

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 7, 2014**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Carla Bizzell, C.P.A. (Treasurer)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)
Sharon Roy (NAR 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)
Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser (Director-at-Large)
Dennis Ganoë (Director-at-Large)
Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)
Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
James Simbro, Systems Administrator
Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations

SUMMARY

(1) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Chair **Mrs. Baugh** moved to accept following advancement:

Advance to Apprentice Longhair:

Suki Shuk Man Lee Hong Kong LH – 1st Specialty 19 yes

(2) MARKETING.

No action items were presented.

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE POLICY RE: CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP.

No action items were presented.

(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Co-Chair **Mrs. Krzanowski** presented the following club applications for acceptance:

- EMIRATES FELINE FEDERATION – International Division, United Arab Emirates. **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**
- FELIDAE BEYOND INFINITY, International Division, Asia (Hong Kong). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Ganoe**, **Motion Carried.**
- JILIN CAT FANCIERS CLUB, International Division, Asia (JiLin Province, China). **Ms. Anger** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.
- NORTHEAST CAT FANCIERS CLUB, International Division, Asia (Shenyang, China). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.
- KHAO MANEE CAT CLUB, International Division, Asia (Thailand). **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.**
- FELINUS INTERNATIONAL, Region 9. **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.** Huhtaniemi abstained.

(5) EXPERIMENTAL SHOW FORMATS.

Action Item: *Approve the NTCC/NBF show to use the SP/AB format for 4 rings for the April 19-20, 2014 show in Mesquite, TX.*

(a)	<i>Club Names:</i>	<i>North Texas Cat Club and National Birman Fanciers</i>
	<i>Show Date:</i>	<i>April 19-20, 2014</i>
	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Mesquite, TX</i>

Upon motion by **Ms. Altschul** and seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried.** Bizzell abstained.

(6) **WORLD SHOW RECAP.**

No action items were presented.

(7) **SHOW RULES.**

Action Item: *Revise Rule 11.24c to address disqualification of biting cats.* **Tabled.**

(8) **UPDATE ON CHINESE WEBSITE.**

No action items were presented.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: Rachel, do you want to do the roll call? **Anger:** Sure. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I'm here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** I'm here. **Anger:** Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Anger:** Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Kathy Calhoun. No Kathy? Tracy Petty. **Petty:** Here. **Anger:** Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Anger:** Pauli Huhtaniemi. **Huhtaniemi:** Here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Dennis Gano. **Gano:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** James Simbro. **Simbro:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** I thought I heard Shino Wiley. **Wiley:** Here. **Anger:** Is there anyone on the call whose name I have not mentioned? Thank you. [**Calhoun** joins the conference] **Hamza:** So, we're all here.

(1) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: *Loretta Baugh: Notes 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
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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

A thank you note was received from Teresa Sweeney for the acceptance of her SH Trainee application.

Current Happenings of Committee:

No items were presented.

Future Projections for Committee:

A BAOS will be held in conjunction with the San Diego Cat Club on January 23-25, 2014. The school will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Encinitas, CA. Our instructors are Donna Isenberg, Pat Jacobberger, Gary Powell and Gary Veach. Note that there will not be any handling offered at this school but you can handle cats at any ensuing BAOS.

Regarding the fact that there will be no handling at San Diego, it has been our policy that in instances when an attendee can't attend the handling portion of the school or when there is no handling offered, any attendee can participate in handling at any subsequent school free of charge OR do an extra color class during their traineeship. This has been the case since the CFAJPC met and set that policy in 2011 at our meeting at the annual in Reston.

It is unfortunate that there will not be handling at this school. It is a heavy show weekend and many of the judges qualified to participate are judging, turned down the invitation or didn't respond to the invitation. I was able to get Gary Powell and Gary Veach to come out early to

teach the classroom portion of the school but, they are judging the show and therefore can't participate in the handling portion. That leaves me to do it alone and we need at least two - one to actually teach handling and one to go out into the show hall and find the cats.

Simply calling the cats to the handling ring has not worked in the past - someone has to actually go to exhibitors and make a face-to-face request to remind them that they promised to supply a cat to the ring or make that first time request. Ellyn Honey and Jeri Zottoli named this activity - we call it "cat wrangling" . . . LOL.

If we do cage-side handling as we did at the World Show, the experience isn't the same since there is a lack of space to handle the cats safely. We can do it in a pinch, but once again, one person can't do it alone. We did it at the World Show because we had three instructors, three LH and three SH participants. We were each able to take one student and go cage-to-cage.

Hamza: As we have been doing lately, we're starting off with closed session items, so getting right into this, Loretta would you start off with Judging please? **Baugh:** Sure, absolutely. You've got the report in front of you. There was a question about how we were handling BAOS without physically handling the cats, and I asked Patty Jacobberger for an explanation, and that is part of the report.

Advancements:

Advance to Apprentice:

Suki Shuk Man Lee Hong Kong LH – 1st Specialty 19 yes

Hamza: Loretta. **Baugh:** I just wanted to report that Suki Lee was advanced to apprentice unanimously. Thank you everybody. **Hamza:** Yay Suki Lee. Congratulations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Baugh
Committee Chair

(2) **MARKETING.**

An executive session discussion was had regarding various marketing issues. No action items resulted.

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE POLICY RE: CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP.

An executive session discussion was had regarding changes of ownership and confirming the correct understanding by Central Office personnel of the registration policy regarding changes of ownership. No action items resulted.

(4) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chairs: Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

Six clubs were pre-noticed for membership. They are:

*Emirates Feline Federation, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Felidae Beyond Infinity, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
JiLin Cat Fanciers Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Northeast Cat Fanciers Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Khao Manee Cat Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman
Felinus International, Region 9, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Director*

Hamza: Carol, you want to go on to clubs? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'm ready to go, thank you. We have six clubs presented for consideration at this meeting. Five of them are from the International Division and one is from Region 9. I should mention that one of the clubs, the Khao Manee Cat Club, was pre-noticed for the November meeting but we held that over, due to changes in their application at that time, but they are complete now and being presented, along with this group, for consideration.

***Emirates Feline Federation
International Division--United Arab Emirates, Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of other clubs. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold allbreed shows in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to a rescue group for stray animals. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first club that's being presented is the Emirates Feline Federation from the International Division, United Arab Emirates. <reads> **Hamza:** OK. Dick, do you want to say anything in addition? **Kallmeyer:** Sure. The club is basically based in Abu Dhabi, which is the capital of the United Arab Emirates. Everybody thinks Dubai is, but it's Abu Dhabi. They have already contacted the Kuwait club and will be going to their show, so they will have first-hand experience with CFA there. I'm all in favor of this. **Hamza:** OK. Anybody oppose this? Can we get a motion? **Krzanowski:** I move that we accept the Emirates Feline Federation. This is Carol. **Eigenhauser:** Second, George.

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

Hamza: Congratulations and welcome to CFA.

Felidae Beyond Infinity
International Division--Asia (Hong Kong, China), Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are seventeen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in Hong Kong and other cities near Hong Kong. If disbanded the monies will go to an organization for the welfare of cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next club being considered is Felidae Beyond Infinity, also from the International Division in Hong Kong, China. <reads> **Hamza:** Dick, do you have anything to say on behalf of this club? **Kallmeyer:** No, I think it's good. We're kind of reduced to two active clubs in Hong Kong now, and this is a way to expand and get Hong Kong going again. **Hamza:** Anybody want to speak out against this club? OK, can I get a motion and second? **Krzanowski:** So moved, Carol. **Ganoe:** Second, Dennis.

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

Hamza: Welcome to CFA.

JiLin Cat Fanciers Club
International Division--Asia (JiLin Province, China), Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in JiLin Province. The JiLin Province is in Manchuria. If disbanded the monies will go to cat welfare societies. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead. **Krzanowski:** Next up is the JiLin Cat Fanciers Club from the International Division in JiLin Province, China. <reads> **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** This is a brand new area for us in China. Where it's located in Manchuria is kind of the upper northeast corner, so imagine a show up in the top of Maine, but there's probably about 15 million people in the area. So, definitely in favor of it as a way to bring in new ground. **Hamza:** I can assure you there are not 15 million people in the upper northeast part of Maine. I just want to let you know. A motion and a second, please. **Anger:** So moved. **Kallmeyer:** Second.

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

Northeast Cat Fanciers Club
International Division--Asia (Shenyang, China), Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to put on shows in Shenyang. If disbanded, the monies will go to a society for abandoned animals. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next application is from Northeast Cat Fanciers Club, International Division in Asia, Shenyang, China. <reads> **Kallmeyer:** Dick here. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dick. **Kallmeyer:** I am very much in favor of this club in Shenyang. They actually put on a show with an existing show out of Shanghai the weekend right before Christmas. I was really impressed how they went out of their way. First of all, an officer of the club has a TV program on the main TV station in Shenyang, so it's great publicity. What the club did is, they actually went out and trained 6 clerks before the show. They had a 3x3 show with 2 in each ring, and the clerks did a good job. They are actually investing in trying to build our infrastructure in Shenyang. They also said they want to get them licensed and they want to get a master clerk in the area. One other interesting thing they did is, they actually hired 3 translators. There were 2 English translators and a Japanese translator not only helping the judges set up for the show, but during the show translating the judges' comments to the audience. I was pretty impressed what they did. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Go ahead Carissa. **Altschul:** For what it's worth, Shenyang is located in Manchuria, so we already have all these clubs that are in Shenyang. JiLin Province is right next to Shenyang. **Kallmeyer:** But the location of the city is actually 400 miles northeast of Shenyang, and Shenyang is not Manchuria. It's kind of borderline. **Altschul:** They are both up – Shenyang is up in the northeast corner of China and so is JiLin. They are right up next to each other. **Kallmeyer:** But the city of the officers is about 400 miles from Shenyang. **Altschul:** What city are the officers in for the JiLin show? Are they in the city of JiLin? **Kallmeyer:** They are closer to Harbin. **Altschul:** Harbin is not in JiLin Province. I'm just trying to figure out where these are all located in China and not really seeing how they are that far apart. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** Being as there are 1.3 billion people in China, I don't think they are over-served by clubs yet. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** I don't want to go down this road, folks, but go ahead Carissa and then I'm calling the vote. **Altschul:** Yes, there's 1.3 billion people in China, but we can't assume that their economics are the same as U.S. economics. **Hamza:** Why don't we leave it at that, and be good people? You know, they are right on the brink of becoming an economic juggernaut. It's quite an economy they are developing. Anyway, we don't have to qualify. They've just got to like cats. **Kallmeyer:** I point out, too, that the growth in entries in China has been 21% per year since 2009. That's compounded growth. **Hamza:** That's important. You know, Dick, just an aside, I don't know how hard this would be, but my curiosity is piqued to the point where I would sure like to see a map of China with little red dots where we have clubs. Is that a possibility? **Kallmeyer:** Sure. **Hamza:** You know what, James? I don't know if you can do this, but I would like to see a global map of little red dots where CFA has clubs. **Simbro:** OK. **Hamza:** Because we've really – in the last 4 years, we've really expanded our presence globally. We've really become an international organization. I don't know if we could do a time lapse every decade or something. I don't know how hard that would be. It's probably impossible, but our present state may not be. Anyway, we're talking about this club, so why don't we get a motion and a vote? **Krzanowski:** So moved, Carol. **Eigenhauser:** Second, George.

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

Hamza: Welcome to CFA.

Khao Manee Cat Club
International Division--Thailand, Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

This club was pre-noticed for the November 2013 meeting but held over due to changes in the application. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eleven members. One member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to promote the Khao Manee breed and put on shows in Bangkok, Thailand. If disbanded the monies will go to help stray animals. The club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hamza: Go ahead Carol. **Krzanowski:** Next up is the Khao Manee Cat Club from the International Division, Thailand. <reads> **Hamza:** OK, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** I support it. New people in Bangkok helping this group. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** I've got a question on the name of the club. Numerous places it's spelled with two words, and in their constitution it's spelled with one word. Which is correct? When we report this in the minutes, do we need to have Khao Manee as one word or two words? **Krzanowski:** It should be two words. **Hannon:** But their constitution has one. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Krzanowski:** The original application had it as one, and I believe it's almost like a phonetic spelling of the name, the breed, rather than the actual – **Hannon:** Alright. I just wanted clarification. It's two words, OK. **Krzanowski:** Yes, that is correct. **Hamza:** OK. Any other questions? Can I get a motion? **Krzanowski:** So moved, Carol. **Eigenhauser:** Second, George.

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

Hamza: Congratulations and welcome to CFA.

Felinus International
Region 9, Belgium, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twelve members. This is an allbreed club that does not wish to compete with other Region 9 clubs, but wants to focus on clerking schools, breed seminars, etc. If disbanded the monies will go to the Winn Feline Foundation. The club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Region 9 Director supports this club.

Hamza: You've got one more, Carol? Is that right? **Krzanowski:** Yes, one more. This is the last one for tonight. The Felinus International. It's from Region 9 in Belgium. <reads>. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** Even though it states that they are going to focus on clerking schools, it does say in their application that they may be putting on shows and they are going to move them around to different countries where their directors reside. I point out that one of their directors resides in North Carolina, so this club may be putting on shows and may be putting them on in various countries in Europe, as well as here in the United States, according to their application. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** Although, to go out of region, they would need board approval. **Hamza:** We have so much trouble in that region just moving in that region. **Eigenhauser:** That's the regional director's problem. **Hamza:** I agree. **Huhtaniemi:** This is Pauli. **Hamza:** Go ahead Pauli. How do you feel about it? **Huhtaniemi:** Well, I'm a member of the club. We've been talking about

founding this club over two years, so of course I'm supporting the club, but our main focus is going to be on education. We feel that that's something what we need to do. At the moment, we don't have many clerking schools. We want to focus on that. We need more clerks. We need to educate on that. We have a lot of members in the club who are experienced about CFA, so we just want to give the education to everyone. Since we are not at the moment a show-producing club, we think that we might help the new countries. We could borrow club names to organize a new show in new countries, like for example Greece. We don't have any CFA activities there. This is something what I have been supporting since the beginning. **Hamza:** OK. Anybody got anything else? Can I get a motion here? **Krzanowski:** So moved, Carol. **Eigenhauser:** Second, George.

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

Hamza: Welcome to CFA. **Krzanowski:** That concludes my report. Thank you. **Hamza:** Thank you so much. You do a good job, Carol.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

January 2014 to February 2014 Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski, Co-Chairs

(5) **EXPERIMENTAL SHOW FORMATS.**

- (a) *Club Names:* North Texas Cat Club and National Birman Fanciers
Show Date: April 19-20, 2014
Location: Mesquite, TX

A second show in the Gulf Shore Region is requesting to use the dual ring format (both SP and AB ring at the same time.) Previously, each RD was to choose one show to use this format in their region. Not every region has a club that wishes to try this format, so the other RD's have agreed that if another show in the GSR wants to try the format, it would be okay with them since it will help gather more data about the format. The first show in the GSR awarded this format will be holding a one-day show in Memphis, TN in May.

The show is sponsored by two clubs, North Texas Cat Club and National Birman Fanciers. It will be a 10 ring back-to-back show on April 19-20, 2014 in Mesquite, TX. 6 of the rings will be "regular" allbreed format and 4 of the rings will be the SP/AB format.

Action Item: *Approve the NTCC/NBF show to use the SP/AB format for 4 rings for the April 19-20, 2014 show in Mesquite, TX.*

Hamza: Carissa, you've got the experimental show format. **Altschul:** This should be quick. I brought this up with the other regional directors, and pretty much they were all OK with it. I have a second club or pair of clubs that work together for one show requesting to use the format. We had originally voted that each regional director would be able to pick one club, and some of the regions have no clubs that are interested in doing this. So, I thought, since I have two, we can get more data. In my report, I list the two clubs – National Birman Fanciers and North Texas Cat Club. They are having the show the 3rd weekend of April of this year. The show is going to be a total of 10 rings, of which 4 will be the format where they have both allbreed and specialty. The Birman Club is sponsoring the double rings and North Texas Cat Club is doing the other. It's going to be a back-to-back show. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Does anybody have any questions? **Anger:** Rachel. **Eigenhauser:** George. **Hamza:** Go ahead Rachel. **Anger:** My question is, is this a new show for either of these clubs, or is it a traditional date? **Altschul:** It's a traditional date. Actually, traditional date for North Texas Cat Club. I think this is the second year for National Birman Fanciers. North Texas Cat Club has paired up with several smaller clubs in the region and used their date to pair up with another club. National Birman Fanciers has done the same thing. I'm pretty sure they worked together last year. I don't know if this is going to continue. They wanted to find a way to appeal to more exhibitors with their show. **Hamza:** Does that answer? **Anger:** It does, but I just have a concern about that weekend. Is this the weekend that we had problems with the Memphis group and the Region 6 group? **Altschul:** No. **Anger:** It's not? OK. **Altschul:** No, it's the 3rd weekend of April. The Memphis problem was in December. I have a Memphis club that is using the dual format. It's the other Memphis club and they are using that format in a one-day show the second weekend of May. They are not expecting a large count. If this club doesn't get the dual format, they are going to do 10 allbreed, but they would rather do the dual format. They're hoping to pull in more of the local exhibitors. There are no shows in Region 6 that weekend, I believe.

Calhoun: No. **Altschul:** That's the region we tend to pull from the most, is Region 6. **Anger:** OK. I just wanted to make sure the weekend wasn't over-served. **Hamza:** OK. Are you satisfied, Rachel? **Anger:** Yes, thank you. **Hamza:** Hello? OK. Anybody else got any questions? Do we even need to vote on this? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah, we do. **Hamza:** OK. Well then, give me a motion. **Eigenhauser:** It's Carissa's motion and I'll second. **Altschul:** The motion is the action item, which is: *Approve the NTCC/NBF show to use the SP/AB format for 4 rings for the April 19-20, 2014 show in Mesquite, TX.*

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

Hamza: I hope it works out and I hope we get useful information. **Altschul:** Thank you.

(6) **WORLD SHOW RECAP.**

Show Manager: Rich Mastin
Assistant Show Managers: Ed Raymond; Mark Hannon
Show Secretary: Rachel Anger
Show Treasurer: Teresa Sweeney

In April, 2013, the Board approved the FY 2014 budget for CFA. That approved budget included a projected \$22,000 loss on the 2013 CFA/Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter World Championship Cat Show. Treasurer Carla Bizzell presented the Board with a financial show report that she believes is within \$200 - \$300 of being final. There are still a few outstanding entry fees to collect and one or two other small items outstanding; however, she believes the report she presented at the January, 2014, Board Meeting is very close to being final. That report indicates that the show broke even. It shows a profit of \$154 which may go up or down very slightly.

At the February, 2014, Board Meeting we will discuss holding a 2014 World Show. Show Manager Rich Mastin has requested a date from the same facility in Novi, Michigan, that we used in 2013. Rather than again use the 4th weekend of November (there are five weekends) he has asked if the 3rd weekend is available. That would avoid having a Pet Expo in that facility the weekend prior to our event and hopefully provide better air fares than the current use of the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We are waiting for a response from the facility.

The bottom line came in right at about break even, which we are pretty proud of. **Hamza:** I think it was an outstanding job. I think everybody who did it deserves humongous kudos. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Calhoun:** This is Kathy. I have a question. **Hamza:** Mark and then Kathy. **Hannon:** I just wanted to comment that I have nothing to do with the preparation of the budget, so I'm not patting myself on the back at all, but the fact that the expenses were within \$97 of budget when we are talking over \$150,000, that's just phenomenal. **Ganoe:** It is, truly. **Bizzell:** I didn't believe it myself. I had to keep going back and checking it. That almost never happens, but again, we might get a few more really small, in the grand scheme, expenses in we may end up with a very small loss. You know, a \$100 loss instead, but still, that's awfully darn close. Thank you.

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Petty: This is Tracy. **Hamza:** Go ahead Tracy. **Petty:** Carla, I had a question about, you said the donations for Agility are not in the Agility category. Are they somewhere else, or are they not on here? **Bizzell:** We don't actually have a line for Agility donations. We have a line for Agility entry fees. **Petty:** I understand that. **Bizzell:** They are buried in the miscellaneous general donations, and I need to get those pulled out and put in their own line item, but I didn't have an account code to use for that. **Hannon:** So, it won't affect the total. It will just move the numbers around from one line to another. **Bizzell:** Correct. **Petty:** OK, thanks. **Hamza:** Any other questions here? **Hannon:** What do we want to make public? When we put out the CFA News notice, what do you want to say? **Hamza:** That a very close to final financial summary of the World Show is that the show is a break-even venture, with just several hundred dollars' worth of

expenses to be applied in the coming weeks. **Hannon:** OK. **Hamza:** Wouldn't you say that's accurate, Carla? **Hannon:** I'll mention that the two previous budgets were for a \$22,000 loss and a \$10,000 loss, and the reality is that we basically broke even. **Altschul:** This is Carissa. **Hamza:** Carla, you would say that there's no more than a few hundred dollars? **Bizzell:** Yeah. I wouldn't think. We're not going to have more than about a \$200 loss, probably on the outside. If we just state that we're coming in right about at break even, and if you want to point out that the 2014 budget had us coming in at a \$22,000 loss, that would be something for people to understand. **Hannon:** OK. **Bizzell:** Whether it's a \$154 gain or a \$200 loss, in the grand scheme that's pretty much break even. **Hamza:** You know, Mark, I would just put that the World Show, with very close to a final accounting, is at a break-even point, with a few hundred dollars in play. That seems to be the truth. Does anybody else have anything they want to bring now? **Hannon:** Now that we have these numbers, I think maybe at the February board meeting we ought to talk about the 2014 show, because we postponed any discussion on that until we saw how this show worked out financially. **Hamza:** Right. **Hannon:** So, let's put that on the agenda for February.

Hamza: We have obviously the 3 days there. Rachel and Annette? Do you have any idea what this is shaping up like? **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Wilson:** I think there were only 14 ballots, so I'm not anticipating a real long Breeds and Standards Committee report. Rachel, do you disagree? **Anger:** I would agree with that statement. It's not going to take a full day. I think it will be a couple of hours. **Hamza:** Is there anything coming that we should prepare for, that might be contentious or ugly? **Anger:** Hopefully not. **Hamza:** OK. **Wilson:** You never know. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** Go ahead Mark. **Hannon:** I was approached this past weekend by a breed council secretary asking when during the weekend this is going to come up so they could make their travel arrangements. I told her that in the past couple years, it's been on Sunday so they should plan to come in on Saturday afternoon or evening. But I think if they haven't already been told something, then they need to be told what to do, travel-wise. **Hamza:** You know, Mark, everybody should be there by mid-day Saturday. **Hannon:** I don't particularly care. I just want to share the information with these people that are trying to make their travel plans. **Hamza:** Anybody not think that's good advice, that they should be ready mid-day Saturday? If we can get them in Saturday. **Wilson:** This is Annette. It depends on the agenda, but usually if people come in on Saturday and we start Breeds and Standards in the mid-afternoon, we try to address the ones where the people are there first, and go out of order if we need to. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to point out that, coming in from the west coast, it is very hard to arrive before mid-day, so if you say, "oh, be ready around mid-day Saturday", what you are really saying is, fly in Friday. **Wilson:** Mid-afternoon is what – I would have to go back and look at last year, but didn't we start around 3:00 in the afternoon and then we continued on Sunday morning? **Hamza:** That's what I recall always doing is starting Breeds and Standards at 2 or 3:00'ish on Saturday. **Hannon:** If Annette and Rachel know which breed council secretaries are planning to be there, we can eyeball the audience and see which ones are there and know which ones aren't sending their breed council secretary, so we can deal with those ballots, as well. **Hamza:** And obviously some of it is just housekeeping. That will be far easier.

(7) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: Monte Phillips

List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Based on the results of a discussion on the CFA List and CFA Judges list, the committee determined that there was a need for a rules change to address tracking cats that bite so that they can not continually be shown. Based on that discussion, the committee prepared the following show rule change to be effective for the 2014-2015 season.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Updating rules based on Board requests.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee is finalizing the divisional/regional assignment process rule to be presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting for delegate approval.

Action Items:

Revise Rule 11.24c to address disqualification of biting cats

Rule # 11.24c	Modified per a discussion on the CFA Judges List/CFA-List
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
c. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d)	c. A judge must disqualify any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. <u>When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten or attacked, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior.</u> (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d) <u>The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded "DISQ/BITE" for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show.</u>

RATIONALE: As has recently been noted in discussions on the internet, there is no rule that prevents a cat that habitually bites judges from continuing to be shown by its owner. This really is inappropriate, as it

puts the judge at risk of serious infection, even with prompt first-aid attention at the show. This rule is proposed to use similar wording that is currently used to track cats that are given NA/IM to prevent them from continuing to show after three judges have determined that the cat is a “biter.” The three strikes approach is used here, as in the NA/IM rule, to ensure that the behavior is not a “rare” occurrence.

Time Frame:

At the current board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing is currently planned for the next meeting. We will be finalizing the proposal on regional assignments for submission to the delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

Hamza: Alright, do we have anything else? **Hannon:** Show Rules. **Hamza:** Not tonight. **Hannon:** Yeah, it’s on the agenda. **Hamza:** Oh, it is? Mine doesn’t have that. **Hannon:** It has to do with cat biting. It was a late addition. George has something. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** This isn’t the first time somebody has proposed making a rule limiting the number of times a cat can bite a judge. I know it has come up at least once at the Annual before and been voted down. We have, as a board, the power to pass show rules without asking CFA if they like it or not, but whether that’s the wisest thing to do or not remains to be seen. There was some discussion on the list earlier today. When people saw that show rules were coming up and they didn’t know what show rules were coming up, they wanted to know what it was, it got posted to the list, there has been a little bit of discussion on this. Because this is a matter that has previously gone to the delegation, even though it has been a number of years since it has, the delegation had very strong feelings on it at the time. I think it would do well for us, since it only appeared in the pre-notice as “Show Rules”, if we actually table this to February and let the rank and file of CFA kick it around, look at the language, see if there’s any unintended consequences they see or a word they think is out of place. I think as a board we should be transparent, because people really didn’t know what “Show Rules” means when they see it in the agenda, I don’t think that gives them an opportunity to discuss with their elected officials whether they do or do not like this. I would like to consider tabling this until February. I don’t think it’s that urgent. Whether we pass it in February or whether we pass it today, the intention was that it was going to go into effect May 1 anyway. **Hamza:** Did you bring this up, George? Is this yours in the first place? **Eigenhauser:** No. Monte did. **Hannon:** This is Mark. **Hamza:** I don’t think that could ever hurt. I think that maybe, Rachel, you put it on the agenda as discussion of a show rule that deals with cats biting judges, and then we’ll certainly get feed-back between now and then. Does anybody have a problem with that? **Hannon:** This is Mark. I don’t know why we are moving ahead with this even in February. Why don’t we just wait and if the delegates want to bring it up at the Annual, let them bring it up. **Hamza:** I think what we should do in February is start a dialogue and it sort of will give them a chance for further feed-back. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hannon:** I don’t mind starting a dialogue. I just don’t want us to take action in February. This started on a discussion on the CFA list, which is certainly unofficial and something we try to avoid, and then Monte took it upon himself apparently to propose a show rule to us dealing with

this issue. I like his being proactive, but I don't think we should be acting on this. I think we're better off just letting a club bring it up, if that's their desire. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** I don't disagree with Mark. I just think that if we put out any – let's just say we're not taking action today. Our action in February may very well be to send this to the Annual and let the delegates vote on it. We haven't decided yet what our action is going to be, and that's what I think we should do today is say, "we're not acting on it today." **Hamza:** I agree. Rachel, just put it on the agenda for discussion, because it is a serious health concern. It's time has come to be addressed. It was talked about a long time ago. I think the delegates, once we start dealing with health issues, they are probably going to feel a little different than they did years ago. **Baugh:** Jerry, this is Loretta. **Hannon:** When I put out the note, I'll put out Monte's proposed text, OK? **Hamza:** OK. Loretta, go ahead. **Baugh:** OK. In Monte's defense, this issue started on the CFA Judges' List after Rachel was bitten on the west coast. It started on the Judges' List and ended up somehow on the CFA List. Monte volunteered to write something up. This was not his idea. It came as a result of a discussion, and it's something that the majority of the judges on the Judges' List supported. Thank you. **Hamza:** The reality is that a cat bite can lead to a very dire health consequence, so as a responsible board we should come up with something here to at least bring up on the floor in that direction. Go ahead Carissa. **Altschul:** I do think this is a rule that we want to pass before the beginning of the new show season, so that it can take effect for the 2014/2015 show season, because if we leave it to the Annual, then it wouldn't take effect until the show season after that. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Altschul:** I think it's really important that we get that done. The second thing that I was going to say before George talks is, I did post to the List what the show rule is about because I had posted the agenda and somebody asked. They were talking about it, but nobody was talking about the show rule. They got off on a tangent and started talking about something else. Interestingly enough, it even got kicked up to the CFA List and I didn't see any negative comments on that. I do think maybe we should solicit comments on it, but I do think this is something that we should pass soon. It's a major concern. The judges are very concerned about this. I don't know why it didn't pass before. Maybe for the February meeting, our lovely Secretary could look up when the discussion was brought up before and we could read why people didn't want the rule before. Maybe there was something wrong with the rule that we can address now. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** George and then Rachel. **Eigenhauser:** Let me just say, I'm not disagreeing with Carissa, I'm not disagreeing with Mark, but the bottom line here is, we shouldn't act on it tonight. Let's agree on that. **Hamza:** We agree. George, I think people are just talking, as we sometimes do. Rachel, why don't you, since you have a certain expertise, why don't you put some final thoughts to it and then we'll move on. **Anger:** Sure. I think that would give it a good perspective – to have the history. It has come up more than once in recent years. It has been perhaps twice in the last 10 years, so I can do a little research of what the delegates had to say at that time. I will put it on the agenda for the February meeting.

Hamza: Does anybody have anything else for tonight? **Petty:** Yes, this is Tracy. **Hamza:** Somebody is rattling papers or something. I'm having a hard time, but Tracy go ahead. I know somebody else is out there and I will get to you. **Baugh:** Loretta. **Hamza:** Tracy then Loretta. **Petty:** I've got two questions. The first is on the Show Rules. First of all, there's two questions on the Show Rules. Is the document that Monte sent out to us – the PDF file that he put together – is that going to be the next Show Rules, or is somebody going through it again? If so, if that is the final document, who is proofing that and vetting it, to make sure that everything is staying in that we intend to stay in? **Hamza:** The first answer is yes. The second answer should be, all of

us. **Petty:** OK. It maybe needs to be assigned, because I spent a half hour on it over the weekend and just got through the very first section. I found about 8 or 10 issues – anything from just a type-o to an actual incorrect reference. **Hamza:** Tracy, we end up reading it, all of us, and we sit down and we go through them at the board table. They end up getting corrected quite a bit. Do we get everything? Probably not, but do we do a good job? Yeah, I think we do a pretty good job. **Petty:** Is anybody doing it, or are we just trusting that Monte did everything the way we wanted him to? **Hannon:** We're trusting Monte. If you want to go through it, and maybe you want to head up a little committee. I am sure Mary K would be happy to work with you on it. That would be helpful. **Petty:** I would be willing to do it, but I think it needs to be done and we need to know when it's going to print, because I can tell you there are issues with it. **Hannon:** Can you go through it and bring those issues to us in February? Is that realistic? **Petty:** No, it's not realistic for one person to go through the entire thing. **Hannon:** Can Donna Jean tell us traditionally when they send that to print? **Thompson:** I think we did it in early March last year. **Baugh:** It's usually in March. **Hannon:** Tracy, can you deal with that? **Petty:** I can do what I can by March. I'll do as much as I can, and that will be some of it. **Hannon:** OK. **Hamza:** Usually, if we all – I don't know. I go through these things and in past meetings, I know Rachel is pretty meticulous and Ed catches a bunch. I think when we look for the things we look for, we do a pretty good job. It's not a bad idea to have somebody just proofread it, just for the sake of proofreading it. Tracy, if that's something you want to take upon yourself – but this is something that was a long time coming, because it needed it. They are very bulky and trashy. **Petty:** I agree. I just think it was too big a project for one person, to have the entire responsibility with nobody else looking at it. **Hamza:** But it got done. **Baugh:** Monte has a committee. Didn't they help with it? **Hamza:** They helped. This was a monumental task. It hasn't been done in years. It got done. This is a huge thing. **Hannon:** Alright. Tracy is offering some assistance, so let's accept her offer. **Hamza:** I agree. **Petty:** I will do what I can by early March, and I'll get with Donna Jean on it.

Petty: My second question is, at last year's Annual where we basically got feed-back from the delegation about revising the policy about the wild hybrids and/or Bengals, and what we did was remove the statement that the board would never consider under what circumstances these breeds would be considered. Is anything happening with that, or are we just waiting to see? The Bengals have already applied once. We're probably going to be faced with that again, so somebody should be looking at, are we going to change that policy or come up with some guidelines? What are we doing? **Hamza:** We can add that to the agenda in February. One of the things we have to decide, and we're not going to do it tonight at the end of this meeting is, whose definition we're going to take. Are we going to go with the USDA's definition? Rachel, why don't you put it on the agenda for February. We've got to talk about whose definition of wild we're going to take and what it means, because it has certainly changed. **Anger:** I'll put it on the February agenda. **Hamza:** I think we should adopt the government's guidelines, because they have done a lot more research and stuck a lot more money into it than we could ever afford, but we'll talk about it in February. **Petty:** OK.

(8) UPDATE ON CHINESE WEBSITE.

Committee Chair: Dennis Ganoë
List of Committee Members: Kathy Durdick, Dick Kallmeyer, Danny Tai

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The website was completed and is ready for initial offering. The website established a sub-domain and is located at <http://chinese.cfa.org>

The site contains the following points of interest:

- The site uses Traditional Chinese characters as that was found to be more universal than Simplified Chinese*
- There are options to fill out current forms for mailing to Central Office for Litter Registrations, Litter Registrations, Cattery Registrations and Champion/Premier Claiming. Instructions for completing the forms is also available (in Chinese)*
- The current show schedule is reprinted (in English) as that is what is most readily recognized in China.*
- The top cats from the last three years are publicized (as any other region/country)*
- Additional information about the most popular breeds (currently) are available as translated power point presentations from the BAOS*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The next step is to release the website to the public and make the transition from a temporary location to its permanent location (this is a mere technicality as it only requires a programming change, not a physical change)

Future Projections for Committee:

The future of this website is to translate the online registration capability currently available on the secure.cfa.org domain into Chinese. An additional ability to translate Traditional Chinese characters in the Pinyin characters will be necessary to facilitate Central Office operations.

Further enhancement of content as available to facilitate CFA operations in China are anticipated mostly the availability of clerking and show production information.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What will be presented at the next meeting:

An update to the status of publicity of new Chinese Website and the ongoing translations of CFA revenue generating forms and capabilities will be presented.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ganoë, Chair*

Hamza: Is that it? **Anger:** We have one more agenda item. **Hamza:** I didn't get the latest agenda, but go ahead. What is it, please? **Anger:** It's the update on the Chinese website. **Hamza:** OK Dennis. **Ganoë:** Rachel sent out my printed report. Basically, we've got the entire site sketched out. It is under a subdomain: Chinese.cfa.org. I talked with Kathy Durdick this past weekend to change the link from the Chinese flag on the main page to the Chinese site, instead of just the forms. That is now active. I am working with Jodell on methods to publicize it. I have an email for Mark for your newsletter and we're going to go forward with trying to bring the Chinese into the fold, as it were, for using our online forms and registering cats through their own auspices, rather than jobbing it out. That's really all I wanted to say. If anybody has any questions, comments, please send them to me. **Hamza:** Wow, that's great. That is great. **Meeker:** Incredible.

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Hamza: OK, anything else? Well, even though we thought this would be a short meeting, it's almost 11:00. We've got three days in February, so that's quite a chore. I'll see all you folks then. Have a good night everybody.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary