even more – we must have, I don’t know. We called them, we emailed them, we wrote them. There was, you know, there was no reason. They knew that they were in jeopardy. I mean, Donna Jean, didn’t we contact these clubs many times? **Thompson:** Oh yes. Yes, we did. We did. **Hamza:** We were so diligent about it. We really wanted to make sure that any clubs that got dropped weren’t dropped because of an oversight. I even spent time in Central Office calling clubs that weren’t in good standing. I went down the list and made personal phone calls myself. But anyway, here we are. So, Region 6, Kathy, this is in your region. **Calhoun:** Yes. I support them being reinstated. **Hamza:** Does anybody else have anything to say about Frontier Feline Fanciers? **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** Do we know why they didn’t stay in good standing when they had a show coming up? **Hamza:** Donna Jean? **Thompson:** They neglected to send in their – I’m pretty sure it was their club membership list. **Hamza:** Membership list. **Petty:** Then, are they still a valid club? **Hannon:** No. **Hamza:** No. **Thompson:** No, they were dropped. **Petty:** I understand, but I’m saying, if they couldn’t put together a membership list, do they still have a club? **Thompson:** Oh, yes. **Hamza:** They have a membership list now. Everything is in place for them to be – they put the application in and they’re in front of the board right now, which means that – I’m hoping it means that they have fulfilled all the requirements of a club application. **Petty:** OK. **Hamza:** Donna Jean, have you seen this application? **Thompson:** Yes, it’s in the Vista package. **Hamza:** In the File Vista. You know, when I was looking at it, I wasn’t – **Thompson:** It was just a conglomeration of outside

issues that kept the secretary from sending in the membership list. That's what the problem was. **Hamza:** OK. When I was looking at it, I wasn't looking at it to see if it had any defects. Can we, are there any other questions, or can we get a motion on this? **Newkirk:** I'll move it, Jerry. **Hamza:** OK, second. **Shelton:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Welcome back, Frontier Feline Fanciers. All the other clubs that are reading the minutes know that it's not a slam dunk if you don't get your paperwork in and you don't pay your dues on time. **Meeker:** What do you mean, "not a slam dunk"? **Hamza:** You know, the board could not vote to reinstate them. **Meeker:** Oh, OK. **Newkirk:** One of our board members is a member of that club. **Hamza:** Oh, OK. Anyway, let's move on.

International Cat World e.V.-ICW e.V. Region Nine

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are fifty three members. No member belongs to or holds offices in other clubs. There are no plans to incorporate. This is an Allbreed club which plans on producing shows and doing the CFA registrations for the club members. The dues have been set and if disbanded, monies will be donated to an organization consistent with the guidelines of the CFA. A negative letter was received regarding this club. I contacted the club regarding this but received no response. I have contacted the Region Nine director about this club.

Hamza: International Cat World. Pauli, that's in your region. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, this is our region. I have received a lot of letters from different clubs, and they are hoping that we don't approve this, because the president and treasurer have cause a lot of troubles in the earlier club and I'm not in favor of this club. **Hamza:** You said you're not in favor of this club? **Huhtaniemi:** I'm not in favor of this club. **Hamza:** Does anybody else have any comments here? **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hannon:** Can he explain why he's not in favor? **Hamza:** Pauli, would you repeat why you're not in favor? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. They have caused a lot of financial problems. They used to run one of the German clubs and they had taken a salary from the club. I think every board member has received Darrell's email about this. So, I think it's the kind of people we don't want to have in CFA who try to get their own benefits from this. **Hamza:** Are there any other comments? **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I back up exactly what Pauli has said and I think the email from one of the clubs that I sent to everybody delineates exactly why we shouldn't take in this club. **Hamza:** Are there any other comments? It's troubling that the Regional Director and the former head of the ID feel that this club won't be beneficial to CFA. Can I get a motion for the vote? **Baugh:** I'll move to accept it, with the right to vote no. **Anger:** Rachel seconds, with the same right.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Failed.** **Hamza:** The International Cat World Club has not been accepted as a CFA club.

Siam Cat Fanciers Club

International Division: Asia, Thailand

Constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members with none belonging to other clubs. This is an Allbreed club with no plans to incorporate. The club intends to put on shows in the Bangkok area. The dues have been set and should the club disband, excess funds will be given to charitable organizations consistent with the policy of the CFA. No negative letters have been received regarding this club. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: The third club tonight is the Siam Cat Fanciers Club. Dick, this is in the ID Division and Asia. Do you want to speak to it? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. This is another club that didn't send in their membership list but they have been active all along. I recommend that it be re-accepted. **Hamza:** Any other comments? Can I get a motion please? **Krzanowski:** Carol moves. **Baugh:** Second, Loretta.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kallmeyer abstained. **Kallmeyer:** I abstain, just because a member of the household is judging the show. **Hamza:** OK, so noted. Welcome back, Siam Cat Fanciers.

Beijing International Cat Club

International Division: Asia, China

Constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twelve members with two belonging to other CFA clubs. This is an Allbreed club with plans to incorporate. The club will put on shows in the Beijing area and will help promote the CFA. Dues are been set and should the club disband, excess funds will be donated to charitable organizations consistent with the policy of the CFA. No negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Dick, I'm assuming we have a similar situation with the Beijing International Cat Club? **Kallmeyer:** No, actually I think this is a new one. **Anger:** I misspoke earlier. **Hamza:** Oh, OK. **Kallmeyer:** Again, I think it's a great idea and I'm in favor of the club. **Hamza:** Anybody have anything to say to this? OK, can I get a motion please? **Kallmeyer:** I make a motion. **Meeker:** Second, Ginger.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Welcome, Beijing International Cat Club.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board

Time Frame:

August 2012 to Board teleconference in September, 2012

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson, Chair*

(4) BEGIN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ASIA REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL REALIGNMENTS.

CFA INTERNATIONAL-ASIA/LATIN AMERICA FINAL STANDINGS CHAMPIONSHIP			
Award	2010	2011	2012
1	6613.25 (87) Hong Kong	5870.80 (100) Hong Kong	3700.40 (82) China
2	3346.05 (60) China	4022.90 (71) China	3057.90 (73) China
3	3084.60 (90) Malaysia	2845.90 (56) Thailand	2671.05 (56) China
4	3072.45 (49) China	2282.65 (50) Thailand	2518.15 (57) China
5	2773.10 (48) Malaysia	2271.05 (46) Malaysia	2055.30 (56) China
6	2736.35 (47) Thailand	2218.70 (47) Thailand	1866.90 (46) Hong Kong
7	2525.40 (39) Hong Kong	1857.45 (46) Malaysia	1814.80 (59) China
8	2408.85 (59) Thailand	1805.85 (30) China	1677.55 (33) Malaysia
9	2350.60 (48) China	1753.95 (42) China	1654.90 (37) China
10	1793.50 (41) Thailand	1683.90 (48) China	1518.80 (29) Indonesia
11	1445.10 (24) China	1643.80 (30) Hong Kong	1432.70 (56) China
12	1438.65 (32) Malaysia	1633.80 (66) China	1340.10 (40) China
13	1336.95 (21) Thailand	1555.25 (28) Hong Kong	1335.25 (32) Hong Kong
14	1286.75 (34) Thailand	1522.35 (38) China	1325.55 (32) China
15	1194.15 (34) Thailand	1484.40 (32) Hong Kong	1264.40 (29) Indonesia
16	1190.30 (23) Hong Kong	1406.45 (25) Hong Kong	1179.45 (29) Malaysia
17	1144.50 (30) Malaysia	1280.55 (32) Malaysia	1169.70 (33) China
18	1032.25 (25) Malaysia	1270.05 (36) Hong Kong	1133.20 (28) Hong Kong
19	1024.75 (21) Hong Kong	1210.85 (32) Hong Kong	931.50 (21) China
20	961.05 (23) Hong Kong	1170.60 (23) China	799.30 (19) China
CFA INTERNATIONAL-ASIA/LATIN AMERICA FINAL STANDINGS KITTENS			
Award	2010	2011	2012
1	2118.25 (40) Hong Kong	1069.05 (34) Hong Kong	1529.30 (30) China
2	739.35 (24) China	844.80 (39) Hong Kong	1005.85 (24) China
3	696.25 (22) Hong Kong	804.75 (24) China	916.15 (15) China
4	667.85 (21) Hong Kong	797.85 (25) China	850.40 (21) China
5	665.55 (24) Malaysia	780.25 (30) Thailand	849.25 (15) China
6	632.40 (12) Hong Kong	755.65 (21) China	756.60 (24) China
7	610.75 (28) Hong Kong	749.05 (22) Thailand	754.35 (15) China
8	587.00 (24) China	710.50 (29) Thailand	711.35 (38) China
9	560.25 (24) China	679.40 (40) Malaysia	696.35 (25) Malaysia

10	527.00 (28) China	648.35 (24) ??	644.60 (18) China
11	513.25 (11) Hong Kong	645.15 (21) Hong Kong	611.05 (13) Malaysia
12	501.75 (16) China	634.25 (24) Hong Kong	604.95 (14) China
13	493.85 (20) Thailand	629.85 (32) Thailand	554.15 (28) Hong Kong
14	468.15 (16) China	627.40 (28) Thailand	530.65 (14) China
15	448.40 (15) Thailand	626.05 (26) China	502.65 (21) Malaysia
16	444.10 (15) Hong Kong	610.25 (34) China	484.75 (11) China
17	398.75 (17) Malaysia	607.30 (17) China	424.35 (9) China
18	392.00 (16) Hong Kong	600.25 (24) Hong Kong	399.10 (19) Hong Kong
19	370.80 (6) China	599.05 (23) China	381.00 (17) Hong Kong
20	368.45 (12) China	525.05 (19) China	378.90 (13) Malaysia

CFA INTERNATIONAL-ASIA/LATIN AMERICA FINAL STANDINGS PREMIERSHIP

Award	2010	2011	2012
1	1348.95 (52) Hong Kong	1716.65 (67) Hong Kong	1251.95 (44) Hong Kong
2	1169.05 (27) Hong Kong	1467.25 (41) China	1143.40 (47) Hong Kong
3	1012.55 (34) China	1386.90 (55) Hong Kong	980.70 (33) Hong Kong
4	922.10 (25) Hong Kong	1327.40 (43) Hong Kong	945.20 (33) Hong Kong
5	862.40 (37) Malaysia	1021.10 (29) China	878.65 (68) Malaysia
6	767.10 (48) Malaysia	934.10 (43) ???	818.10 (51) Hong Kong
7	691.70 (17) Hong Kong	832.70 (36) Hong Kong	608.30 (27) Hong Kong
8	673.25 (16) China	821.10 (31) Hong Kong	606.75 (26) Hong Kong
9	654.90 (32) Malaysia	736.55 (35) Hong Kong	507.10 (23) Hong Kong
10	607.40 (38) Malaysia	633.05 (19) Hong Kong	483.60 (21) Hong Kong

Hamza: Next on the agenda is a discussion regarding Asia's request for divisional realignments. I just want to let the board know that Dick and I received what I would call a good start toward addressing this, but the information came in yesterday. **Kallmeyer:** This morning. **Hamza:** This morning. There wasn't enough time to notify the whole board. Dick, we talked today and we thought it might be a good idea to put together a committee to investigate some of the divisional realignments. **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Hamza:** Do any board members want to participate on this committee? **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. I'll help out. **Hamza:** OK, great Darrell. I'll help, as well. I think there's a lot of exciting potential for growth in Asia. Dick, did you send those pictures from the China cat show to everybody on the board? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, we did and I think Mark has it on the newsletter coming out. Asia had a show in Guangzhou a little over a week ago. It was held in a shopping mall. First show in the city of Guangzhou which was the old city of Canton about 80 miles from Hong Kong. They actually had about 200,000 visitors over 2 days, so it was somewhat overwhelming. The shopping mall website actually recorded 12 million hits after the first day of the show. So, a tremendous opportunity. Just to give the board members on the issues surrounding the proposal that came in, it turns out that we have – in the International Division now, we have severe problems with quarantine. A lot of the

countries cannot show cats out of their countries, or they cannot go to certain areas, so it's almost like we have segmented regions within the International Division – countries like Singapore, Taiwan, Korea actually don't go anywhere outside of the countries. We also have the outliers like South America, Middle East and Africa that are really not tied into the show circuit in Asia, and so the proposals are looking at the issues surrounding this. That's all, Jerry. **Hamza:** We have such potential for tremendous growth there that we really need to come up with some sort of alignment that serves as an inducement to growth and not a discouragement to it. **Altschul:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. Are we talking about splitting it or maybe possibly splitting it more than once? Are we talking about having multiple divisions within the International Division and splitting out the awards? Is that what we're talking about? **Hamza:** Yeah, those are some of the options, to create divisions within the International Division and to have some sort of distribution of awards within those divisions I think would be important to keep people interested in areas where they really don't have a chance to shoot for anything because of isolation, either quarantine or geographical. **Newkirk:** Jerry, it's Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I think that if we're going to divvy out awards for these different areas, then we have to look at the number of cats competing and the divisional winners may not necessarily be the way they are now. So, I'm not, I don't think it would be fair where there's an area of small competition, getting 20 championship and 20 kittens and 10 premierships. **Hamza:** No, I agree wholeheartedly. **Kallmeyer:** That's definitely on the table, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Yes. We have to evaluate all of that before we could make a recommendation. **Altschul:** This is Carissa again. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** On some of the smaller countries that only have one or two shows a year that absolutely cannot get out, can we not do something like we do in Hawaii where they receive recognition but we're not adding titles. **Hamza:** You know, we have to look at everything and see. One of the things we have to really look at is, what our potential is to grow in those areas, as well. Will it be something that expands? Let's take the Middle East, for instance. They may start off with, maybe we decide to start them off with 5 DW awards per category, or 3 or something, but what if they – Darrell's right, it has to be tied into a number of total cats shown. It's got to be a percentage. **Kallmeyer:** Just to give you an idea of the magnitude of the problem, is that Hong Kong can basically go to Malaysia, and that's it in the Division. Malaysia can go to Hong Kong, but Malaysia can go to Thailand and Indonesia. If they go to Thailand or Indonesia, then they can't go to Hong Kong for 6 months, so it's really not a level playing field across there. China is showing the largest growth. They will probably be up to about 30 shows this year, but Hong Kong cannot go to China and some of the other countries. It's very difficult to get visas to go in there, so we have isolated pockets of competition where they cannot show against one another. So, that's some of the issues we have to look at. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I wanted to make one other point that Russell [Law] delineated very well in his letter, and that is that we used to have some of the biggest shows in CFA in Hong Kong. That is not the case anymore. The counts at these shows have dropped dramatically. From the fallout from adding more clubs in the Hong Kong area, the sponsorship money got really diluted all across the board, and so all the clubs sort of struggle for sponsorship money and then hall venues. They have the added expense of getting judges in. Chloe is the only licensed judge over there right now, so it's really difficult on them. **Hamza:** I agree that we need to bring a carrot and stick approach to this whole thing. So anyway, Dick, you know, I would also put Monte in on this committee because you're going to need a hard core numbers cruncher. **Kallmeyer:** Yep.

(5) **REVIEW CERTAIN FEES AND UPDATE THE OFFICIAL PRICE LIST.**

Hamza: Carla, are you ready for the review of fees? **Bizzell:** Oh, certainly, and first let me preface this by saying this is not a complete overhaul of fees by any stretch, just a few refinements that actually turned up as a result of Jodell working with Central Office representatives, looking at the Rules for Registration document that I know Rachel and Annette are also working on the guts of, but the first portion of this document, like the first half of the page is a price list, which I find a little curious to start with. I'm not sure why we need an extensive price list as the top part of the Rules for Registration, but that's something we can talk about again when the suggested changes come for the Rules for Registration to the board.

Proposed Fee Increases/Clarifications for Consideration:

1. *Raise the Returned Check Fee from \$20 to \$40 (our bank charges us \$36).*

Bizzell: One of the things that was noted was the return check fee that we pay to the bank is \$36. We currently have a stated return check fee of \$20. So, we're losing \$16 on every check that's returned, so that's one of the things we needed to address.

[from end of agenda item] **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I have a couple of comments on #1. **Bizzell:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** I can't speak of the law in the State of Ohio. I don't live there, but in California, typically return check fees are \$25 because that's a magic number under state law. If you have a return check fee of \$25, there's a certain procedure of sending a certified letter, bla, bla, bla, and if they don't pay within 30 days, the amount they owe triples. So, it is very specific to state law and I would want some sort of a comment from our attorney as to what the legal effect would be, raising it from \$20 to \$40. The second comment is, I don't know any bank that charges \$36. We may need to get a better bank. The third comment I have is that, what I would like to see, in addition to whatever penalty we have for return checks, that there be a window and if they don't pay it within X number of days of being notified, they are temporarily suspended until they do. **Bizzell:** One thing that I had a discussion with Ed a few months ago and haven't really done anything about it is that we've had at least one instance where the check has not ever been collected months later and it was for a registration. Technically, we can rescind the registration but we don't really have a procedure written to handle that. **Hamza:** We definitely need one. I like that, George, because then it gives greater incentive. Ed, can you find out what the ramifications are in Ohio on return check fees? **Raymond:** Yes. **Bizzell:** That's interesting, because we didn't change it between New Jersey and Ohio, so if there is a state link, we probably need to address it. I never even thought about that. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** In addition to covering our bank charge, we have a handling expense with our staff having to deal with these bad checks and going back to the people that submitted them. Is there any way for us to capture some of our in-house expenses? **Hamza:** There should be. Ed, you've got to see what the limitations are, what the threshold is, if there is a threshold in Ohio, like the one George speaks about in California. **Raymond:** Yes, I will do that. **Hamza:** Once we get that information, we can make intelligent decisions on where we want to go. I think, Carla, what we're dealing with is, this is a good road but I think we need to have a little more information at hand. I think we also need to figure out what George said, I like a lot. If you don't pay within a certain amount of time, we shouldn't do anything for you until we're square.

Tabled.

2. *Clarify the use of the Expedite Fee and Place on Price List. We currently charge \$25 expedite fee for up to two transactions sent from the same customer at the same time. In addition, we should charge a lesser amount for additional transactions received in the same package. Suggested amount is \$10 for up to an additional two transactions and then \$5/transaction for any over four.*

Bizzell: The second thing, and this is something that I actually had to go look this up. I've never done an expedite, but apparently what we have in place is an expedite fee for if you didn't have your kitten number in the show, and if you get the information in by a certain time on Tuesday and pay the \$25 expedite fee you can have your kitten scored. If you haven't yet registered your kitten, for another \$25 expedite fee you can have your kitten registered and scored. So, that would be like \$50 for that operation, on top of the regular registration fees. That is nowhere on our price list and, first of all, we need to have all prices of routine-type things on our price list itself. I don't mean, you know, we have the stuff for the Annual and that sort of thing on there, but things like expedite fee should be on our price list. Secondly, we need to clarify exactly what you get for your money. Apparently, this has not been consistently applied since it was instituted, but apparently we allow people two transactions of an expedited nature in the same package for their \$25 fee. The \$25 fee is really a disruption fee. You've disrupted my normal flow of work, you have to pay a penalty of \$25 and I'll drop what I'm doing and do your work. So, how it's been interpreted is that you get two transactions for \$25 expedite fee, and for another one or two transactions it's another \$10. I thought if that's what we're going to provide and not have it be \$25 per transaction, then we should publicize the fact that it's not \$25 per registration for an expedite fee or for a kitten scoring. So, Donna Jean said that she supported this. As a clarification, we're not changing the fee at all, we're just clarifying what they get for their money and then we're going to put it on the price list.

Baugh: This is Loretta. I have a question, please. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Baugh:** OK, on #2, just a clarification. *In addition, we should charge a lesser amount for additional transactions ... Suggested amount is \$10 for up to an additional two transactions and then \$5/transaction for any over four.* Is that per transaction? **Bizzell:** Per transaction, right. It's really pretty rare. Most of them come in one-sies and two-sies. **Baugh:** Yeah, but you could read that as saying like two additional for \$10. I think if we're going to do that, it needs to say "per transaction". **Bizzell:** Yes, you do get an additional two for \$10. \$10 for up to two additional transactions. You would get 4 for \$35. We'll see if we can't clarify that to where it's not confusing.

3. *Same Day Expedite after 2:00 PM charged at \$50.*

Bizzell: The third thing is, we don't have an expedite fee stated, except for kitten scoring and kitten registration. This is item #3, <reads>. The figure thrown out was \$50 if someone must have a same-day registration. For instance, "gosh, the show is closing today, I need a registration number for my adult cat, premiership cat, whatever".

4. *There has also been a request that there be a \$15 fee retained if a registration by pedigree cannot be completed due to ineligibility of the cat for registration. (Similar to the \$15 temporary registration fee that is retained even if the cat is not (or cannot be) eventually registered.)*

Bizzell: And then the fourth item that was suggested was on a registration by pedigree, if the cat cannot be registered for some reason or is not eligible, that we retain a \$15 fee of the \$40

submitted with the application. This is in line with the temporary registration fee. It's the same dollar amount as the temporary registration fee.

Bizzell: So, we can take these one at a time. If anyone thinks that we should table any of these until October, I don't think there's going to be any heartburn over that. At the very least, I think we need to address the return check fee because it is lower than the fee we pay the bank, and to put the expedite fee on the price list and clarify how it's actually applied. **Hamza:** Let's ask first, does anybody have any objections to any of what Carla has presented? [transcript goes to #1]

Newkirk: Jerry, it's Darrell. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Newkirk:** I understand completely what George says about #1, but 2, 3 and 4 I don't see any conflict with us considering. We can table 1 and consider 2, 3 and 4. **Hamza:** Right. I agree with that, too. Does anybody have a problem with the rest? **Newkirk:** Then I'll make the motion. **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. I just have one thing. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I was looking – are we looking on the link on the exhibitor's page that takes you to the CFA price list? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Calhoun:** Because the Yearbook, the CFA Yearbook, is not on that list. **Bizzell:** Oh, there's a lot of things not on the list. **Calhoun:** I just would think that the – I mean, the CFA Almanac is there. Wouldn't we want to make it as easy as possible to get to one of our major publications? **Bizzell:** Right. My goal is going to be to – well, when I started out talking about this subject, when you look at the Rules for Registration, the first half page is a price list and it makes more sense to have one official price list and refer these other documents back to a price list, so if you have a price change or a price addition or something, you don't have to change in all the places where it might reside on all these other forms. **Calhoun:** Right, right, right. **Bizzell:** I started looking and the expedite fee isn't on there, and this, that and the other thing is not on the official price list. So, there are a lot of things missing. We need to go through that. **Hamza:** What we need to do is get this done and, you know, Carla, then maybe something you, I and Jodell can work on putting together a master price list, which is absurd not to have one. **Bizzell:** Right, and again it won't need to include things such as seasonal things, like the Annual banquet and such things as that, but things that are year round like your expedite fee, like your opportunity to buy a Yearbook, or whatever else we have for sale of a non-seasonal nature should be on the price list. **Hamza:** I agree, but to keep on track, I believe there's a motion on the floor. [transcript goes to the end of #2]

Hamza: So, the motion is, the following items with the caveat that item 2 is per transaction. Do I have a second? **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Hamza: Carla, that's great. Let's see if we can't work on a master price list. I think that is an important thing. **Bizzell:** Oh, yeah. In fact, I was surprised when I found some things missing from the price list. **Hamza:** There have been so many gaps to fill. It's like a big pit that we keep throwing sand into. Eventually, we're going to get even. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** And I think we should look through the show rules, as well, because we're talking about taking the prices out of the show rules and putting them all in one place. **Bizzell:** No, no. The Rules for Registration is what I was talking about. **Eigenhauser:** Yeah, but I mean, that's another project we should be working on is getting them out of the show rules. **Hamza:** Right. **Eigenhauser:** Things like show license fees and other things. **Bizzell:** That's absolutely correct. We really should refer back to one master document. **Hamza:** So Monte, as you are reading the minutes of this meeting. **Bizzell:** Poor Monte. **Hamza:** And I'll

send him an email, as well. Rachel, if you could just remind me. I'm starting to overflow.
Anger: I always send him an email or a little clip of the transcript. **Hamza:** Oh, good.

(6) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Committee Co-Chairs: Annette Wilson and Rachel Anger
List of Committee Members: Diana Doernberg – outcrossing assistance

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

At the February 2012 CFA board meeting, the Breeds and Standards Co-Chairs were tasked with starting a dialogue between the Oriental body type Breed Council Secretaries, the purpose of which was to formulate a long-term unified plan that would produce an overview of how the breeds are going to work together for breeding purposes and showing purposes. Ideally, the plan would be something everyone would agree on that would stop the piecemeal standard changes, put an end to the infighting, and better all three breeds. The plan would be well thought out, rather than something thrown together in haste that will fail, extending the imposed moratorium. Utopia would be a commonality that everyone could agree on in part, but enough to live with and go forward in harmony.

The reality is that at least 3 of the 4 Breed Council Secretaries (we included Siamese) have come to the table in good faith, making a concerted effort towards a compromise, albeit with some gnashed teeth and an occasional failure of etiquette. The Breeds and Standards Co-Chairs started the process with the Oriental BCS, then the Bali/Javi, followed by the Colorpoint Shorthair and finally the Siamese. In turn, the Breed Council Secretaries had teleconferences and/or email discussions with their breed councils. We attempted to learn what each breed council (through its secretary) could live with and what they couldn't; what each breed council expected to get out of the compromise, and what they were willing to give up. At this point, everyone understands the goal and are more or less working together to iron out the details. Deadlines are great motivators, and the upcoming ballot deadline has the players working hard. One compromise will appear on all breed council ballots and must pass all breed councils.

Some unilateral agreement was found. All four Breed Council Secretaries agreed that this is a board-imposed mandate that none are happy with and none are 100% convinced will pass their breed council, although they will try very hard to promote its adoption. More importantly, all four Breed Council Secretaries are looking for a similar arrangement with the board – what is the board willing to “give up” in exchange for resolution? It is hoped that assurances will be made that outcross deadlines will be honored, and that if the compromise goes through all four breed councils and is adopted, that the board will leave it alone. Perhaps “assurance” is not a strong enough word – they are looking for methods to hold the compromise in place; a guarantee, if you will.

It is the perception of the Breed Council Secretaries that the board believes that if a pointed color class is given to the Oriental, that will solve all the problems. Unfortunately, this is a simplistic view that has too many complications to be a “one size fits all” solution.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The compromise is being written with the involvement of Siamese Breed Council Secretary, as previously mentioned, and with the CFA Attorney so that the compromise will be as clean as possible, and nothing will be ruled out of order. With that in mind, the Constitution, the Rules of

Registration, the Show Rules and the breed standards are all being consulted and taken into consideration.

The basics of the proposal will be to add a pointed class for competition to the Oriental standard, and remove them from competition in the Colorpoint Shorthair classes. To the Oriental pointed class will be added 62 colors (20 non tabby colors and 42 tabby-based colors, and will NOT include the Siamese colors or the smoke versions of the Siamese colors – those colors will be made a DQ in the Oriental standard). In exchange, breeding restrictions will be imposed on outcrossing, which the breed councils are entrusting the board to honor.

Prior to going into the voting process, clarifications are needed from the board over the meaning of the following clause in the constitution:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected.

In a scenario where one breed council tries to do X to their standard and the board decides another breed is “affected” by X, both breed councils have to pass X by 60% of the members voting and X has to be on the ballots of both breed councils.

We would like the board to make a determination about whether what we are considering triggers the “affected” clause. Do you believe the Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese, or Siamese breeds are affected by the Oriental breed adding color descriptions to their standard that duplicate the Colorpoint Shorthair colors, the Balinese colors and some additional point colors (e.g. cinnamon point, fawn point, silver points, etc.) and showing those cats in the Oriental breed?

If yes, does the exact same question have to appear on all affected ballots (as was done in 1998), or can it be a version of the question as was used on the CPSH and Siamese ballots in 2010 while the Oriental ballot alone includes all of the exact changes?

Ed Raymond says, “The Constitution is silent as to the form of the question which should appear on the Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese and Siamese ballots, should they be deemed affected breeds. While a question on the affected breeds’ ballots which summarizes the proposed changes might be sufficient where the changes are not controversial, I would suggest that the more prudent course of action in a situation such as this one, which has a history, would be to include the full text of the Oriental proposal. This will avoid later challenges that people weren’t aware what exactly they were voting on.”

Action Item: *Determine that the Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese and Siamese breeds are affected by the Oriental breed adding color descriptions to their standard that duplicate the Colorpoint Shorthair colors, the Balinese colors and some additional point colors (e.g. cinnamon point, fawn point, silver points, etc.) and showing those cats in the Oriental breed.*

*Rachel Anger, Co-Chair
Breeds & Standards Committee*

Hamza: Is it correct for me to assume that items 7 and 8 should be handled in closed session? **Eigenhauser:** 8 definitely. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Anger:** Before we go into closed session, may I do an update on the Oriental breed merger? **Hamza:** Yes. Go ahead. **Anger:** I sent out a report tonight, and obviously it was – does somebody have their speaker on? Anyway, I sent out a report tonight and I apologize for how late it was, but – can whoever has their speaker phone on turn it off, because I can't even hear myself talk. I'm sorry, I apologize. Anyway, I was unable to send it out until tonight, because this is an ongoing process and I wanted to get in the most recent changes. Basically, what's happening is – I just can't even continue with that feedback. Thank you very much. Anyhow, we've been working very hard. I had Friday and Monday as vacation days, and when I came back there were like 100 emails, and I'm not exaggerating, of the last-minute details trying to be nailed down. I have to really give high compliments to the breed council secretaries. They are being thrown into a situation they obviously would not have sought out themselves, and making the best of it. A couple of them are working very hard to fulfill the board's desire that they come up with an agreement that everyone can live with. It's kind of an impossible challenge, but they are really pretty close. I gave a very brief sketch of exactly what the compromise involves at this point. What they were all concerned with is some sort of guarantee that things will be left alone. I can't guarantee that, because I might not be on the board and we might all be replaced in the next 2 or 4 or 6 years, as may they. So, it isn't something that any of us can guarantee. It's only honest to say, but they did want some sort of mechanism to hold the compromise in place and assurances that we will honor what they did if, by chance, it goes through all of the breed councils. That's in my report, worded a bit more smoothly, I hope. At this point, what they are looking for is a little bit of help from us so they will know exactly how to write it and present it. There's a constitutional clause that addresses breeds that are overlapping or affected, as we call it, and they would like us to determine – my action item is, *Determine that the Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese and Siamese breeds are affected by the Oriental breed adding color descriptions to their standard that duplicate the Colorpoint Shorthair colors, the Balinese colors and some additional point colors (e.g. cinnamon point, fawn point, silver points, etc.) and showing those cats in the Oriental breed.* So, that is my action item, to get an answer on their question. Does everybody understand that question?

Eigenhauser: [inaudible, due to feed-back] probably don't affect the Siamese, so it's not the same. Siamese are not affected by everything the Colorpoints are. We've traditionally held that when colors are only available in some breeds, breeds that don't have those colors are not affected by those colors, so it's really mix or match. We need to see a ballot before we can look at a ballot and say yes, it needs to be run by the other breed council or no, it doesn't. My suggestion is, when in doubt, put them all on the ballot and we can make a ruling in February. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Carissa. **Altschul:** I would like to remind the board, we still have What is a Breed as a policy in CFA. It's never been voted down officially. It's still on our website, it's still there, so this is in direct conflict with What is a Breed, so we need to make a decision as a board if we're going to strike that down or if we're going to uphold it. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** You know, Rachel, what I would really like to do is, Ed, you're headed on vacation, aren't you? **Raymond:** I am. **Hamza:** When do you return. **Raymond:** A week from Friday. **Hamza:** You know, Rachel, I would like to, when Ed returns, have a conference call – you, him and I, and if Annette would like to be on that call, I think that would be great, as well. There's a few procedural issues I just want to organize before we advance this forward. **Anger:** That would be fine. **Hamza:** I just want to make sure we're careful with this, so that we're not doing more harm than we're repairing. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** How about we table this and take it up at our next

teleconference. **Hamza:** I agree with that, and at that point, at least we'll have some – you know, this weaves in and out of the CFA Constitution and a bunch of other things. I would like to at least lay out pretty clear, you know, a flow chart – if we do this, then this and this and this could possibly happen. George, if you would like to be in on that conversation, as well, that would be fine with me. **Eigenhauser:** Sure.

Altschul: This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Carissa. **Altschul:** I would like an answer. Is this board going to address What is a Breed? **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Altschul:** We can't just ignore a policy of CFA and you can't just go, "nah, we're just going to ignore it." I really am bothered by this. **Anger:** This is Rachel. Can I speak? Did we lose Jerry? **Hannon:** Well, if we did, go ahead. **Anger:** OK. I think in this case it's assumed that we will set aside the What is a Breed policy, which was part of the agreement when it was implemented – that it could be set aside. **Altschul:** But it was never put in writing. They never took a vote. Let's take a vote. Then put it aside and let's take a vote. I don't like this assumption that we're going to put aside a policy that was accepted by the delegation. It was accepted by the board. I mean, I could go back and look up what percent of the delegation approved What is a Breed. **Anger:** This is Rachel. But we're – **Altschul:** It has never been removed. I don't like the assumption that we're going to ignore it. It's a policy of CFA. **Hannon:** My recollection is not that the delegates voted on it, but that the breed councils voted on it. **Eigenhauser:** Correct. **Altschul:** The breed councils. Again, I don't think we can just ignore a policy. It's a policy of CFA. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Altschul:** We need to either enforce it or drop it. Just ignoring it makes us look absolutely ridiculous. We have this policy but we don't follow it. Are we going to be a registry that is respected for our breeds and our policies and our procedures, or are we going to be a registry that just kind of does whatever we feel like at the moment? **Newkirk:** Then how about putting it on the agenda for next meeting? **Hamza:** Did I get dumped or did everybody get dumped? **Hannon:** You got dumped. **Hamza:** I don't know why. **Hannon:** Well, we carried on with out. **Hamza:** I'm sure. You folks are all good at carrying on. **Meeker:** Yes, we do carry on. **Hannon:** George wanted to say something about this. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** Two things. First of all, until we have a proposal, it's silly to argue about whether the proposal does or does not violate What is a Breed, because we don't have a final proposal in front of us and we probably won't until next meeting. The second thing is, What is a Breed is no more or less than a board policy. It remains a board policy as long as a majority of the board supports it. **Hamza:** Right, and what I was going to say before I got cut off, the one thing I know for sure is, we're not going to decide it tonight. **Anger:** So, the answer to the question is – ? I'm concerned with deadlines that are pending. The recommendation would be to take whatever the safest route is? In other words, to have everything on all the ballots? **Eigenhauser:** Poll everyone. If we don't need it, we don't need it. **Hamza:** And what I really would like, Rachel, is a chance for the four or five of us to sit down and map this thing out to make sure that (a) the questions we're asking don't violate our Constitution, and to make sure that the questions we're asking are the right questions. Just like I said, when we come to this, I would like to have a flow chart that we can present to the board when we talk about it, so that we've investigated what we're asking and what we see as the potential fall-out from those questions. **Anger:** We have a flow chart already. I don't know if it's the same type of flow chart you're thinking of, but I'm sure Annette will be as thrilled as I am to have one more conference call. **Hamza:** I know, I know, but I just – you know, I want to look at it from a little different angle. So, I mean, I don't see any harm in holding this over until the next meeting, do you? I mean, does this impede the negotiations severely? **Anger:** We have a deadline for ballot items coming up. **Hannon:** So, in this case, we waive it. **Anger:** It is an internal deadline and that's something that we could do. So, let's get that set up and move on. Thank you.

(7) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: *Loretta Baugh* – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz* – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator

Pat Jacobberger – Education Chair

Ellyn Honey – Domestic Training and File Administrator

Rick Hoskinson – Domestic Training and File Administrator

Jan Stevens – Domestic Training and File Administrator; Secretary (keeps all files/records and compiles for Board report)

Donna Isenberg – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); May teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School, Application/Advisor Coordinator

Wayne Trevathan – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judge (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)

Peter Vanwonderghem – European Liaison; Application Advisor - Europe

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank You Messages: *The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Li Ling (Chloe) Chung for her advancement to Longhair/Trainee (2nd Specialty) and Neil Quigley for his advancement to Approval Pending Shorthair (1st Specialty).*

Current Happenings of Committee:

Medical Release:

Loretta has received a medical release for Patricia Jacobberger. We welcome Pat back and look forward to seeing her once again behind the table.

Hamza: Loretta, is the Judging Program going to be in closed session? **Hannon:** Loretta, you're on mute. **Hamza:** Hello? **Hannon:** We're waiting on Loretta. **Calhoun:** Maybe she got booted. I think it should be in closed session. **Hamza:** Pardon? **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. I think it should be in closed session. **Hamza:** You know what? We're going to go into closed session now. I just want to remind everybody that anything said in closed session is confidential. You've taken an oath not to disclose it outside of this board meeting. I take that oath seriously and I'm needing you folks to do it, too. So, does everybody understand we're in closed session now? <yes>

Acceptance/Advancements:

The following individual is presented to the Board for acceptance.

Accept as Approved Double Specialty:

Ricky Burthay – Indianapolis, Indiana (LH/SH – Specialty) 6 yes (Roy, Meeker, Baugh, Huhtaniemi, Eigenhauser, Newkirk); 7 no; 2 abstain (Anger, Bizzell)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Committee Chair*

(8) DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS PROTEST MATTER.

After an executive session discussion, **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to amend the Protest Procedures to adopt a policy that when an individual has been on temporary suspension for 2 years because of a pending criminal matter and they have not resolved it, after that period of time it will be published. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker**, **Motion Carried.**

(9) **MARKETING.**

Hamza: At this point, I would like to talk about where our marketing initiative is at. We had – DNT media was at Hidden Peak this weekend and we shot lots of footage. Garfield was there. I'm trying to think – there were some board members there. I thought it went reasonably well and I think that by the next meeting we should have a better outline of the marketing. I'm pretty sure I know what our tag line is for this whole campaign. You guys might want to write it down or just read it in the minutes. It's going to be – *Come to CFA – we're waiting for you.*

Newkirk: I also heard that we had a new entrant to the Clerking Program at that show. **Hamza:** We did, and he got the hang of it pretty good by Sunday, I've got to tell you. **Newkirk:** I heard that, too. **Hamza:** It was a lot of fun and that's one of the things I really want to look at. I think it's important for us to try to figure out ways to get a much higher participation of licensed clerks in CFA. I would like to see sometime in the near future where we have a much higher percentage of our clerks being licensed at shows. So, we're going to work toward that.

(10) **IT UPDATE.**

Hamza: Dick, at this point, do you want to say a few things? I know some people are curious as to where we're at in this whole IT new computer system project. **Kallmeyer:** We're still plugging away with beginning testing the code. Some board members have actually tried it out recently, as well. We're at the stage, probably late alpha/early beta testing on the project. Some components are further along than other components. We're still discovering some buried secrets in the data, some codes, breed codes that we didn't know about but it turns out that some of those have been retired and the records have actually been transferred over. We're finding those secrets, as well. They've done a lot of the reporting, they've started on some of the user interface, the new Herman look, as well as the new online registration. In fact, we'll probably be a little more sophisticated with the online registration. Today, except for the litter registration, it actually just sends an email to CFA where they retype the data, so we'll actually be able to do the data entry direct into the system. So, we'll have some enhancements. The full registrations still require Central Office involvement, but at least they're not retyping, introducing new errors.

Hamza: Would it be safe to say that you're about where you thought you would be at this time? **Kallmeyer:** Actually we are, so we're at the stage now where we're going to start needing more Central Office time to start doing some parallel functions. Probably within about a week or two, we're going to do the full data port of what's on the HP 3000, move it across to this system, so we can start doing the parallel functions. I want to start parallel scoring, just to make sure that there's no glitches that we haven't found so far. **Hannon:** Are you also going to parallel the registrations? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, we're going to have to, and that's probably we're looking at September for that. My goal is, we're still shooting for late October, and again it's just going to depend what we find on it. **Hannon:** You said you were going to start paralleling in two weeks. That's just the scoring? **Kallmeyer:** That's the scoring that we'll do, and the reason is, we don't need the full data port that we need for the registrations and it's just timing it for Central Office operations where we can parallel on the registrations. **Hamza:** Any other questions for Dick? **Hannon:** Yes, this is Mark. When are you going to start adding in other features; for example, show licensing? **Kallmeyer:** Show licensing, actually Kristi – I've been encouraging Kristi to start using it. She found a few usability things that just got fixed, so I'm asking Kristi to actually replicate the show license on the new system every time one comes in now. **Hannon:** But, she's doing it – is it a parallel thing she is doing? **Kallmeyer:** She will be, yeah, after they fix the problems that we found before. They actually were requiring information that we really don't need for a show license. They fixed that and she will be, every time a new license comes in, she will be doing it both ways, just to make sure that it's processing correctly. And then, in addition, we'll have these licenses now on the new system when we do a cut over, so it will help us, as well. **Hannon:** What else are we going to be doing, getting ready to roll out? You talked about scoring, registrations, shows licenses – what else is in the works here? **Kallmeyer:** Well, we already have things like the pedigrees, they are producing the final report, and then also CFA reports. They do a certain amount of batch processing where they will download data from the HP 3000 and then actually use a PC to do things like mail merge, so we're going to start trying those functions out, as well. We do have – Jerry had had a bunch of the blue, yellow, green slips printed up for the laser printer, so we will be able to generate those forms now on our regular printers. We won't have to use the pin feed HP 3000 printer anymore. **Hamza:** Which is huge, because we went to replace on about 18 months ago and it was hell. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, and the paper, ribbons, a lot of expendables are much more expensive. Where we have to do some research work now is with Carla on the financial side, to tie down the actual account codes that we're going to use, as well as generating the data files that we'll actually feed to QuickBooks, so we will not – once we reach that stage, we won't have to duplicate the work in which any of the

financial transactions are actually hand typed. They don't come out of the HP 3000 but they will be generated by the new system. **Hannon:** That's going to happen by October? **Kallmeyer:** We hope so. That is really kind of reliant on CFA. We are already using QuickBooks. It's just generating the transactions from the new system that will feed to QuickBooks directly. **Hamza:** We're going to have a conference call next week. I'm pretty confident we will, but it will take – and Carla, you can jump in here anytime you want, but we're preparing to use some outside help that has expertise in integrating QuickBooks, and obviously we'll need Computan to get on the same page, but I personally don't think it's by far not the hardest hurdle we have faced.

Kallmeyer: Things seem to be working, but it's one of those things that until you actually give it the acid test, you have a lot of people banging away and doing a comparison against our current operations that you start finding things that might need to be fixed. **Hamza:** Unless we hit an unforeseen nasty glitch, I think we're going to be on schedule, don't you, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, I'm pretty confident that we can do it without too much agony. There will be twitches and usability issues, to make it work right. Also, Central Office – you know, it will have a different look and feel than they're used to. It should be easier but it's different, so it takes awhile to adjust. **Hamza:** Anything else for IT?

(11) **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.**

Hamza: George, at this point I know that we've got a deadline for some legislative issues. Do you want to say anything about it? **Eigenhauser:** I don't know that the minutes are going to go up soon enough to do any good, but we're within the final 24 hours to get the comments in on the USDA/APHIS proposal to start regulating hobby breeders. I posted to the board list, in addition to posting to the CFA list, the regional lists and several pet law lists. Anything anybody can do to beat the bushes, particularly regional directors, keep stirring the pot within your own regions. I've seen at least one region almost making a game of it, but anything we can do to get the comments in. I know they technically say numbers don't matter, so it's important that you at least say something beyond, "I oppose this", but we have the CFA Comment Guide on the CFA website so people can make good comments, but there's a lot of pressure coming in right now from HSUS and ASPCA to get numbers from their people and I would like at least to make a good showing. So, anything anybody can do to stir the list I would appreciate it. We've got until 11:59 p.m. eastern time tomorrow to get our comments in. **Hamza:** OK, so we're certainly in the home stretch of all this. I hope it works out for us. **Eigenhauser:** Right, and I know Joan is doing a brief blurb in the newsletter tomorrow, again to try to encourage people to get in the 11th hour comments and if you already submitted a comment, feel free to submit another one. We've got 7 pages of suggestions in the comment guide, so just pick out another one and send it in. There's no limit to the number of comments an individual can make. I know several board members have submitted multiple comments. I've submitted 3 or 4 times, so if you've already done so, feel free to do it again. Let's play "Chicago style voting" – vote early, vote often. **Calhoun:** I'm insulted. **Newkirk:** No, you're not. You resemble it. [laughter] **Hamza:** OK.

Hamza: Well, does anybody have anything else? **Meeker:** Motion to adjourn. **Hamza:** We don't need a motion. **Meeker:** Oh. That's my favorite thing. **Hamza:** I know. I like it because it's confirmation but it ain't worth upsetting anybody. **Eigenhauser:** Good night, everyone. **Hamza:** Good night.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary