

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, November 8, 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)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (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**
- Monique Van Eijk, Registration by Pedigree Specialist**

Not Present:

- Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**
- George J. Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**
- Roann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations**

SUMMARY

(1) TRN NUMBER ISSUE IN CANADA.

Ms. Anger moved to accept the recommendation of the International Division Chair as follows:

1. Award duplicate grand points of 40 (20+20) to cat 46
2. Award duplicate grand points of 16 to cat 48
3. Award regional/national points of 30.85 to cat 46
4. Award regional/national points of 18.60 to cat 48

Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.** Altschul and Newkirk voting no.

Ms. Anger moved to include the four TRN cats in the show count. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker. Withdrawn.**

(2) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Ms. Anger moved to grant Star City Cat Fanciers' request to include Household Pets in their previously licensed show to be held January 26/27, 2013. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Hannon moved to grant E-Cats Club's request to change their currently licensed show in Nasr City Cairo, Egypt from January 11-12 2013 to January 12-13, 2013. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.** Anger abstained.

Mr. Hannon moved to grant E-Cats Club's request to change their currently licensed show in Nasr City Cairo, Egypt from 6 rings to 8 rings. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun, Motion Carried.** Anger abstained.

Mr. Hannon moved to grant E-Cats Club's request to accept entries of intact Household Pets at their currently licensed show in Nasr City Cairo, Egypt. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun, Motion Failed.** Calhoun and Brown voting yes. Anger abstained.

(3) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the following advancements:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

<i>Chika Hiraki</i>	<i>Chiba, Japan</i>	<i>SH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>12 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)</i>
<i>Mihoko Yabumoto</i>	<i>Wakayama, Japan</i>	<i>LH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>12 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)</i>

Mrs. Meeker moved to continue with the current practice of requiring signatures on letters of concern, which letters will be forwarded to the applicant. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried.** Anger, Petty, Hannon and Altschul voting no.

(4) SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.

Ms. Altschul moved to approve Oklahoma City Cat Club to have a show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the first weekend of April in 2013. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no. Hannon, Newkirk and Roy abstained.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: From the emails I've read, George isn't going to be on. Are we going to be missing anybody else? **Anger:** We'll be missing Koizumi. Carol will not be on the call. Annette is a maybe. Her flight was delayed in Boston. I think she's getting on a flight to Minneapolis, because there were no hotel rooms in Boston. It's a long story and she has had a long day. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. Dick Kallmeyer is out of the country. **Hamza:** What was that? **Meeker:** Dick Kallmeyer is out of the country and won't be attending. **Hamza:** OK. Where is he at now? **Meeker:** Taiwan. **Hamza:** He's going to become Asian. **Meeker:** Perhaps. **Anger:** I had somebody ask me if he moved to China. **Hamza:** We might need him to, if they can't get along with each other. **Meeker:** He may have to become a shogun. **Van Eijk:** Hello. Monique is here. **Anger:** Hello Monique. **Hamza:** Hello Monique. How are you? **Baugh:** This is Loretta. I'm here. **Hamza:** Anyway, it's 9:01. Rachel, why don't you call the roll please. **Anger:** Sure. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I'm here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Sharon Roy. Is Sharon still at the voting place? I thought it was Florida that was having a problem. Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **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:** Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** I'm here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. No Darrell? David White. No David. Is Annette Wilson on the call? No Annette. Shino Wiley is not here. Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Roeann Fulkerson. No Roeann. What about Monique. **Van Eijk:** Here. **Anger:** Let me just be sure that Koizumi is not on the call. George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer and Carol Krzanowski are not on the call. And David White? Annette Wilson? Or Sharon Roy? **Hamza:** Did you call Ed? **Anger:** I did this time. Didn't I, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, you did. **Hamza:** How many people are missing? **Anger:** Well, we're missing David, Annette, Koizumi, George, Dick, Carol. So, six. **Hamza:** And Sharon Roy, right? **Anger:** And Sharon. Darrell Newkirk is not on the call yet. **Baugh:** Do we have a quorum? **Hamza:** That's what I'm wondering. **Raymond:** I believe you do, but let me just double check. **Hamza:** That's what I was going to ask you. **Hannon:** Is a quorum 50% plus one? **Raymond:** I think so. Half of the board. **Anger:** I have 12. Roger Brown is on the call? **Brown:** I'm here. **Anger:** OK, thanks. **Hamza:** So, we're missing 8 people. **Raymond:** A quorum is 10. **Hamza:** A quorum is 10. **Anger:** And we have 12, correct? **Hamza:** Oh, boy. **Hannon:** I saw on FaceBook that Annette is stuck in an airport. **Hamza:** OK. Well, I'm going to call the meeting to order. You know, the – I'll deal with it when I get there.

(1) TRN NUMBER ISSUE IN CANADA.

1. *The exhibitor acted in good faith by entering 4 Siberian cats in Championship at the LaColle, Quebec show, October 13-14, 2012. (Catalog numbers 46, 49, 49 and 50)*
2. *The show package was received with pedigrees from WCF, but not the TRN completed form nor the \$15 fees.*
3. *The entry clerk approved her entry to the show and the pedigrees of the cats with the regional director (North Atlantic) and received an approval stating that she will enter with the temp number and may complete the registration within 30 days after the show.*
4. *Kristi Wollam stated that she had only been sending TRN numbers and information to Region 9 and ID clubs for their shows.*

5. *Neither the entry clerk nor the show secretary nor any of the judges were aware of the procedures to follow for TRN issuance.*
6. *At the show, the cats were judged as Novices and finalled. They did not receive any Champion wins, even though they were eligible with a valid TRN. (For the below, the championship count and champion count have NOT be adjust to include the 4 novices*
 - a. *Cat 46 received 6th place in Walter Hutzler's ring. With a TRN, this cat would have been Best AB champion and received 20 grand points.*
 - b. *Cat 48 received 9th place in Gary Veach's ring. With a TRN, this cat would have been 3rd Best AB champion and received 16 grand points.*
 - c. *Cat 46 received 2nd Best of Breed in 5 rings and would have been Best Champion with 20 grand points*
 - d. *Cat 46 would have received 30.85 regional/national points for final and breed wins.*
 - e. *Cat 48 would have received 18.60 regional/national points for the final win.*
7. *The show was scored, not counting the 4 novices.*
8. *The exhibitor contacted CFA and asked to get TRN forms and to pay the TRN fee (again the show committee didn't know what to do at the show).*

Recommendation:

5. *Award duplicate grand points of 40 (20+20) to cat 46*
6. *Award duplicate grand points of 16 to cat 48*
7. *Award regional/national points of 30.85 to cat 46*
8. *Award regional/national points of 18.60 to cat 48*

Hamza: So, basically we were dealing with – was it three cats? **Hannon:** Four. **Hamza:** Four cats. **Roy:** Jerry, it's actually one, two – two cats that actually scored points. **Meeker:** No. According to Dick's recommendations, I believe it's – yes, it's two. **Hamza:** Two cats, OK. And who was that? Was that you, Carol? **Hannon:** No, Sharon. **Hamza:** Oh, it was Sharon. I couldn't tell the voice. So, basically we're dealing with two cats that slipped through the cracks. It's not like a huge number. **Huhtaniemi:** This is Pauli. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** It's actually four cats. There was four novices. Only two of them got some points, but all four cats would be counted. **Hamza:** Correct. **Huhtaniemi:** If you issue a TRN for them. **Roy:** Right. **Hannon:** Yes. There are four cats that should have been issued a TRN, and all four should have been included in the count. Only two of them earned points. **Roy:** Right. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** I have no problem with issuing points to the cats, if that's what we decide to do, but I don't think we should change the count, because both cats – well, I wouldn't want to take points away from cats that did get points, so I think if we do award points, it should be in addition to the cats that earned points at the show, but these cats weren't – I wouldn't change the count. I would leave the count the way it was at the show. Does that make sense? **Hamza:** Yeah. I don't think we can alter that count. I think the simplest way to remedy this is to issue those two cats additional points that they would have coming, and leave the rest of the show as it stood. Does anybody disagree with that? **Anger:** This is Rachel. I disagree. **Hamza:** OK. Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** And I'll tell you why. I would also like to know why, the rationale, for the other side of the issue. The other cats in the show defeated those cats fair and square. It was beyond their control or knowledge, whether or not those cats had a TRN or

had done what they were supposed to do. Perhaps some of those cats went to that show counting on those four points, I don't know. That might have made the difference in their show selection. For the other cats that had no control, I think we should score those four cats. **Hamza:** Let me ask a question of Donna Jean. Donna Jean, how hard is this going to be, if we did go back and correct it? Is that a real hard thing to do? **Thompson:** I don't think it will be. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. The count is going to go up, not down. **Hamza:** Right. Right, but you know, it obviously is going to affect all the cats in that class for that show.

Huhtaniemi: This is Pauli. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** We had some TRN issues also here in Europe, but our cats have had a TRN number in the catalog but they have missed the form of the pedigree and we never have counted those cats in the count. They have been removed from the counts after the Central Office has received the show package, so this is kind of the same situation and if we are going to award these cats with a TRN and count them, we should count all the European cats who have submitted paperwork, in the same way. So, it's not only these four Canadian cats; we should handle everything in the same way. **Roy:** Pauli, were those in the new show season? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. TRN is for the new show season. We just had an Italian show and there were many, many pedigrees of foreign [inaudible] from that show and we never counted those cats. **Hamza:** And I don't want to go down that road. Not like that. **Hannon:** I don't understand why we didn't count the cats. **Hamza:** Because they didn't have everything there were supposed to have on the day of the show. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah. It is quite clear that they should have the pedigree, TRN form and payment made. If one of those items were missing, or [inaudible] delays or something, that's the reason why we didn't count the cats. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Ginger. **Meeker:** Maybe I'm missing something here, but if all the items weren't in place, why was a TRN issued? **Huhtaniemi:** That's a good question. I think the answer is that there was a mistake there. **Baugh:** The way it reads, the entry clerk and the show secretary nor any of the judges were aware of the procedures to follow. **Meeker:** In Europe? **Roy:** No, this is in Canada. **Baugh:** In Canada. **Meeker:** I thought Pauli was talking about a European issue, I'm sorry. **Baugh:** Yeah, I think he was. I'm sorry. **Hamza:** You know, the hard part about all this is, this is really something that Dick has been working on. Him not being here really – **Roy:** Jerry, this is Sharon. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead, Sharon. **Roy:** The different in what Pauli's talking about and what this is talking about, this woman went to the show fully expecting to have the information and the TRN available to her, to follow procedures and it wasn't there. I mean, she knew that she had to have her WCF pedigree, she knew she had to pay for it, and it wasn't there and nobody knew what to tell her. This was CFA's fault. In the case of the other ones, if they didn't bring a pedigree with them, that's the fault of those exhibitors. I mean, that was part of their responsibility, to bring a pedigree, if I understand Pauli correctly. I think it's two different issues.

Hamza: Who has got Dick's recommendations. Let's go one by one. **Meeker:** I have them. This is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Meeker:** Award duplicate grand points of 40 (20+20) to cat 46. The second recommendation, Award duplicate grand points of 16 to cat 48. Recommendation 3, Award regional/national points of 30.85 to cat 46. Recommendation number 4, Award regional/national points of 18.60 to cat 48. That's it. **Hamza:** You know, these recommendations are narrow. I just think that maybe that's the simplest way to fix this. **Newkirk:** Jerry, it's Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Was there any attempt by the club to contact anyone? The regional director or anybody? **Roy:** Darrell, this is Sharon. They contacted me about it right before the show started and they wanted to accept these entries and could they accept them. I said yes, they could accept them. They needed to fill out the TRN information and they needed to have their pedigree from the foreign association. That was Rene

Menweg that contacted me, and so that was – they were told and they were prepared, but then when they got to the show, there was nothing there. I mean, she came prepared with her pedigree and prepared to fill out a TRN, and there was nothing for her. **Baugh:** Jerry, this is Loretta. Dick's recommendation does not include doing anything with the count. All he wants to do is have these cats get the points that they earned. **Hamza:** I know that Dick has been working on this quite a bit. Him and I have had a couple conversations and, to be honest, it may not be the most correct fix we could approach, but it's probably the simplest one and would cause the least amount of ripples.

Anger: This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** OK, that having been said, I would like to move that we accept Dick's recommendation, and then I have a follow-up motion. **Meeker:** I would second Rachel's motion.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul and Newkirk voting no.

Hamza: Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** My second motion would be that we score those cats in the count; those four cats be included in the show count. **Meeker:** I would second Rachel's motion. **Roy:** With that clarification, does that then mean the cats – and this came from Dick. I have a message from Dick that says if we score them, that means that it will be 24 points for cat 46, not 40. **Anger:** No. We just voted on recommendations 1 through 4, and so now my second motion was regarding all the other cats in the show. Their count would increase by 4 points. **Newkirk:** But the motion was for grand points. **Hamza:** Hang on here. Does this mean that, then we're adding these cats to the count. Wouldn't that impact what we just passed? **Hannon:** Yes. **Roy:** Yes. That's what Dick emailed to me. It would impact the number of grand points that cat #46 received. **Hamza:** By 4. **Petty:** And everybody else in the show. **Roy:** Right, or a percentage of 4. **Hannon:** We don't know that it's 4, because they may have made more than one final. **Hamza:** No, it would impact the count by 4 cats. You're absolutely right. We don't know exactly, so in reality, if we do this then we have to undo the prior motion. We've done this backwards. **Hannon:** Correct. **Baugh:** Or could we just add an addendum to Rachel's motion, to have that count also impact those cats. **Hamza:** Ed? **Raymond:** Yes? **Hamza:** Pardon? **Raymond:** I had to take the phone off mute. **Hamza:** Procedurally. **Raymond:** I think you can – the suggestion to add to Rachel's motion so that it adjusts the points accordingly, the first recommendation I think would work just fine. **Hamza:** OK. **Petty:** This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Tracy. **Petty:** If we adjust the points to add in those cats, then we have effectively awarded four places on these championship finals. Are we then giving – are we lowering the points for the cats that already received – the three champions that were in the champion portion of the final. These novices placed over them. Are we dropping their points, because they are getting a lower percentage of this higher number? **Hannon:** No. **Hamza:** No. See, that's why I just like Dick's proposal. It didn't create a lot of mechanical issues. I understand what you're saying, Rachel. **Anger:** I would like to – **Baugh:** These cats were novices. They weren't champions. It doesn't affect the champion count. **Hannon:** Yeah, it does. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Petty:** We're awarding them champion points. **Hannon:** Dick's motion said to award them duplicate points, right? **Hamza:** Right. **Hannon:** That takes care of Tracy's concern. **Petty:** If we leave the points the same, yes it does. **Hannon:** No, even if we increase the points. We're giving them duplicate points. We're not adjusting downward the other champions or opens that placed below them. Whoever got best champion, if one of these novices happened to be higher in the top 10, we're not saying that best champion is now second best champion. **Petty:** But, in effect, it is because we're saying this cat counted. The way that show was judged, these cats – the champions – did not place over that novice. **Hannon:** OK, then it's not an issue. **Anger:** This is

Rachel. I think I'm going to withdraw the motion. This is getting way too much complication for four points. **Meeker:** Amen. **Hamza:** Thank you, Rachel.

(2) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The online Breed Council Balloting has begun. Explanatory letters went out to all current Breed Council members. Emails were sent to all who have provided the information and successful online ballots are being received. Again, this is the result of an incredible amount of work by our Breeds and Standards Chairs, Rachel Anger and Annette Wilson, assisted by Kristi Wollam in Central Office and Mary Kolencik.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Our core registration activities have been slowed down a bit due to Hurricane Sandra who has left our New Jersey counterparts without electricity. Never let it be said this staff doesn't try. Shelly Borawski travels to a Pennsylvania Barnes & Noble to have her laptop recharged then returns home to several hours of work on her CFA duties. Carol Ann Bertone has moved in with friends an hour and a half from her home and turned a spare room into her distant control center. Carol Ann is determined to have us back up to full speed as quickly as possible.

Future Projections for Committee:

The truck is reserved; we're checking and double checking lists of supplies for the World Show and gathering items together. Excitement heightens as several of our Office Staff plan to visit the show.

Action Items:

1. *I am respectfully requesting that a foreign pedigree issue be handled in Executive Session early in the meeting. Thank you for your consideration.*

Hamza: Next up is Central Office Report, and Donna Jean is going to start off with the foreign pedigree registration. **Thompson:** Right, and I have asked that Monique be present, and she is because she is the one that discovered this situation, and presented it to me. **Anger:** Can I interrupt and state this should be executive session? **Thompson:** Oh, yes. **Hamza:** Alright, this is executive session. The rules of executive session apply, and it's understood that nothing we say here will be discussed outside of this board. Go ahead.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

2. *The Star City Cat Fanciers have their show licensed for January 26-27, in Roanoke, Virginia. This is a traditional show but without HHP's. They are now asking to include HHP's.*

Hamza: OK, next item. **Thompson:** <reads> It really isn't addressed much one way or another. Thank you, Tracy, for bringing this to our attention. What happens if a club decides to add or subtract Household Pets? This club is desperately trying to follow the rules and was simply asking permission because their flyer had been printed and was being passed around.

Hamza: They have a flyer that doesn't include Household Pets, but they want to. **Thompson:** Correct. **Anger:** This is Rachel. So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Have fun, Star City.

3. *A request has been received from the E-Cats Club, show to be held in Nasr City Cairo, Egypt to change their currently licensed January 11-12 2013 show to January 12-13, 2013. Their Show Hotel is completely booked on the 11th.*

Hamza: Alright, next. **Thompson:** There's three things from the E-Cats Club. <reads> The 11th originally was a Friday, so they are going from a Friday/Saturday show to a Saturday/Sunday show. **Hannon:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger abstained. **Hamza:** Oh, you're judging that? **Anger:** Yes. **Hamza:** OK.

4. *The E-Cats club is also requesting to hire two more judges to make the show an 8 ring show instead of a 6 ring show in an attempt to attract more exhibitors.*

Hamza: OK, next. **Hannon:** So moved. **Hamza:** I've got to get a second. **Calhoun:** Second, Kathy. **Petty:** Wait. State what we're voting on. **Hamza:** The motion is to allow E-Cats to hire two more judges to expand from a 6 to an 8 ring show. **Petty:** OK.

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

Newkirk: Jerry? **Hamza:** Yes. **Newkirk:** There is also over in Europe a 6x6 on the same weekend. I thought Pauli might have something to say about it. I know everybody is trying to rush through this stuff, but there are some consequence. **Hamza:** You know, Pauli, do you have issues? **Huhtaniemi:** Nope. No, I don't have any issues, because it's still so far away from everything in Europe. I know there are some people going from Europe there to support it. These points from this club are counted as International Division, not Europe. **Hamza:** OK, if you don't have any issues, we'll move on.

5. *The E-Cats club is also asking for an exception to accept entries of intact Household Pets for their show. Altering cats is not a common custom in Egypt. The products of their Show Sponsors are geared toward the HHP and they would like to have more HHP attendance at the show.*

Hamza: Go ahead, Donna Jean. **Thompson:** This is the E-Cats club again and they are asking for an exception to accept Household Pet entries, intact cats for their show. They stated that altering is not common custom in Egypt and the products of their show sponsors are geared toward the Household Pet and they would like to have more Household Pets in attendance at the show. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** I would like to move, with the right to vote against. **Meeker:** Second, with the right to vote against. **Hamza:** OK. Ed, is that even possible with our Constitution? **Raymond:** I think this is more of a show rules issue than it is a Constitution issue. **Hamza:** OK, alright. Then, we have a motion. **Petty:** Wait, wait. This is Tracy. **Hannon:** Discussion. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Petty:** This is probably a good opportunity [inaudible, dog barking] common in that country to do some education. Perhaps an alternative is, they could have a stand-alone Household Pet show in the same show hall that's not part of the CFA show. **Hamza:** Well, that's certainly their option, regardless. **Hannon:** Yeah, but we could

make that known to them. **Hamza:** I agree with that. Donna Jean, you can let her know that if it fails here, that that is an option they can pursue, with the caveat that CFA can't appear on the rosette. **Newkirk:** Or our judges can't judge them. **Calhoun:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. I got some feedback from a person in our Midwest Region that travels in Egypt and talks about how this is pretty commonplace, and these cats kind of come and go in and out of restaurants and everywhere over there. They are intact and it's not really a good situation. I wondered if, in fact, this does pass we can give a recommendation kind of in line with what Tracy was saying, to use this as an educational opportunity and maybe ask the club if they would post flyers or pass out pamphlets – I think we had pamphlets once or something – that would talk about the benefits of being neutered. **Hamza:** You know, I am going to that show, so I would volunteer to do all of the above. I agree that there's an opportunity to spread CFA's philosophy about responsible cat ownership. Would anybody have a problem with me doing that? <no> I don't want to get in trouble. **Thompson:** Would you be able to judge the Household Pet show while you were doing this? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Thompson:** OK. **Hamza:** You know, it might give us more opportunities to make friends in the region, and that's a large part of expanding. So anyway, we have a motion on the floor to accept intact cats for the Household Pet class.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun and Brown voting yes. Rachel abstained.

Baugh: Jerry, can I [inaudible]. This is Loretta. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Anger:** Can I get the – **Baugh:** I don't think it would be a good idea for the President of CFA to judge a Household Pet show with intact cats. I think it sends a wrong message. **Hamza:** OK. I'm just – you know, but it is their culture. How do you get a foot in the door, but it's probably a good point. **Anger:** Can I get the yes votes please? **Calhoun:** Kathy is a yes. **Hamza:** And who was the other yes? **Brown:** Roger. **Anger:** Roger. Thank you. **Hamza:** Alright. We can certainly straighten the rest of that out later. Donna Jean, make sure you tell them that they can do a – explain to them that they can have a stand-alone Household Pet show. **Thompson:** Separate. **Hamza:** Yeah, separate. They can use a local celebrity or whatever.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson*

(3) 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 Vanwongerghem – European Liaison; Application Advisor - Europe

Baugh: You've got the report. There's one thing that isn't in here [inaudible] the fact that we're having the Breed Awareness and Orientation School next week. Patty normally sends her reports out following [inaudible] has the school coming up at the World Show. **Anger:** This is Rachel. Is anybody else having problems understanding Loretta? Sorry, Loretta. **Hamza:** Yeah. I couldn't hear a word she said. **Baugh:** Is this any better? **Hannon:** Not much. **Baugh:** Well, this is all I've got. **Hamza:** Alright. We'll try. **Baugh:** Alright. As I said, the BAOS at the World Show is not in the report. Patty normally does her reports afterward, but that's got I believe 14 students registered. **Hamza:** Good. **Baugh:** Aside from advancements, that's really the major thing that we have here. I do have a question. Actually, there are two questions that I have. Currently, we do not include the birthdate on our applications, and I was questioned why we don't do that when every – when you apply for a job or anything, it does ask the date of your birth. Is there a reason why we don't do that? **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Anger:** We took it out and replaced it with the statement that the applicant is over 18. I haven't applied for a job in a very long time but I don't that there is a birthdate on a job application anymore. I could be wrong there. I can go back in the minutes and research that, if that would be helpful. **Hamza:** We do run into a problem with the claim of age discrimination, if you ask that question. **Raymond:** This is Ed. **Baugh:** OK. I was just asked the question. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Ed. **Baugh:** I would like Ed's take on it. **Raymond:** You don't want to include a birthdate; in fact, just for that very reason, because of the age discrimination possibility. In fact, most job applications today don't even include the years that someone graduated from high school, because you can associate – **Baugh:** OK, that's all I wanted to know. I was asked to find out, so I did that. The other stuff would be in executive session. **Hamza:** OK folks. **Baugh:** Are we in executive session? **Hamza:** We're in executive session.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Li Ling (Chloe) Chung for her advancement to APT/LH-2nd Specialty and Karen Godwin for her advancement to APP/SH-1st Specialty.

CFA Judging School/Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2012:

• **July 19-21/2012 – Somerset, New Jersey**

The school was held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey show on July 19-21/2012 in Somerset, NJ. Our instructors were Walter Hutzler, Pat Jacobberger, Gary Veach and Jeri Zottoli. Ellyn Honey joined us on Saturday for "In the Ring" handling.

Ten people registered and attended:

Longhair:

*Michael Jacobi
Amanda Cheng
Alexis Mitchell
John Adelhoch*

Shorthair:

*Joy Yoders-Dey
Joyce Sandra Willen
Claire Wolfe
Caroline Melia
Barbara Irie
Julie Keyer*

The cats were plentiful and beautiful and their owners were very agreeable when it came to bringing their cats to the handling ring. The Garden State Cat Club was very accommodating and they have asked us back for 2013 and we have said, "Yes! Yes!! Yes!!!"

• **September 23-24, 2012 – Ilsenburg, Germany**

The school was held in conjunction with the German Catwalk Club show on September 22, 2012 in Ilsenburg, Germany. A slight departure from tradition, the school was held on the Sunday and Monday AFTER the show on September 23-24, 2012. There was no handling of cats with this particular school. All attendees were invited to make up the handling portion at any subsequent school. At this school, participants attended both Longhair and Shorthair classes.

Instructors are Mary Auth, Ellyn Honey and Peter Vanwonderghem. A personal "Thank You" to Ellyn Honey who was the on-site coordinator and chief fire-putter-outer!

Nine participants registered and eight attended:

*George Cherrie – CFA AB Judge
Arie Groenewegen – CFA AB Judge
Alla Ipatova
Yanina Lukashova – Vanwonderghem – CFA APP AB Judge
Irina Kharchenko
Jürgen Trautmann
Elena Kalinina*

Döerte Haendel
Guy Andre Pantigny – excused due to illness

George Cherrie and Arie Groenewegen attended in order to acquire continuing education credit. Yanina Lukashova-Vanwongerghem attended as is required by the CFA Judging Program Rules as a newly accepted judge from another association. I believe that of the remaining participants, all except Döerte Haendel are judges from other associations who have guest judged for CFA clubs in Region 9. This created an enriched learning environment which, according to Ellyn Honey was “inspiring and amazing to be a part of.”

Current Happenings of Committee:

CFA Judging School/BAOS went GREEN

Here-to-fore, our schools have required a huge amount of paper and people time for the printing and copying of the materials distributed at each event. These have included breed presentation handouts, the LH and SH Breeds booklets and the Colors and Patterns syllabus.

Starting with the July school in Somerset, NJ, everyone attending received a 4 GB flash drive containing all the materials necessary for that particular school. The first order of business was to transfer the files from the flash drive to their laptops. The flash drives have been collected at the end of the course and reused for the next school. This has proven to work well. Thus far, the participants at our schools have rated the use of the flash drive process exceptionally well.

As always, it is an honor to serve the CFA Judging Program and the association as the Judge’s Education Chair and coordinator for the CFA Judging School/BAOS events.

Future Projections for Committee:

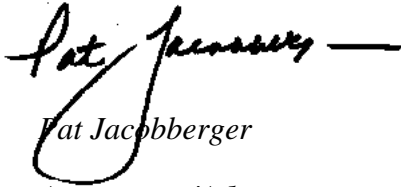
CFA Judging School/Judge’s Workshops/Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools for 2013:

- **January 2013** – *Once again, Wayne Trevathan will be arranging and conducting a Judging School/Judge’s Workshop in conjunction with the Region 8 show that is being planned. Last year’s was very well attended.*
- **February 28-March 1 and March 3, 2013** - *We are beginning to plan the school that will be held in conjunction with the Chatte Noir show in Moscow, Russia scheduled for March 2-3, 2012. The school would be on February 28-March 1, 2013 using judges who have been invited and contracted. Handling will be done on SUNDAY so that the instructors could judge on Saturday as all would be needed to conduct the handling portion of the school. Instructors will be Carla Bizzell, Pat Jacobberger, Wayne Trevathan and Peter Vanwongerghem (depending on his availability from work).*

As we have noted before, this school could be a very well attended event. There are people in Russia and Eastern Europe who are interested in becoming CFA judges and many guest judges who would like to attend a school. Unfortunately, they cannot travel to the USA and sometimes other European countries because of visa requirements and restrictions.

- June 27, 2013 – The CFA Judging Program will once again host a Judge’s Workshop in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting. The breeds to be presented will be the Abyssinian and the Maine Coon Cat.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Jacobberger

Acceptance/Advancements:

The following individuals are presented to the Board for advancement:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Chika Hiraki	Chiba, Japan	SH – 1 st Specialty	12 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)
Mihoko Yabumoto	Wakayama, Japan	LH – 1 st Specialty	12 yes; 1 abstain (Altschul)

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Hamza: Loretta? **Baugh:** OK. I just wanted to report that all votes for the advancements received, 12 yeses and one abstention. Thank you. **Hamza:** Congratulations to those judges.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh,
Committee Chair

Anger: I have one thing that we just got in an email from Dick, who is in Taiwan. Mark and Carla got it also. Apparently, Melanie Morgan – I don’t think we even need approval for this, but Dick is asking. Melanie was not able to take her flight to Taiwan for this weekend and the club would like us to approve a substitute judge. Dick said Wakamoto. I think he means Wakako Nagayama. Do we need board approval for that? **Hannon:** Is that a CFA judge? **Anger:** Yes. **Baugh:** It’s a CFA judge. We don’t need approval for that. **Hamza:** No. No, they can go ahead and do that. **Anger:** OK. I’ll let him know.

RESCIND THE JUNE 2012 ACTION
TO INCLUDE SIGNATURES ON LETTERS OF CONCERN

There is no reason for the applicants to see the letters of concern, as no discipline is being considered. This isn't an issue of having a right to face their accusers in a court of law. There is no court, no crime, just a concern. Applicants for any job and/or position in the “real world” are not allowed to view documents/referrals from previous employers or references. The same policy should be followed for our judging applicants. Without reasonable expectation of confidentiality, it is highly unlikely that the BOD will ever receive an accurate account of possible issues from an applicant’s past. Whether rightly so, people will fear retaliation against them from judges accepted into the program despite their letters of concern. Prior to acceptance of letters of concern, letter-writers should be made aware that if the BOD deems the contents of the letter to

be worthy of generating a BOD-cited protest, then their letter will be forwarded to the applicant as part of the protest procedure.

Action Item: Immediately rescind the policy of forwarding letters of concern regarding judging applicants to the applicants for response. Instead, summarize the areas of concern to the applicant and allow them to respond to more generalized statements.

Hamza: OK. Now we're back into open session. Carissa, you have a motion to rescind the 2012 action to include signatures **Altschul:** Yes. **Hamza:** Ed, what's Robert's Rules on this? **Raymond:** Basically, you've just got a new motion to change the policy. **Hamza:** And it's a simple majority? **Raymond:** Yep. **Hamza:** OK. I'm against it. I think that this is a bad road to go down, people. If you can't confront the people accusing you and you can't know where it's coming from, it's going to cause a lot of problems. I'm sorry if people don't have the courage to sign their name to a piece of paper when they're making an accusation, but that's a very basic American principle. I think it's a principle more than just here. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** OK. This is not a court of law. You don't have the right to face your accuser. When I apply for a job, and I just did, I had to list references and I had to list my former employers, and you bet that the new place I was applying to called those people. I have no right to know what they said. I have no right to know if they even called my former employers. I have no right to that. Even if they said, "oh my gosh, she's a horrible person and she does her job horribly", and they said all these slanderous things, it's not a court of law. **Hamza:** I don't know how things go in Texas. **Altschul:** This is not a court of law, and we've done it for a very long time this way and never had a problem. We never had a problem, and now people won't even come forward because they can't come forward, because they know there's going to be retribution. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** I agree with Carissa and I think basically what we have here is somebody applying for a job. **Hamza:** They are applying for a license. They're not applying for a job. **Altschul:** They are applying for a job. **Hamza:** They want to be sanctioned by CFA to judge our shows. **Altschul:** They get paid. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. **Hamza:** Yeah, I know. Let's ask all the judges on the call if this is their livelihood. Go ahead, Loretta. **Baugh:** I just wanted to make a comment. I retired from managing a medical office for about 15-16 years a couple of years ago, and I was instructed by our attorney, if anybody called in and wanted a reference – it was always sent to me – that all I was ever to say was that the individual had worked there and I could give them a time frame. I was not to give them any other information, for the same reason that if it came back that I had given them a negative report, it could have impacted their ability to get a job. I don't know if that was what I was supposed to do legally, but that's what our attorney told us to do. **Hamza:** Ed? **Raymond:** Yes. **Hamza:** What exposure do we have if we take in anonymous complaints and somebody isn't accepted and we can't verify the veracity of the complaints. Is there exposure there? **Raymond:** I don't think there's much exposure because the individual doesn't have a right to be a CFA judge. As long as you're not acting because of the person's status in a protected class, you should be OK. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Hannon:** I just want to make it clear what we're talking about in the way of anonymous. If somebody submits something, they sign it. The Judging Committee knows who submitted it and possibly the board will know. It's only anonymous as far as the applicant is concerned. **Hamza:** Here's a question I have, alright? Let's say you're in the Program and an accusation comes in that says that somebody saw you glue your cat's ears down. How are you going to be able to respond to that unless you know more about the accusation? **Hannon:** Isn't that going to be a protest? **Altschul:** Yeah. This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Alright, somebody says that you glued your cat's ears down at home but you didn't do it in the show hall. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. Do I get to

respond? **Hamza:** Yes, go ahead. **Altschul:** OK. Again, we can summarize it and they can say, “I don’t glue my cat’s ears at home and you’re welcome to have anyone come in and check my home.” If it’s something that the board goes, “oh my gosh, we’re going to have to deal with this as a protest”, or something comes to the Judging Program and it’s something that’s protest worthy, but the person says, “I don’t want to sign my name to it”, then the board can say at that point, “well, if you want to submit something like this and it’s something like, ‘you glued your cat’s ears at a show’”, OK, do a protest and tell the person, “we can’t send this to the board, this is more something that’s a protest thing if you are willing to go through the protest process, which of course your name would be revealed at that point, you can do that”, but if it’s just an, “I don’t think this person is very ethical” or “I don’t think this person would be a good judge because they aren’t nice to people, because I’ve seen them do such and such and such”, we’re never going to get honest evaluations on people unless we do something to protect their rights. Police don’t – **Hamza:** The only way I’ll even consider, that I would support any of this, would be if there’s some sort of penalty for somebody perjuring themselves against somebody. **Altschul:** Of course there should be, but of course – **Hamza:** OK, we thrown them out of CFA then, if what they wrote is wrong. I would go for that. **Altschul:** How do you prove that? [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Meeker:** Jerry? **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** This is ridiculous. Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** Actually, both sides are right. Philosophically I agree with Jerry, that if somebody doesn’t have the guts to sign their name, then they kind of don’t have a right to complain. On the other hand, when I had the Judging Program, we had it both ways at various times, and the results were almost identical. Whether the letter was signed or not, many times the person said - their only response was, “I have no idea who this person is.” They refuted the claims by denying the existence of the complaining party. I don’t think, in the end result, it made any difference one way or the other. We got the same outcome. **Altschul:** But according to Donna Isenberg, there have been a number of letters that haven’t been forwarded because they have been told that their entire letter will be sent to the applicant. **Newkirk:** This is Darrell. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I will repeat what I said in the email I sent out today. This all boils down to fairness. It’s totally unfair for somebody to hid behind a veiled cloak and write something negative about somebody and not have the balls to stand up and put their name on it. This is ridiculous, in my opinion. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Ginger, go ahead. **Meeker:** We’ve got a lot of feedback here. I don’t know what’s going on. I totally agree with Darrell. I think we have enough perception in the cat fancy that witch hunts take place. I think if we move to not have people identify themselves, it looks more and more like witch hunts. You can say anything you want, true or untrue, and have no accountability. **Hamza:** You know, I have another concern here. We have a lot of people who aren’t here for this vote. George feels fairly passionately about this. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Altschul:** Reporters use confidential informants. The police use confidential informants. Why can’t the board use confidential informants? **Hamza:** We’re not investigating a crime. We’re just screening applicants, and if somebody feels strongly enough about it, they should be able to sign their name. **Altschul:** OK, but the people – **Hamza:** We’re not looking for murderers, we’re looking for judges. **Altschul:** – who write their names are going to have to put their cats in that person’s ring, so they have a very, very – **Hamza:** They don’t have to put their cat in that person’s ring. There’s a judge out there I haven’t put a cat in the ring in 6 years. **Altschul:** You make that choice, but it’s not easy for a common exhibitor to do that. **Hamza:** What am I? An uncommon exhibitor? **Altschul:** No. You are the President of CFA who commonly campaigns cats. There’s a different perception. **Hamza:** But even before that – anyway, we’re going around and around here. **Altschul:** We did this system for years without any problems. Look at all the great judges we have who came through the Program that way. **Hamza:** Carissa, enough. Does anybody else

have anything to say, because I think everybody's minds are made up. Is anybody unsure about the way they're going to vote?

Baugh: This is Loretta. Can I ask a question? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Baugh:** Carissa keeps saying, this is what we've done for years. At what point did we institute that the letters had to be signed? I know there was an issue at one point. We had to put a time limit in, because the letters were coming in just before the board meeting, so they had to be in time for the respondent to – the person to respond. At what point did we start removing the names? I'm just curious. Rachel, do you remember? **Anger:** Somebody has got their speaker on. **Calhoun:** It's not me. **Baugh:** That's what I was wondering, because I don't remember it. **Hannon:** What, that you didn't have to sign your name? **Baugh:** Right, that you did have to sign your name. **Hannon:** Rachel just told us that – Rachel told us that at one point it didn't and then it later changed to, you did have to sign. Rachel told us that already. **Anger:** Anger it was the other way around. When I first got the Judging Program, the letters were signed and then there was a shift to summarizing the complaint. **Calhoun:** Can everybody maybe put their phone on mute if they're not talking, and off speaker? It's getting worse. **Hamza:** Alright. **Baugh:** The reason that we brought it up in June was the fact that it wasn't listed on the website, so when Donna contacted me about it and she said it doesn't say that the letters are going to be forwarded, my instruction to her was to contact the individual that wrote it and tell them, and give them the option of withdrawing the letter. That's when we brought it forward, but I was under the impression that we have been using the system where they're signed for as long as I can remember. **Hannon:** No. **Calhoun:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. I sent a poll out to my region, just to get a point of view. Basically, the overwhelming point of view was, it was unfair not to be able to face your accuser. So, that will be reflected in my vote. **Hamza:** OK. Well, you know, it's just such a basic thing to say, you're wrong. When we sign our name, we either give something credibility or lack of credibility, depending on who you are and the way we've lived. That should weigh. It also gives the person who is going through this process the ability to intelligently address an accusation, instead of blindly addressing an accusation. It's patently unfair that the Judging Committee can see the letter and who signed it, and the board can see the letter and who signed it, but the individuals being scrutinized can't see the letter – the signature on the letter. **Altschul:** If we want a system that's going to not allow for honesty, then by all means, keep it the way it is. **Hamza:** I don't know what anonymity has to do with honesty. I think it's a real lack of character, if somebody is willing to really put something in writing that's going to hurt somebody, without being willing to stand behind it. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** I think it's just a major character flaw. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** OK. We had a discussion cut-off about 5 minutes ago and we're still going in the same circles, so is there a motion? **Hamza:** Yeah, I agree. I agree. Let's call the vote. Can I get a motion? **Meeker:** So moved, Ginger. **Baugh:** Second, Loretta. What are we voting on? **Hamza:** The motion. **Baugh:** State the motion. **Hamza:** The motion is to allow anonymous letters to be used by the Judging Program. **Petty:** Not anonymous. **Altschul:** That's not the action item. **Hannon:** Why don't you just say, the motion is to continue with the current practice of requiring signatures, which will be forwarded to the applicant. **Hamza:** Yeah, we can do it that way. Can I get a second on that? **Baugh:** Second. **Hamza:** OK. So, a yes vote means you want to uphold the requirement of signatures.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Petty, Hannon and Altschul voting no. **Hamza:** The motion fails. **Hannon:** No, it passed. **Hamza:** It passed, it passed. **Anger:** So, Hannon, Altschul and Anger voting no? **Baugh:** Right. **Anger:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** This was

open session, right? **Hamza:** Pardon? **Newkirk:** It was open, right? **Hannon:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, thanks. **Anger:** Was that Tracy voting no also? **Petty:** That's correct. **Hamza:** Thank you.

(4) SHOW SCHEDULING ISSUE.

Action Item: Remove the one-vote veto for RDs on shows more than 500 miles away. RDs can only vote on a new date/location for a show if it's less than 500 miles from an existing, licensed show or traditional date weekend.

Rationale: Twice now, a RD from another has used a one-vote veto to stop a club from having a show OVER 800 MILES AWAY in another region. This is ridiculous. The annual delegation made it very clear 2 years ago that the "show scheduling committee" which is made up of the RD's from all the US regions, was to be removed from the process of show scheduling. Yet, clearly, the NSC is still functioning, except now instead of a majority rule, it's a ONE VOTE VETO. This is completely unacceptable and not productive for the growth of CFA.

Hamza: Next, we have a show scheduling issue, and I need to clarify this, because it's not exactly correct. Really how this works is, a regional director has to get the blessing of the neighboring regions. If one of the regions votes no, it's not a veto. What then happens is that that regional director is able to bring that request to the board as a whole and plead their case.

Hannon: What's the issue? **Altschul:** So, essentially, the National Show Scheduling Committee is still in effect, because my region borders 5 other regions, so I have to get 5 regional directors to approve a show; otherwise, I have to go to the board, which is what we used to do with the National Show Scheduling Committee. **Hamza:** Well, to be honest with you, it has worked pretty darn good for the last couple years. There's not a veto. The major difference is, your neighbor can't stop you from having the show. **Altschul:** They can, unless the board approves it.

Hamza: This board has been fairly open minded, and it deals with everybody, not just a select few. Anyway, do you have a motion that you want to bring forward for your specific club?

Altschul: Yes. **Hamza:** Well, make the motion please. **Altschul:** The motion is to allow Oklahoma City Cat Club to have a show on the first weekend of April in Oklahoma City.

Hamza: Does anybody have anything that they want to – **Calhoun:** Yes, this is Kathy. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Calhoun:** OK, so, granted, I very well understand that this is 800 miles away. That is a known debate. My concern is that there is a club – COWS – that has moved around quite a bit. They plan to have a show in Wisconsin. There is also a 6x6 show in Mansfield, Ohio. Mansfield, Ohio, this is their weekend, so there is no debate about Mansfield, Ohio, nor when COWS decided to have a show in Wisconsin, they were fully aware that there was a 6x6 in Ohio. The thinking of the club at that time was that the 6x6 would pull a different – exhibitors with different objectives, as opposed to the ones that would come to COWS. They are very dependent, success is very dependent on the St. Louis and Kansas City and Indianapolis market area for support for that club. The problem is that Oklahoma City and Wisconsin are just about the same distance from that primary market area, so if that market area splits, we are likely to have two clubs that are not successful. Granted, I understand that Oklahoma, their desire is to have a show in March and April. The end of the season is the big push. There are lots of successful shows, but those shows, if those clubs have shows on that weekend and they both pull 100 or so cats, that would be no different than having a show in an alternate time, like perhaps the summer months. It may not pull as much as it could a show in March, but if you have that level of competition, the result very well may be the same. That's my concern. **Hamza:** OK. Does anybody else have anything to say? **Altschul:** Can I address what she said, please? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead.

Altschul: The distance from Kansas City to the Wisconsin show is 550 miles. The distance from Kansas City to Oklahoma City is 350 miles, so it's not about the same distance. There's a major difference. It's a 200 mile difference there. Also, Oklahoma City is only going to pull the southernmost fringe of what Wisconsin might pull. There's a huge exhibitor base in the southern

part of the region, and they feel pretty confident that they're not going to be hurt by the Wisconsin show. They don't think they'll pull any of the Wisconsin exhibitors, actually, and they're not worried about the Ohio show, either. **Hamza:** Let's – does anybody have – what's the distance between these two places? **Altschul:** 864 miles. **Hamza:** 864 miles, OK. Now, it's the question I always ask. Is anybody uncertain about the way they're going to vote? Carissa, please state your motion. **Altschul:** The motion is to approve Oklahoma City Cat Club to have a show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the first weekend of April in 2013. **Hamza:** Do I have a second? **Baugh:** Second, Loretta.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no. Hannon, Newkirk and Roy abstained. **Altschul:** Thank you.

Baugh: Jerry, while we're on scheduling, can I have a clarification on something? **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Baugh:** OK. Here, we have a number of clubs that share weekends, and it's my take – Cleveland Persian, for example. They have a traditional date and they allow another club to come in and use Sunday. I have always been under the impression that, no matter how many times the same club comes in and uses Sunday, that is Cleveland Persian's date. It doesn't give the second club, make it their traditional date. It belongs to Cleveland Persian. I want to clarify. Am I correct in that? **Hamza:** I don't know. **Hannon:** I think you brought this up before and we agreed with you. **Baugh:** Well, that's what I thought but then I got a different message from somebody recently, so I just wanted to verify it. To me, it's their date but I just want to make sure that I'm telling them the right thing, because they asked me again. They said they were told differently. **Hamza:** I think that the club, to be safe, should somehow clarified that they are allowing another club to use their second date, to help them out. Maybe just a simple, one-page understanding, and that way it's perfectly clear. **Hannon:** But, is Loretta's issue a club that's already done two years on the other day? **Baugh:** No, no. **Hannon:** Alright. **Baugh:** No. No, this is a question that I was asked about an up and coming. **Hamza:** I just think it's probably a good idea to have the host club get something signed. That way, if something arises, the board will understand that it was clearly understood by both clubs what was going on, and that always helps us make a decision. **Baugh:** OK.

Baugh: I have one other open session item, Jerry. **Hamza:** OK, we'll back up. Go ahead. **Baugh:** OK. I got an email from Monte about a different – we're dealing with the show disks. He told me that there's something that the board may want to address. He didn't look back in the minutes to see if we approved the top 15 allbreed finals and top 15 specialty kitten finals, which we knew we had. His concern is, we have one category, longhair kittens in the red show, that didn't meet the minimum for top 15. The longhair kitten entry in the red show is 98. We did plan to do top 15 regardless, did we not? **Hannon:** Correct. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Baugh:** OK. He just wanted to verify that we were doing that. I was pretty sure, but I wanted to bring it up because he had emailed me this morning. So, we're OK. **Hannon:** Yes. **Baugh:** OK. That's all I needed, thank you.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Hamza: OK. I want to bounce into open session, because I think Michael has some good news about the Cat Writers awards. **Shelton:** Actually I don't have all the information here about the specific awards, but I can tell you that Joan Miller and I went to the Cat Writers' Association meeting last Friday and Saturday. CFA was very warmly welcomed by the CWA. We are their longest running sponsor. We have been sponsoring them from the beginning – 20 years. That's one more year than Purina and Friskies have been doing it. We have been there at every one of

their meetings. CFA and *Cat Talk* did get several awards over the course of the evening. I don't have all the information here with me. There will be a write-up in the next CFA Newsletter describing all of it, but we did get a standing ovation at their Saturday awards banquet when they listed all of the sponsors that have been with them. So, CFA is very much appreciated by the Cat Writers' Association and they are very enthusiastic about working with us in the future. **Hamza:** I just want to congratulate everybody on the *Cat Talk* staff. It's my understanding that they did well at the awards. **Shelton:** There were several *Cat Talk* awards, and it will all be in the write-up for the newsletter. **Hamza:** Great.

Hamza: Anything else? **Calhoun:** Jerry, this is Kathy. **Hamza:** Yes, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I just have one quick question. We noticed that in the CFA News, we don't list judges that are coming up for advancement. Is there a reason for that? **Hamza:** Mark, is there a reason? **Hannon:** We traditionally, for many years, have posted on the website and prior to that in the *Almanac* magazine, applicants. We have not listed people coming up for advancement, so I didn't do it with the CFA News either, but when Kathy told me this, I don't have a problem with it, it's just that we haven't been doing it for that reason. **Hamza:** I don't see any harm in it, do you? **Hannon:** No, but I have to be provided the information. **Hamza:** And that would be Loretta. **Baugh:** That's not a problem providing it. It's something we haven't done. **Hannon:** Correct. **Baugh:** I have no problem with it. **Hamza:** As long as we're talking about the Newsletter, you know, regional directors, it's really important that you contribute every month. It's just a nice, homey feel to the letter, it's good for CFA, and I've got to tell you, I like reading what's going on in the other regions, and I know everybody else does, too.

Hamza: OK, anything else? Well, have a good night everybody.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
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