

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 11, 2014**

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**Secretary’s Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, March 11, 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)**
- Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Europe Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- George Eigenhauser (Director-at-Large)**
- Dennis Ganoë (Director-at-Large)**
- Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)**
- Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

**Not Present:**

- Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**
- Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)**

**Also Present:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**

**Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations**

**Hannon:** Is Jerry on yet? Is Rachel on? **Anger:** Yes, I'm here. **Hannon:** Do you want to do a roll call? **Anger:** Sure. Jerry Hamza is not here yet. Is Mark Hannon here? **Hannon:** Yes. **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. **Calhoun:** Here. **Anger:** Tracy Petty. She said she might be a little late. She's in her car. Kayoko Koizumi. No Koizumi? Pauli Huhtaniemi. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Dennis Ganoë. **Ganoë:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Meeker:** He won't be here. He's on a plane. **Anger:** Right. Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Here. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Is James Simbro on the call? How about Shino Wiley? Is Verna on the call? Anyone else whose name I have not called? Thank you. **Hannon:** Thank you, Rachel.

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**Hamza:** OK. Alright, before we got to the Executive Director Job Description, I want to talk about – and I want to do it in open session. I just want to make a statement. I'm not afraid of the political repercussions, because obviously I'm not running again. First off, what I want to say is that some people said that this board hasn't dealt with any situations like this before, and that's simply not true. We had a situation about 2 years ago in Egypt where there was a political situation that arose where safety was a concern. The one difference was that the club worked with the board and worked with the executive committee, and we all decided that erring on the side of caution was the way to go, so that show was postponed and we were able to work out and an alternative site was picked. It was more of a cooperative effort and things went forward. The other thing I want to make the fancy aware of is that this board didn't take this action lightly. We discussed it at length amongst the board members. I believe the right precedent was set. I think that everybody needs to realize that cat shows are a form of hobby, and even though a lot of people take their hobby seriously, if there's a chance – even remotely – that human life could be in danger, that it's this board's obligation to put that ahead of any kind of hobby. Our using the U.S. Department of State as a means to gage whether there is danger is an appropriate benchmark. I would hope that the CFA board would continue to always err on the side of caution and always put human life ahead of anything else.

**Hamza:** The other thing is, I also want to make it known that this board should only take into consideration official requests that go through proper channels. Open and public requests that are veiled behind pirated email addresses or other inappropriate means should never be considered by this board. What I consider in this instance to be the proper channel would be that an official member of the club contacts the Regional Director and puts together an official request to the board that is intelligent and respectful. The other thing I want to point out is that this board is a hard-working board full of people who volunteer their time without compensation, to the membership of CFA and they work very hard on their own time. Whatever they come up

with is an act of generosity. So, that's what I wanted to say and read into the record. I don't know of anyone else wants to say anything. OK, fair enough. Let's go on.

## SUMMARY

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

**Advance to Apprentice:**

<i>John Adelhoch</i>	<i>Warwick, NY</i>	<i>LH – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>
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**Advance to Approved Specialty:**

<i>John Hiemstra</i>	<i>Northville, MI</i>	<i>LH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>
<i>Teresa Sweeney</i>	<i>Grove City, OH</i>	<i>LH – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes</i>

**Advance to Approved Allbreed:**

<i>Jacqui Bennett</i>	<i>Buford, GA</i>		<i>16 yes</i>
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Show Rule 25.02 was amended at the February 2014 board meeting. **Mrs. Baugh** moved to ratify the movement of the rule from SR 25.02 to SR 14.03. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

(2) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION.**

Following an executive session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Executive Director job description.

(3) **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLISHING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

Following an executive session discussion, it was determined that Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser would prepare a summary of the disciplinary suspension policy. [see minutes]

(4) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

- JOHOR BAHRU CAT CLUB – International Division, Malaysia. **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to accept. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(5) **SUPER SPECIALTY SHOW FORMAT REQUESTS.**

**Action Item:** *That Kittyhawk Felines be granted permission to use the Allbreed/Specialty experimental format in all six rings at their February 21, 2015 show in Dayton, Ohio.*

*Club Name: Kittyhawk Felines*  
*Show Date: February 21, 2015*  
*Location: Dayton, Ohio*

Upon motion by **Mrs. Baugh** and seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

**Action Item:** *That German Cat Walk be granted permission to use the Allbreed/Specialty experimental format in all six rings at their August 2/3, 2014 show in Bremen, Germany.*

*Club Name: German Cat Walk*  
*Show Date: August 2/3, 2014*  
*Location: Bremen, Germany*

Upon motion by **Mr. Huhtaniemi** and seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**.

(6) **BOARD-SPONSORED SHOW RULE RESOLUTION RE: BITING CATS.**

**Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to accept the board-sponsored resolution regarding biting cats, and present it to the delegates. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh**, **Motion Carried**.

(7) **SHOW RULE AMENDMENT – INCREASE GRAND POINTS IN CHINA.**

The action item to increase granding requirements for Championship in China was **Tabled**.

(8) **RUSSIAN WEBSITE PROPOSAL.**

The proposal for a Russian website was **Tabled**.

(9) **2019 ANNUAL.**

No action items were presented.

(10) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

**Mrs. Baugh** moved to approve the request from the Havana Brown Breed Council to have their judge choose the Highest Scoring Havana Brown in show (chosen from the top kitten, cat and premiership cat) at the National Capital Cat Show in Chantilly, Virginia, on September 6/7, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**.

(11) **SHOW SCHEDULING.**

**Ms. Altschul** moved to approve the request of the Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club (Region 3) to hold its show on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March, 2015, in Gonzalez, Louisiana. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**.

In accordance with Show Rule 12.03.d. which provides that traditional dates come in two types – fixed and floating, **Ms. Altschul** moved to approve the request of the Houston Cat Club (Region 3) to hold its show the second weekend of January, 2015, in Houston, Texas. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**. Calhoun voting no.

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Following an executive session discussion, it was determined that a statement would be published regarding unauthorized use of the @cfa.org extension for sending spoof emails. [see minutes]

## TRANSCRIPT

### (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 Vanwonderghem – European Liaison; Application Advisor – Europe*

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### Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

#### CFA JUDGING PROGRAM EDUCATION – 2013-2014

February 20, 2014

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### Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2013-2014 Season:

- **August 29-30, 2013** - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This school was held in conjunction with the International Division Awards Show on August 31, 2013. Instructors were Rick Hoskinson, Pat Jacobberger and Gary Veach. Since the show on August 31 was a one day show, there was no handling. All attendees attended the discussions of LH and SH breeds.

Attendees were:

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| • AMANDA CHENG        | • ROOWINA MERICAN      |
| • ZHEN HAO GAO        | • RACHAPHOL PONGPAIROJ |
| • SARA AISHA MOHD ISA | • YATI RAZAK           |
| • FUNG CHUN KIT       | • DANNY TAI CHUN YIP   |
| • MAGGIE KWAN         | • IZADDIN SYAH YUSOF   |

- **November 21-23, 2013** – This school was held in conjunction with the CFA World Show in Novi, Michigan on November 23-24, 2013. Instructors were Nancy Dodds, Donna Isenberg, Pat Jacobberger and Jan Stevens.

Attendees were:

- LAURA GREGORY                      First Time LH
- MARILEE GRISWOLD                Second Time LH
- EMIKO MISUGI                        First Time LH
- ERICA NITTA                          First Time SH
- MITSUYO OHTOH                    First Time SH
- IKUKO SUGITA                        First Time SH

- **January 23-24, 2014** – Cardiff-By-The-Sea. This school was held in conjunction with the San Diego Cat Club Food and Water Bowl. Instructors were Donna Isenberg, Pat Jacobberger, Gary Powell and Gary Veach. There was no handling at this school.

Attendees were:

- RHONDA AVERY                        Second Time LH
- WENDY HEIDT                         First Time LH
- BONNIE WILSON                      First Time LH
- TIM MURPHY                          Second Time SH
- MORLANE O'DONNELL                First Time SH
- JANE USATIN                         First Time SH

**Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools Planned for the 2014-2015 Season:**

- **North America**
  - CFA World Show – November 2014
- **Outside of North America**
  - Germany - August 2014 – German Cat Walk Club
  - Moscow - March 2015 – Chatte Noir Cat Club

**Financial Standing of the BAOS Program**

Attached to this report are the financials for the last five schools: Moscow, Russia, Somerset, NJ, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Novi, MI and San Diego, CA. When I first assumed responsibility of the schools, I expressed to the Chair of the Judging Program that one of the goals I would make every effort to attain would be certain the schools were not a financial burden to CFA. I am pleased to report that the schools not only pay for themselves but, thanks to some clever bargaining and planning, they have made money. This will make it possible to hold schools with fewer attendees than 10.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the CFA Judging Program and the association as the Judge's Education Chair and coordinator for the CFA BAOS events.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Hannon:** Loretta, do you want to start with the Judging Program? **Baugh:** Sure. I hope everybody has read the report. Patty Jacobberger did a very comprehensive report about the BAOS and the workshop.

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*No Items Presented.*

**CFA Judge's Workshop – New Orleans, LA 2014:**

- *Breeds that are currently planned for presentation are Russian Blue and Norwegian Forest Cat.*
- *This year we will add a new feature to the Workshop – a learning/discussion/sharing presentation that is a collaborative endeavor with the Breed Council Secretaries and me. This year's topic – “Yipes! Stripes! Let's Talk Tabbies!” The goal is to examine some common issues that judges face in tabbies among all our breeds. We are hoping that this presentation will pave the way towards a new format for our Judge's Workshops in the future.*

*The Committee will be working on updating the JPC Rules.*

**Advancements:**

*The following individuals are presented to the Board for Advancement:*

**Advancements:**

**Advance to Apprentice:**

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**Advance to Approved Allbreed:**

<i>Jacqui Bennett</i>	<i>Buford, GA</i>		<i>16 yes</i>
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[from end of meeting] **Eigenhauser:** Did we get the vote on the judges? **Baugh:** Yes. All four of the people were advanced unanimously. Thank you.

**Board Action Item:**

*The CFA Board passed a Show Rule addition at the February meeting; the rule inserts the verbiage from the Judging Program Rules requiring clubs to file a Guest Judge evaluation into*



*the Show Rules. We placed it in 25.02 along with the restriction on the number of shows a guest judge is allowed to judge each show season.*

*Monte feels it should be in a different section - see below:*

*From Monte:*

*“I looked at the rule change, and I have a problem with what you voted on for where you put the evaluation requirement. This rule deals with obtaining judges, prior to licensing, not on providing post-show evaluations. That should have been added to show rule 14.03, which is the rule requiring the show committee provide judging evaluations for apprentices and approval pendings. Guest judge evaluations should be here, not in 25.”*

*Placement of this rule is considered to be housekeeping. I move that we ratify the movement of the rule from SR 25.02 to SR 14.03.*

**Action Item:**

*Ratify the movement of Show Rule 25.02 to Show Rule 14.03.*

**Baugh:** We do have an action item in the fact that when we passed the show rule requiring the guest judge evaluation to be in the Show Rules, we placed it in 25.02. We sent that forward out to Monte, and Monte felt it belonged in 14.03, so we have put it there and I would simply like a vote to ratify the movement of the Show Rule from 25.02 to 14.03. I make a motion to that effect. **Anger:** Second, Rachel.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Loretta Baugh  
Committee Chair

(2) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION.**

*Leadership Goal Group Members: Ginger Meeker, Tracy Petty, Mark Hannon, Rachel Anger, Jodell Raymond, Rich Mastin*

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*Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.  
Job Description*

*Title: Executive Director*

*Reports to: Personnel Committee of the CFA Board of Directors*

1. *Manages business operations of the Association.*
  - (a) *Develops and carries out short-range goals as approved by the Board of Directors.*
  - (b) *Develops and manages annual operating budget for Central Office functions.*
  - (c) *Develops and manages capital budget for Central Office and submits to Board of Directors for approval.*
  - (d) *Provides an annual summary of Central Office operations. Reports to be supplied to the BOD at the February, June and October meetings and to monthly telephonic meetings as the situation requires.*
  - (e) *Assures building, equipment, and computers are well maintained to provide uninterrupted service to customers.*
  - (f) *Recommends short-term and long-term strategies for improving business practices of CFA.*
  - (g) *Participates in Board of Directors meetings whether held in person or via telephone.*
  
2. *Manages Central Office personnel.*
  - (a) *Recruits, interviews, hires, and oversees training of staff at Central Office. Assures efficient operation of the Central Office at all times by maintaining appropriate staffing levels and cross-training employees.*
  - (b) *Maintains a high level of customer service from Central Office through continuous training, motivation, and professional development of staff members.*
  - (c) *Conducts regular meetings of Central Office personnel to facilitate good communications among staff and maintain high employee morale and a cohesive work environment.*
  - (d) *Provides employee counseling and progressive discipline, when required. All employee counseling and discipline is to be documented.*
  - (e) *Conducts written annual performance reviews for all Central Office personnel to assess performance and identify areas for improvement. Encourages employees to develop and achieve goals to enhance their own performance as well as those of the organization.*
  - (f) *Maintains confidential personnel files for all employees.*

(g) *Develops and maintains a strong working relationship with staff in the marketing, PR and sponsorship areas to include, but not be limited to, the review of all contracts and relationships in these areas.*

3. *Manages special projects as assigned.*

(a) *Assists with planning of and participates in the CFA Annual Meeting.*

(b) *Manages or oversees other special projects as requested by the Board of Directors.*

Following an executive session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Executive Director job description.

**(3) PROCEDURE FOR PUBLISHING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

Following an executive session discussion, it was determined that Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser would prepare a summary of the disciplinary suspension policy. Mr. Eigenhauser's summary follows:

*Short version: when the Board finds someone guilty and imposes a sentence for a protest we publish the results in the Board Minutes and on the Disciplinary Suspensions/Probations page on the CFA web site. Every punishment (even a reprimand) gets published at least one month on the web site but then comes off the page after the sentence is completed on the next monthly update. Board Minutes are forever. The Disciplinary Suspensions/Probations page may be found at:  
<http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/org/disciplinary-suspensions.pdf>*

*Longer version: Everyone who is found guilty by the Board and punished under a protest goes on the disciplinary list on the web site when the decision becomes final. They drop off the list when they have completed their sentence AND a month has passed since their name was first posted on the web site, whichever is later. So everyone found guilty gets published on the discipline page at least once for about a month. The results also get published in the Board Minutes and they remain in the minutes forever. When the punishment is completed the person drops off the discipline page. If they complete their sentence before the results are posted we note it on the web site (i.e. fine paid) but still put it up for one monthly cycle. On the other hand, people who do not complete their sentence (i.e. fail to pay a fine, make restitution, get a cattery inspection, etc.) remain on the web site forever or until they complete the sentence.*

*Some examples:*

- 1. If a person were found guilty and given a reprimand the results would go up on the Disciplinary Suspensions/Probations page once but then drop off in about a month.*
- 2. If a person were found guilty, given a fine, and paid the fine immediately it would still on the discipline page but again drop off in a month with the payment noted on the web site as "(fine paid)".*
- 3. If a person were found guilty, given a fine, and never paid the fine they would not be in good standing with CFA and would remain on the discipline list forever.*
- 4. If a person were found guilty, given a fine and suspension, and paid the fine immediately they would remain on the discipline page until the suspension ended but it would be noted "(fine paid)".*

*For convenience the disciplinary results are divided into four categories: Permanent Suspension, Temporary Suspension, Administrative Suspension and Other Disciplinary Actions. Permanent or temporary suspensions refer to disciplinary suspensions of all CFA services. "Other" refers to any other sentence after a finding of guilt, such as a fine, payment of restitution, partial suspension (i.e. kicked out of clerking) etc. If someone has a suspension and some additional punishment (like a fine) they are listed under suspensions, the higher punishment.*

*Administrative Suspensions (or what I call administrative Hell) are the only suspensions not related to a finding of guilt. These are people who failed to complete mandatory cattery inspections when required to do so under our rules. This may be under the 75 kittens rule or as part of an Animal Welfare investigation. They are not being “punished” after a finding of guilt, they are just not in good standing until they comply with the rule. These are initially handled by the CFA Animal Welfare Committee, who notifies them in writing to get inspected within 30 days. There is a several month process for people who fail to get the inspection after being notified by AW. After about 6 months of reminders and increasing late fees Linda B sends them to protests who send them to the Board. Once they are approved by the Board they are published and remain on the web site until they take and pass the inspection. In theory if they later pass an inspection the protest goes back to the status before the inspection request for further proceedings. In practice, once months and months have passed and the matter has gone to the Board the person is probably done with CFA so Administrative Suspensions tend to be forever.*

*Some random comments:*

*Nobody gets listed on the discipline page without the matter going to the Board first. Since they go to the Board they get into the minutes so even after they fall off the discipline page Board minutes remain unchanged. With the exception of Administrative Suspensions we only publish results of protests that had a finding of guilt.*

*The Disciplinary Suspensions/Probations page can be accessed from the pull down menu on the top of each page on our web site. It’s under “About CFA” on the far left and is the 5th entry. There is also a text link on the “Breeder and Exhibitor Corner” page under “CFA Services” near the protest form and protest procedure. There is a link to the discipline page on the CFA Breeder Referral Service page so people looking for cats/kittens can avoid breeders who are currently suspended by CFA.*

*The procedure for publishing results began years and years ago when we had a monthly hard copy Almanac. We published monthly and only noted discipline a few times a year. We migrated the publication to the web site in about 2006 but kept monthly timing for initial publication.*

*The initial publication date is based on when the matter becomes “final.” A tentative ruling becomes “final” after the 30 day appeal period runs out. So the results of the February 1, 2014 Board tentative rulings (those not appealed) were added to the list March 6 and uploaded to the web site about then.*

*We encourage people to pay their fines within 30 days. So if there is a fine and another punishment we note online if the fine has already been paid.*

*George*

(4) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

*Committee Chairs: Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

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

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*One new club was pre-noticed for membership. It is:*

- *Johor Bahru Cat Club, International Division, Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*

***Johor Bahru Cat Club  
International Division--Johor, Malaysia; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

*The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are thirteen members. No member is a member of other clubs. This is an allbreed club, and they wish to hold a minimum of one show a year in Malaysia. The dues have been set. If disbanded, the monies will go to the local SPCA. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received.*

**Hamza:** Next up would be Carol and Club Applications. **Krzanowski:** Yes, we have one club being considered at this meeting. It is the Johor Bahru Cat Club from the International Division, Malaysia. The club was pre-noticed and the constitution and bylaws are in order. <reads> I corresponded with Dick Kallmeyer in regard to this club since he wasn't going to be attending this particular meeting, and he is in favor of this club. He said that currently we do not have a club on the Malaysian mainland. Johor is right next to Singapore, and what's been happen there for shows in Malaysia is that they have other clubs from out of the area sponsor the shows. His feeling is that we do need a formal presence there. Are there any questions? **Hamza:** I would like somebody to define the "Malaysian mainland" for me, but other than that. **Krzanowski:** Don't look at me. **Ganoe:** It's the peninsula, not the island part. **Krzanowski:** I move that we accept the Johor Bahru Cat Club. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

**Hamza:** Congratulations and welcome to CFA.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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

**Time Frame:**

*March, 2014 to Board teleconference in April, 2014.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*All new clubs that have applied for membership*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Liz Watson, Carol Krzanowski, Co-Chairs*

**Krzanowski:** That's all I have. I did notice though that the CFA News announcement just went out for the pre-notice of the clubs for the next meeting, but there was an error in that. I just want to make sure that everyone is clear. It says they will be considered in March, and it really is the April meeting when they will be considered, so I just wanted to make sure that's in the minutes and everyone is clear on that. **Hamza:** Mark, when you put out your recap of the meeting, would you just make sure that that's acknowledged? **Krzanowski:** Thank you.

(5) **EXPERIMENTAL SHOW FORMAT REQUEST.**

(a) Club Name: Kittyhawk Felines  
Show Date: February 21, 2015  
Location: Dayton, Ohio

*Kittyhawk Felines is requesting to use the AB/SP experimental format at their show next February in Dayton, Ohio. The date would be Feb 21, 2015, their traditional third weekend in February date. The club has been holding their 6 ring, one day show offering Allbreed rings in Kittens and Premiership, and Specialty rings for Championship. This club is progressive and offered the first 6 ring one day show when that was experimental.*

*The club would like to use the experimental AB/SP format for all six of their rings. Currently the format is restricted to four rings and needs Board permission to extend it to all six rings.*

*This is an excellent opportunity to offer a full show using the new format only and we believe this will be an added incentive for exhibitors to enter. The club uses toys as rosettes and feels the added format will not have an adverse effect on their expenses and will hopefully boost their entry.*

*I fully support and endorse their request.*

**Action Item:** *That Kittyhawk Felines be granted permission to use the Allbreed/Specialty experimental format in all six rings at their February 21, 2015 show in Dayton, Ohio.*

**Hamza:** Issue #5, which is the experimental show format request. **Baugh:** Right. This is Loretta. The Kittyhawk Felines hold their show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February every year in Dayton, Ohio. They would like to use the allbreed/specialty experimental format at their show next February, but they would like to do it in all of the rings. They currently are doing a 6 ring, one day show and they do allbreed kittens and premiers, and specialty rings for championship. They came to me at a show about 2 weeks ago and asked if they could do it for all the rings. I contacted Sharon and she said we only approved 4 rings. This club would really like to do 6. Personally, I think it would be a good idea to see how this would work out. **Hamza:** I don't see any harm in it. Does anybody here see any harm in that? **Ganoe:** Question. This is Dennis. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** What's their typical entry like, Loretta? **Baugh:** They had about 140 this past year. They not getting a huge entry. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Eigenhauser:** For those of you who don't recall, Kittyhawk was one of the clubs that pioneered the one day, 6 ring format. **Baugh:** Yes, they were. **Eigenhauser:** They have always been very big on trying new formats and introducing new ideas, and they have been very good about getting reports back to us and letting us know how it works. They have always been right at the cutting edge for CFA. I think they would be a good club to try this. **Hamza:** That was the point I was going to make, that they give us great feedback on experimental formats. **Baugh:** I make a motion that they be allowed to do the experimental format, the allbreed/specialty format in all 6 of their rings for the February 2015 show. **Anger:** Rachel seconds.



**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Baugh:** Thank you.

**Roy:** This is Sharon. Before we move on, Pauli sent me one that the German Cat Walk wants to use the experimental format August 2/3. It is actually going to be in conjunction with their regional awards banquet. If I read the notes correctly, it's 3 and 3, right Pauli?

**Huhtaniemi:** Yes, it's 6 rings back to back. That's right. **Hamza:** Just so we know what we're voting on, Pauli, specifically where do they want this special experimental format? **Huhtaniemi:** They want to have a 6 experimental rings, 2 day show. **Hamza:** So, they want to have 6 experimental rings, as well? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Hamza:** OK. **Huhtaniemi:** The count is most likely going to be like 100 cats, so it might be good. I think it could attract a couple more exhibitors there. **Hannon:** Do you know the date, Pauli? Or the month, at least? **Huhtaniemi:** It's August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Hannon:** August what? **Baugh:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Hannon:** August 2 and 3, 2014. **Baugh:** There is a BAOS being held Thursday and Friday before that, as well. **Hamza:** You know, Pauli, the only thing I would ask is that you tell the club it's very important that they give us good feedback. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, they will. **Baugh:** Are you going to make a motion?

**Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead Rachel. **Anger:** I had a question. I thought our experimental format was only supposed to be for the rest of this year, and we made an exception for one club in Carissa's region that had it the following weekend. We don't have any feedback on any of the experimental shows yet. Is this something that has to be done at this meeting?

**Hamza:** Well, you know, we're talking about August, so giving them enough time. I guess the question is this; when you're working with an experimental format, unless something bad is going on that would stop you from continuing, does anyone have anything that would say, "we really need to stop this," then why wouldn't you get more information? **Baugh:** I thought we talked about this at the February meeting and we said we were going to continue it. **Hamza:** Yeah, that's basically where I was headed with this. We sort of agreed that good things were happening and we wanted to get more information. Here's what I need to ask, then, at this point. Rachel has some concern here, but is there any reason why we shouldn't keep looking at this? What I am hearing is mostly positive feedback. Is there any negative feedback that we've gotten so far? **Anger:** This is Rachel. We haven't gotten any feedback so far. That is what we talked about in February, if the feedback would show any benefit to the fancy. But, I don't want anybody to misunderstand and think I am speaking against this show or this format. I very much support it. I just wanted to follow up on my impression of what I thought we were doing and the fact that we haven't seen any feedback at all yet. So, I'm just being cautious and bringing up what's on my mind. **Roy:** Rachel, the first show was last weekend. **Hannon:** No, it wasn't. Jane had one a couple weeks ago. **Roy:** No, Jane's is not until the April show. **Hannon:** You're right, you're right. **Baugh:** There was one overseas. **Hamza:** My connection is not all that great. Somebody said something about a show last weekend? **Hannon:** Atlanta Phoenix. **Hamza:** OK, and is there any early feedback on that? **Hannon:** Is Tracy on yet? **Roy:** There were a couple things on FaceBook. There were a couple exhibitors that said they really liked it. There was one judge that thought it was a lot of work. One judge was not as positive about it. Some of it was legitimate that they only had 2 rings, so they had 2 judges that did 9 finals, where everybody else did their normal 3 or 4. So, I understand where that was coming from, so that's something we're probably going to need to address going forward. **Hamza:** That's actually a really good point, so I guess maybe we need to address the fact that the clubs need to have some sort of agreement with the judges, then. Maybe it needs to be OK with the judges that are going to be doing this.

**Baugh:** Absolutely. **Anger:** But FaceBook is not reliable or scientific feedback. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead Annette. **Wilson:** I haven't heard very much feedback from clubs. I've heard some feedback from judges who feel like, especially at the smaller shows, it's giving every kitty a prize. But, I've heard more feedback about the time it takes and I know at the Kittyhawk show – and I voted to let them try it, because if we don't try it, we don't know – but if that's a one day show and every ring is like this and they don't get a big count, conflicts in scheduling with finals happens in shows without much count because the cats need to be in so many places at a time. I guess that would be my concern. If we don't find a quicker way to do the finals, then it's really going to be holding up the show. Maybe the exhibitors don't mind that, but most exhibitors I know want to get out of there. **Hamza:** The good thing with Kittyhawk in this particular situation is that we'll at least find out if there is a real issue with that, and then we'll be able to maybe put a limit to how many rings can go through that. **Roy:** With Jane's show that's coming up in April with the Region 1 show, there's going to be 4 rings each day, so that's going to give us some good idea of timing, as well. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. One of the things that I think would help with the finals would be if they were certain that they had a good number of judging cages available. I think that if you could do the finals in one group, it would certainly help with timing. **Hamza:** Are any of our board members judging Jane's show. **Roy:** I am, Jerry. **Hamza:** Would you be able, or would you be willing to at least give the board your impression after the show? **Roy:** Absolutely. I know Tracy had sent some evaluations that people filled out at Atlanta Phoenix and we're going to have them at Jane's show, too, so we're going to have exhibitors, clerks and judges giving us feedback. **Hamza:** Atlanta Phoenix is cool, but it seems like Jane's show is going to be much busier. **Roy:** Absolutely. We're hoping maybe it will be a full show, so it will give us a real idea of just what's going to happen with it. **Hamza:** Are any board members going to be exhibiting that show? **Hannon:** I may be, I don't know yet. **Hamza:** If you are, it would be kind of nice – **Hannon:** To keep my ears open, yeah. **Hamza:** And just to watch and see how mechanically from that side it's going, as well. **Roy:** And while he's not a board member, he is on the Judging Program Committee, Wayne T is judging that show, as well. **Hamza:** Loretta, maybe you can talk to Wayne, as well, and get impressions from different angles. Now, we're coming at it in a more educated way. **Baugh:** The other thing that's good about it, as well, is that if we get a better handle on what the judges think about it, there's more information for them. Some judges may decide they don't want to do it. **Hamza:** Ultimately, that's part of the deal that's going to have to happen. The clubs are going to have to give the judges the option to opt out or not. **Hannon:** That's difficult to do when all 6 rings are doing it. **Hamza:** That's absolutely right. **Baugh:** The club is going to specify when they invite the judge what the intentions are. **Hamza:** I think that's where this is going to come down to, is that if this ends up going further than experimental, I think that it's something that a club is going to have to inform the judge, saying "Look, this show is going to have this format. Are you going to be willing to judge it?" **Eigenhauser:** I think ultimately if this becomes a permanent format, it becomes a check box on the judging contract. *Am I judging Allbreed? Am I judging Specialty?* And then we'll give it a third name. *Am I judging Super Specialty* or something. **Hamza:** Actually I like that name. **Eigenhauser:** But a check box for it, for this format, and the judge either accepts or they don't. **Hamza:** Actually, that's what we should start calling this is Super Specialty. That's kind of what it is.

**Hamza:** OK, well, we've got this German club. Did anybody make the motion?  
**Huhtaniemi:** I'm going to make the motion. **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Huhtaniemi:** I move that German Cat Walk will be granted permission to use the Allbreed/Specialty experimental

format in all 6 rings at their show on August 2/3, 2014, in Bremen, Germany. **Eigenhauser:** I still second.

**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** Is that it for the experimental format? OK, I guess that's it.

**(6) BOARD-SPONSORED SHOW RULE RESOLUTION RE: BITING CATS.**

**Submitted by the CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 3.06, 18.07, and 28.17 c. as follows:

- 3.06 A judge ~~will~~ must disqualify and dismiss from his ring 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. The chief clerk in that ring is responsible for notifying all chief ring clerks of the action taken.
- 18.07 When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of Paragraphs 28.15, 28.16 and 28.17, the chief ring clerk shall clearly mark in the judge's copy of the ring catalog the reason: i.e., "Wrong Color" (WC), "No Award-Condition" (NA/Cond.), "No Award-Insufficient Merit" (NA/ IM), "Disqualify-Undescended Testicle(s)" (DISQ-UT), "Disqualify-Bite" (DISQ/BITE) or "Disqualify-All Other Reasons" (DISQ).
- 28.17 c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring 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. 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. (See Paragraphs ~~28.13~~28.12.c and ~~28.13~~28.12.d)

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 not be eligible for entry at any CFA show.

**RATIONALE:** There is no rule that prevents a cat that habitually bites judges from continuing to be shown by its owner. This conduct 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.

This amendment also brings into alignment the language of the various show rules governing dismissal of a cat or kitten for biting or recalcitrant or threatening behavior.

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**Hamza:** #6 is the board-sponsored show rule resolution regarding biting cats. I am totally against people biting cats. It's wrong. Getting fur in your mouth is not much fun. **Hannon:** When it first came up, we put it in the minutes, in the notes that I do, and I referenced the actual wording and told people we were looking for feedback before we proceeded on this, and I was

wondering if there has been any feedback. **Roy:** I did get a letter, and I know it went to a couple other board members, as well. I think Rachel, because I think Rachel responded to it. Somebody said that, while we can put it in place, we should give cats a second chance once they have been spayed or neutered, and that they could come back as a spay – could come back, even though they may have been disqualified as a whole cat or kitten. **Anger:** And this is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead Rachel. **Anger:** My response is, they already get not only a second chance, but a third chance. If an exhibitor continues to show a cat that they know is risky, perhaps they have lost the perspective and can't realize the danger or won't recognize those same traits later when the cat is spayed or neutered. I don't think we should give it a fourth, fifth and sixth chance to put a judge in the hospital or ruin a neighboring cat's show career. **Meeker:** I agree with Rachel. I think by the time a cat has bit three people – I mean, if it was my cat, it's gone after the first bite, and then you bring it out as an altered cat to see if that corrects its behavior, I think that's a little over the top. **Hamza:** I agree with that, too. The reality is, and especially, Ginger, you have experience in the medical field, but not only is it dangerous, but then you're putting people in a medical situation where the risk of infection and MRSA and everything else becomes more pronounced. It just is too much to ask. **Meeker:** It's too much to ask of our judges. When I see a cat bite and 15 exhibitors pull out antibiotics and rush up to the judge, that's an equally dangerous situation. Cat bites of the hand deserve an emergency room visit or an urgent care visit, not treated in the show hall. **Hamza:** Right. **Eigenhauser:** I have one problem though, with how this is drafted. One of the things that we had a problem with before was, you know, this came up like a dozen years ago and people wanted to be sure it was only for bites, not just the cat snarling and the judge being a little hinky about it, and we did a pretty good job in separating that out. It also says in the rationale for this that we're trying to align the show rules that mention it in various places, but there is one place where there's kind of a clinker here. In 28.17.c. in the draft, in the middle of the first paragraph, the additional language, *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."* "Or attacked" doesn't appear anywhere else in any of the other rules. It's not defined in any of the other rules, and I thought the purpose of this was to say; a bite is one thing, anything else is something else. So, I would like to take the *or attacked* out. **Hamza:** I'm fine with that. Does anybody else have a problem? Alright, so why don't we modify it as per George and go forward? **Eigenhauser:** I move we accept it, as amended, and send it to the delegation. **Baugh:** This is Loretta. Second.

**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Hamza:** I think that is wrapped up pretty neatly.

**(7) SHOW RULE AMENDMENT – INCREASE GRAND POINTS IN CHINA.**

*Committee Chair: Monte Phillips*

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Committee has prepared a show rule amendment per request of the International Division Chair to increase the points required for a Grand Championship in China.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*See above*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*The committee will be proposing an amendment to address regional assignments for the delegates at the 2014 Annual meeting.*

**Action Items:**

***Increase granding requirements for Championship in China***

9.03b	Show Rules Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	9.03 b. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy-five (75) points for Grand Premiership in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Malta, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), the International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia), and the Maritime Provinces of Canada seventy five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. In the Ukraine two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship. In Hong Kong seventy-five (75) points are required	9.03 b. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship; seventy-five (75) points for Grand Premiership in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Malta, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), the International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia), and the Maritime Provinces of Canada seventy five points (75) are required for Grand Championship; twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Hong Kong, <del>China</del> , Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia one hundred twenty-five (125) points are required for Grand Championship. In <u>China and</u> the Ukraine two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Championship. In Hong Kong seventy-five (75) points are

<p>for Grand Premiership. In China and Malaysia fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Thailand and Indonesia twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Ukraine and Russia (east of the Ural mountains) twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.</p>	<p>required for Grand Premiership. In China and Malaysia fifty (50) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Thailand and Indonesia twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership. In Ukraine and Russia (east of the Ural mountains) twenty-five (25) points are required for Grand Premiership.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Per the request of the International Division Chairman, who stated that there were far too many one-day grands occurring in China, and their entries were similar in numbers to US shows such that they should have the same grading requirements in Championship, i.e., 200 points. I know Dick was hoping this could be effective for the 2014-2015 season, but those rules are already at the printers.</p>	

**Time Frame:**

*At the current board meeting.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Unless a significant issue is identified between completion of this report and the date when inputs are due to the Board for the April meeting, we do not anticipate making a presentation to the April meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Monte Phillips, Chair*

**Hamza:** #7, show rule amendment to increase grand points in China. I wish Dick was here for this one. Is anybody going to take this in his stead? **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. At the bottom of the rationale it says, *I know Dick was hoping this could be effective for the 2014-2015 season, but those rules are already at the printers.* If they are proposing this for the 2015-2016 season, we could wait until next month when Dick gets back. **Hamza:** I agree with both of you. As I'm looking this over, this has a lot of implications that are kind of large. I really would like the head of the ID to be here, because I have questions that I would like answered. Does anybody have a problem with me moving this to next month? <no> Then alright. Rachel, just move this to next month's agenda when Dick is here. I think that's really the appropriate action. **Anger:** Will do. **Hannon:** Dick proposed this, right? In my notes, I'll say because the person who proposed it was not present at the meeting, we're going to postpone it until he is present and can answer questions. **Hamza:** Right, and that's fair. [**Petty** joins the conference] **Hannon:** Welcome Tracy.

**Tabled.**

**(8) RUSSIAN WEBSITE PROPOSAL.**

*In spite of the fact, that we are having not so bad show cat counts over here, there is still a problem of promoting CFA and increasing the number of the cats and breeders (who are almost always the same from the show to the show) because of English language of services, website and majority of forms and Russian awareness of all the “foreign new things”.*

*That’s why I am thinking of starting a project with helping people to register in CFA and understand the CFA - some kind of agency. I’d like to have a website in Russian promoting CFA over here (with Russian SEO optimization) where everybody can easily register the cattery names, cats and litters using their credit cards or cash. I will have the terms on the site, describing that everyone can do it by himself directly on the CFA web-site (with active link to it), but if they don’t want to do it, they can pay money (CFA fees + 15% or 20%) to me and I will prepare papers and send it to CFA office for registration.*

*I wonder if it’s OK for CFA to let me have this website? Looking forward for your answer.*

**Hamza:** #8 is the Russian website proposal. **Anger:** Right. This is a proposal that came in. It’s rather self-explanatory. **Hannon:** Where did it come from? Who sent it? **Anger:** The same person that sent in the proposal to translate the show rules into Russian, and then he was going to receive the residuals from their sale for a limited amount of time. We were waiting for a further proposal on that, which hasn’t come. In the meantime, he has sent this proposal, which is something that he would like to do. I’m not speaking for or against it, I’m just presenting it on his behalf for board discussion. **Hamza:** Ed, have you looked at this? **Raymond:** Just what I’m seeing here. **Hamza:** I would like to move this to April, as well. I would like to have a chance to talk to Ed about it. Ed, if you haven’t had a chance to vet this, I would like to at least have time to talk to you about it. **Raymond:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** George here. If there’s going to be a little group talking about it, I would suggest that Dick be involved in this, as well, because I believe we have similar situations going on in the far east, where people are translating materials for other people and then taking a piece of the action. **Ganoe:** This is Dennis. **Hamza:** Go ahead Dennis. **Ganoe:** I would also like to be involved, because this does affect directly what we have been trying to do with the Chinese website. We are translating forms to try and get the Chinese to do it themselves so that we’re not going through a broker situation. This looks like we’re setting up someone as a sanctioned broker. **Hamza:** There’s all kinds of ramifications here. This can’t be this easy. It could even affect our not-for-profit status. This is not something we’re just going to whip out at a board meeting and decide. This ball has got to get slowed way down. You know what? I’m going to pull this out for now. Ed, why don’t you take a look at this? I’ll be back in Rochester the middle of next week. Why don’t you give me a call next Wednesday and we’ll chat about the first blush on this. Once Ed and I have talked, we’ll set up some sort of conference call with Ed, me, Dick, maybe Rich and Dennis. If you want to be in on it, that’s fine, and anybody else who might want to do it. We’ll probably have to set up some sort of basic format for these things in the future, as well. **Meeker:** Jerry, this is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead Ginger. **Meeker:** Without getting into a big deal, I would just like to express my concern that this not start happening. We have people all over the world that are doing lots of work for CFA, and it’s all on a volunteer basis. I think we’re sending the wrong message. **Hamza:** I share your concerns. Like I said, you know what? This really needs to be looked at much closer. That’s why



I'm putting the brakes on it right now. **Meeker:** Thank you. **Hamza:** I can't even tell you because I haven't even gotten into this. I've had a family issue and I haven't even seen this the right way. Ed hasn't seen it the right way, either, so it's just not going to go anywhere today. **Anger:** This is Rachel. I would be glad to table it until next meeting, so that we can move on. **Hamza:** OK. At the next meeting, we'll be able to – I don't think it's going to be ready next meeting either, but we'll be able to inform the board what direction we think is prudent. This is the kind of thing I think that's going to have to develop into some sort of policy, because as Dennis aptly pointed out, this is going to repeat itself in different forums.

**Tabled.**

(9) **2019 ANNUAL.**

*Report Site Visits for the 2019 Annual*

*This past weekend, I met with Pat Zollman and Jodell Raymond to tour three possible sites for the 2019 Annual.*

*The first two were on Long Island. We visited the Hyatt Long Island and the Marriott. I asked Geri Fellerman, a candidate for Region 1 Director to join us on Long Island.*

*Hyatt: We found that the configuration of the meeting space would not meet our needs. While there was a large enough ballroom, the halls surrounding it were quite narrow. We would not be able to accommodate vendors. There was also limited breakout areas and the ballroom would have to be used for Saturday meetings.*

*Marriott: This hotel would work. It is about ½ hour from both LaGuardia and Kennedy Airport. The meeting space would work. We found the hotel dated, although they told us that it had been renovated just a year ago.*

*There were two restaurants in the hotel. Several eating places within a couple of miles but you would need a car. Excellent Sales Manager.*

*We then took a Road trip to the Turning Stone Resort in Verona NY, Verona about 20 minutes from Syracuse. I asked Pierre Rivard, a candidate for Region 1 Director to join us.*

*The Turning Stone Resort and Casino is very impressive. They have three hotel sections. The ballroom and meeting rooms are almost limitless. They have 9 restaurants ranging in price from economical to deluxe. The price is higher than what we have been used to but we were told that if we went to the last week of June, that the price would be better. Pat Zollman will be working on that with them.*

*After visiting the two LI hotels, I asked Pat and Jodell to reconsider Montreal Canada. I shied away originally as I heard many “complaints” about needing a passport for the Toronto Annual. Many are saying they will not go. The CFA people who want to and always attend will, I am sure get a passport for this annual and it will still be valid for the Region 1 annual. Pat will be contacting the Sheraton in Montreal for their complete package. At some point in time we will be visiting there.*

**Hamza:** #9 is the 2019 Annual. **Roy:** I just sent it in so people would know what we were doing. I won't guarantee that we will have the place chosen by the June meeting, but hopefully we will. That's just so people will know what we have done so far. **Hamza:** If you need any help, Sharon, feel free to ask. We've helped a lot of other regions. **Roy:** I will say that the Turning Stone Resort and Casino – you probably have been there, Jerry – is really, really nice. **Hamza:** Let me tell you this. I have wonderful friends at Turning Stone that I have known for many years, so if you need help with Turning Stone, that's one of the places I can really help you with. Like I said, I have friends that I've had there for over 20 years. If that's a place you're thinking of going, you should let me make a couple calls. **Roy:** OK.

(10) **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.**

*Committee Chair: Donna Jean Thompson*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The 2013-2014 Show Rules and Show Standards have gone to press. Both booklets will be here prior to the April teleconference. We will begin sending the “New Season” show boxes immediately to include the new rules. Judges will receive their copies of Rules and Standards, Clerks copies of the Show Rules, and Breed Council Members will receive their ordered materials upon their Membership Renewal.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*We’re making our lists and checking them twice as the end of the current Show Season is upon us and the time is short between the last show April 26-27 and the first Regional Banquets to be held in June.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for receipt of Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions for consideration at the June Annual Meeting. Please encourage your constituents to submit them as soon as possible.*

**Action Item:**

**1. Show Request:**

*Club Name: Havana Brown Breed Council*

*Date: September 6-7, 2014*

*Location: Chantilly, Virginia*

*The Havana Brown Breed Council is sponsoring a ring at National Capital in honor of the Havana Brown. They will be scoring the kittens, cats and premiership cats on their own and are asking if once the Havana Brown judging has been completed in all the rings the highest scoring in each category (3 cats total - one each from Championship, Kitten & Premiership) be brought back and the Highest Scoring in show will be chosen.*

**Hamza:** We can do Central Office. Go ahead. **Thompson:** I’m sorry, I’m here. The main thing I was interested in is the show request from the Havana Brown Breed Council. They are sponsoring a ring at the National Capital Show in honor of the Havana Brown. They themselves will be scoring the kittens, cats and premiership on their own and are asking if, once the Havana Brown judging has been completed in all the rings, the highest scoring in category – the top kitten, cat and premiership cat – can be brought back for their judge to choose the highest scoring cat in show, and present a special rosette. **Hannon:** Is somebody going to judge those three cats? **Thompson:** Yes. The judge that they have chosen to do their ring. **Hamza:** But there’s no points awarded. It’s just a rosette. **Thompson:** It’s strictly an honorary thing. They are really trying to push the Havana Brown on this anniversary year and it’s just a special thing strictly for them.

**Baugh:** This is Loretta. The only reason it's coming up actually is, we let judges present the highest scoring kitten, cat and premier, but this is going to be a decision. The judge is going to judge the three cats, which is a decision outside of the show rules, so it has to have board approval. **Hannon:** Do you want to make a motion? **Baugh:** I make a motion that we allow them to do this. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

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

***Central Office Request:*** Working with the via pedigree registration requests, as well as TRN (Temporary Registration Number) requests is a serious time consuming project. We (Monique and I) are working to streamline the process as best we can, yet certain activities cannot be hurried or shortened.

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**Thompson:** Thank you very much. OK, I have been busy up to my eyeballs here and I apologize for not getting this report together until the very last minute, but it's just all the time that I had. Since I have taken over quite a bit of the responsibility for the Temporary Registration Numbers, as well as the registration via pedigree, there are a number of problems that are extremely time consuming, and we're having great difficulties with them. I think some of them I put in and these are not the final forms. I don't expect you to take action because of such short notice on my part, but I want you to give some very serious thought to our use of the Temporary Registration Number, which is doing good for us but there have been a couple of situations where I think it has been abused and I know there are some other areas in which we are trying to get more information on the website so the people that use the Temporary Registration Number, as well as those that use the registration via pedigree, are going to be better informed as to what is needed from them for the various breeds, because I know Breeds and Standards have brought that up and that's something we want to get on the website, but there are problems there that really need to be addressed and I think the thing that hurt me the most, and I haven't run into it a great deal so we're not talking like thousands of dollars here, depending on who you talk to, if we couldn't register a cat, we didn't charge them anything. "Well, OK, we're sorry, we can't

register your cat,” but in other cases, “well, we had to research this cat, so you have to pay a \$10 fee” and if you haven’t already taken the money from them, you’re not going to get it. So, we gave thought to upfront fees on both ends of it, for both the TRN and the ped regs, to cover some of the initial work that has to be done. Quite frankly, to be honest with you, while we are at this meeting I’m here tonight putting together ped regs to be considered to be presented to the girls tomorrow for work. There’s a lot more work than I think anyone behind the scenes to have these in proper preparation to get them taken care of in a timely manner. We have been able to cut down on our time with these. We really have. I’m very proud of that, but I think we can do even better if we streamline the situation a little more. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** I’m not sure why we don’t charge the whole thing up front when we register by pedigree. If we have to do all the work to find out it’s not registerable because the person who submitted it didn’t check their pedigrees carefully enough before it got turned over to us, I don’t see why we’re doing the work for free. **Hamza:** I agree with that. It has always been done this way and I think this is poor, because it does take all this work. **Thompson:** It does. Before, I was aware that there was work involved, but before taking it upon myself – after passing on the Director of Operations position and taking this on myself, my God, this is possibly a full-time job just to keep these going because we are experiencing excellent growth. We have some fantastic entry clerks. We have others that just do not give us information. We have entry clerks that type out everything and we can get in contact with people, but we contact people and ask for more generations, or say “yes, we can register your cat, please send us the additional financial information,” and never hear from them again. The day I learned about the Temporary Registration Number, I had 40 of them placed in front of me and they said, “oh, here” – **Hamza:** Donna Jean. Donna Jean, let’s get the money up front. **Thompson:** OK. **Meeker:** So Jerry, we would charge the \$40 for a TRN? **Hamza:** Yeah, but it covers everything. We get the money upfront instead of piecemeal. **Meeker:** That’s what the motion would be then, would be to charge \$40 for a Temporary Registration Number. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Thompson:** That is not exactly what I was asking for. What I was asking for was, instead of I think we charge \$15 now, I was asking for \$25 upfront and for a box to be added to the form that if we were able to register the cat, the breeder of the cat or the owner of the cat had to give us the payment information to secure the additional \$15. **Hamza:** Why do you want to make it that complicated? Why don’t you just get all the money upfront? **Meeker:** Yes, Donna Jean. I just gave you a better option. **Hamza:** Why mess around with it? You’re going to do almost the same amount of work, regardless. **Hannon:** And you would have to wait around for that second payment, which may never show up. **Meeker:** Right. **Thompson:** Right. That’s right. That’s probably why my office looks like this. **Hamza:** If it fails, it’s not our fault. The work is still identical. We need to get paid for the work. **Thompson:** You’re right. **Petty:** Is that going to discourage Temporary Registration Numbers? **Hamza:** I don’t think so – not with anybody who is sincere about it. **Thompson:** The last 3 or 4 shows that I have gotten Temporary Registration Numbers on, these people have been serious. They have sent in the proper amount of generations that were needed. They have even prepaid the fees, they were that kind of serious through the club, and sent us the complete information. I am giving TRN numbers to Shirley faster than she has ever seen them before, so the people are getting very serious, but being able to register 4 cats out of 40 entries and the time spent dealing with this situation was incredible. **Hamza:** If your intentions are to follow through and end up with CFA registered cats, then this is not going to discourage you. You’re going to pay it anyway. Actually, it’s easier for you. **Eigenhauser:** We’re actually dealing with two separate issues here, because not all registrations via pedigree are done through

TRN. **Thompson:** Say, if somebody sends in a registration via pedigree, a lot of them are from here in the States and they are done all in English and I can look at them and I can see, OK, if there's a color there or a breed there that we cannot accept or cannot be in that last generation for a breeding only, I will contact them and I don't feel like I need any money for that. That's 10 seconds for me to say, "no, there cannot be a pink British Shorthair in the second generation, so we can't register that, sorry." **Hamza:** Donna Jean, I'm trying to get to a motion here. **Hannon:** Yeah, you are over-talking this issue. **Hamza:** Go ahead Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** We're talking two different kind of stuff here. First we have the TRN and then we have the via pedigree registrations. They are totally different issues. I wouldn't change anything on the current TRN procedure. I would go like that. We could make one exception. We could make a box in the TRN form which says, "yes, I want my pedigree to be investigated, as I am interested in registration of my cat with CFA." Only if that box would be crossed, then the pedigrees would be checked. This way, if we can see it directly from the form that this person is not interested in registration of these cats, we don't do any extra work. **Thompson:** From what I understand, they are giving points to kitties that – kitties get points from these, and at that show they had 40 cats – **Hamza:** OK, Donna Jean. Donna Jean, let's let some of the other people talk. **Meeker:** Jerry, my understanding is, the whole purpose of the TRN is to get a cat temporarily registered, to participate in a CFA show and if qualified, that cat would go on to be registered in CFA. **Hamza:** Right. **Meeker:** My understanding is that many of the TRNs, particularly in Russia, have a very, very low percentage of turning that TRN around into a registered cat, and yet these cats are being counted in a show count. I think that's where the concern comes in, so that why I proffered to make the TRN \$40 to cover the whole cost of the procedure and to perhaps cut down on the stuffing of cats that are never going to meet our registration standards. **Hannon:** I have to support what Ginger is saying. It sounds like what they are doing over there is stuffing shows and just paying the extra \$15 so the campaign cats can get the advantage of those points and they never had any intention of going through with the full registration of the cat. I don't think we want to encourage that. **Hamza:** No, I agree. I was there when we were putting it together, and I worked very hard to put together the TRNs. The intention was to make it easy for these cats to get registered, and for the points to count for them. The object was to get rid of the stuffing. If what we did was to create a more expensive stuffing, that was not the intention. **Hannon:** That sounds like what we're getting. **Hamza:** And, if what I'm hearing from Donna Jean is, look, we're here to service CFA's customers, no one else. We're CFA. If what I'm hearing is, if we are charging \$40 up front and it provides better service for CFA customers, that's my main concern. I'm not volunteering my time to help non-CFA people out. I also have an interest in helping people who aren't CFA who are interested in CFA to come over and to give them service, but there's a line there that we have to respect. **Petty:** We are trying to discourage stuffing, so I don't have a problem with charging the \$40 for the TRN, but I think we should do Pauli's suggestion, too. If they're not really interested in following through with the registration, we don't have to do all that research on it. They can just say, "no, don't register" and still pay the \$40. **Hamza:** That's right. That leads me to wonder how many people are not going to check the box. I see your point, and it would be kind of fun to see what happens. **Hannon:** Is the purpose of the box to say, "yes, I'm checking this, I really am a stuffer"? **Huhtaniemi:** If you have seen a few people in the shows, they might enter 2 or 3 cats and they usually only register the cats which were best in show, then they would do the registration with CFA. **Hamza:** But Pauli, let me ask you this; if they've got to pay the \$40 anyway, are they not going to check the box? **Huhtaniemi:** They would not enter the show. If they have to pay the entry plus \$40, it's too

much money for some people. **Hamza:** Then the question gets deeper. The question is, are they really even interested in registering that cat in CFA? **Eigenhauser:** I recall awhile back Dick came up with some statistics about how many of the TRNs actually come through. I would really like to be able to quantify that. We're all kind of shooting from the hip on this. I appreciate having a discussion here, but I really don't want to take action today. What I would really like to do is, take this back, quantify how many TRNs are coming over. Is there an area where there is a problem? How do we fine tune our solution to the problem, rather than just coming up with some meat ax solution that we come up with on the fly today. **Hamza:** We can do that, too. I wasn't really thinking we were going to vote on it today. Rachel, why don't you do this? Why don't you send Dick a portion of this part of the meeting, saying that, can he send the whole board the TRN statistics, and then we'll move this to April once everybody has had a chance to look at it. The one thing I do want to say, George, is that regardless of where the statistics come out, with or without this checked box, the work is almost similar, so to pick up the \$40 is really defraying the cost either way. **Huhtaniemi:** Actually, the files are already on File Vista. They have been there quite a long time. **Hamza:** That's something we need to look at, because really the leg work is not much different. **Thompson:** I work more on a TRN, because you have to try to contact the person to get the additional payment to you because the club takes their \$15 and they could care less about anything else and if no one puts any other information on the TRN form, you have to write and try to get the money. Well, sometimes you try to figure out email addresses 2 or 3 times, even if you have an email address. **Hamza:** I'm not talking about difficulties, I'm talking about if the procedure works properly. OK, so we'll revisit this in April. Is there anything else from Central Office? **Thompson:** No, that was basically it, and I didn't, I honestly didn't expect any yes or no answers tonight, I just wanted you to know that there was a problem and we really needed investigation and help. **Hamza:** We're going to pick it up in April.

	<i>2012-2013 TRNs</i>					<i>05/13- 02/14 TRNs</i>				
	<i>Total</i>	<i>R1-R7</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>R9</i>	<i>ID</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>R1-R7</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>R9</i>	<i>ID</i>
<i># Catalog TRNS</i>	<b>370</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>(%)</i>		<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>6%</i>		<i>13%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>TRNs rejected</i>	<b>17</b>			<b>17</b>						
<i>No ped</i>	<b>7</b>			<b>7</b>						
<i>No ped/form/\$</i>	<b>10</b>			<b>10</b>						
<i>TRNs accepted</i>	<b>353</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Registered</i>	<b>143</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>
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- N. American TRNs have doubled over the show year
- International Division TRNs are low

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	<b>#</b>	<b>Registered</b>		<b>#</b>	<b>Registered</b>	
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<b>Russia</b>	122	47	39%	63	12	19%
<b>Ukraine</b>	100	23	23%	40	6	15%
	251	86		117	19	
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Dick Kallmeyer

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260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601, USA

## TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER (TRN) APPLICATION FORM

CAT INFORMATION	
Name	
Date of Birth mm/dd/yy mm:          dd:          yy:	Breed
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Neuter <input type="checkbox"/> Spay	Color (and CFA color prefix if known)
Sire	CFA reg no (if registered)
Dam	CFA reg no (if registered)

**\*\* Exhibitor must attach a copy of a certified four generation pedigree unless otherwise specified for your breed \*\***

Reference CFA Rules for Registration: <http://www.cfa.org/documents/registration-rules.pdf>

OWNER INFORMATION			
Name			
Street address			
City	State /Province	Country	Zip/Postal Code
Telephone (including country code)		Email address	

REGISTRATION VIA PEDIGREE: \$40		PAYMENT INFORMATION	
Registration via pedigree is \$40. TRN non-refundable fee is US \$25. TRN can be rescinded if the cat is found to be non-registerable with CFA. TRN non-refundable research fee is US \$25. If cat is CFA registerable, payment information for the \$15 balance must be included.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid In Cash	Credit card number	Expiration date mm:          / yy:	CVS/CVV code
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card payment	Credit card holder's name		
Street address			
City	State/Province	Country	Zip / Postal Code

SHOW MANAGEMENT USE ONLY		Must be completed	
<b>TRN</b> _____ Insert 9 digit TRN number	Entry number (in show catalog)	Show Location	
	Club name	First day of the show mm:          dd:          yy:	
	TRN issued by <input type="checkbox"/> Entry Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Master Clerk	Master Clerk confirms <input type="checkbox"/> Pedigree copy <input type="checkbox"/> Payment information <input type="checkbox"/> CH/PR claim form and fee	
Name:	Email:		

CENTRAL OFFICE USE ONLY	
Form received date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedigree approved          TRN approval date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for registration	Permanent registration number: _____ - _____
Notes:	



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for pedigreed cats registered with other association than The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc

CAT INFORMATION		
Cat's Name:		
Date of Birth mm:      dd:      yy:	Breed:	
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Neuter <input type="checkbox"/> Spay	Color:	
PARENTS:		
Sire:	CFA registration number (if CFA registered)	
Dam:	CFA registration number (if CFA registered)	
Any additional information: (Like CFA registration numbers for cats in the pedigree if they are not stated already in the pedigree)		
BREEDER INFORMATION		
Breeder's name:		
Street Address:		
Town:	State or Country:	Zip:
OWNER INFORMATION		
Owner's name:		
Street Address:		
Town:	State or Country:	Zip:
Telephone (including countrycode):	Email Address (Required):	
REQUESTED SERVICE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Via pedigree registration for showing & breeding purposes (\$40.00)(\$20 Research fee deducted upon receipt of request)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Via pedigree registration for breeding purposes only (\$40.00). <i>(This service is available only for certain breeds.)</i> (\$20 Research fee deducted upon receipt of request)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Via pedigree registration with existing TRN number (\$15.00). TRN Number: TRN <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattery name suffix to be add (\$8.00). Cattery number:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Champion or Premier title (\$15.00). Championship claim form must be sent with this form.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited service fee for registration (+\$25.00 for regular registration fees)		
Certified pedigree with required generations for registration must be sent with this form.		
Reference CFA Rules for Registration: <a href="http://www.cfa.org/documents/registration-rules.pdf">http://www.cfa.org/documents/registration-rules.pdf</a>		
PAYMENT INFORMATION		
Credit card number:	Expiration date: mm:      yy:	CVS/CVV code
Credit card holder's name::		
Street Address:		
Town:	State or Country:	Zip:

**(11) SHOW SCHEDULING.**

*These two shows will need BOD approval as at least one neighboring RD did not vote to approve the changes. I am sorry for the late send, but I am writing it all out all for you so hopefully most of you will have a chance to look at it.*

*Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club has used the 5th weekend of March for 2013 and 2014. March returns to 4 weekends in 2015. Although we (the club and myself) spent a great deal of time researching other weekends, the best fit was the 4th weekend of March for 2015. A show in Chicago, IL (Cat'n On The Fox), 915 miles away, has objected. R6 RD didn't vote yes or no on this show, but the club is asking for me to proceed as quickly as possible. Some show halls book up faster than others; their show hall is one of those.*

*Finally, I'd like to point out that the last time HCC was against Lucky Tomcat, Lucky Tom had one of the best counts they have had in years. It appears that competition was actually GOOD for Lucky Tom rather than vice versa.*

*As a final note, I'd like to point out it seems like R3 has more complaints/objections about our shows needing to change dates than any other region. This hasn't gone unnoticed by the region. There have been some calls for me to give "tit for tat" to every show that requests a change that borders our region. I'm asking the other RD's to please consider distances and exhibitor bases before not voting to approve changes for shows - especially those in the southern part of the GSR.*

*--C Altschul*

**Hamza:** Carissa, are you on? **Altschul:** Yeah, I'm here. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** I sent out an email to the board members, to try to save the amount of talking that I'm going to need to do. I've got two clubs who have requested changes. Both clubs have received objections. The Regional Directors didn't vote no but they didn't vote yes. Both of these clubs are asking for resolution. They have time-sensitive show halls. The first one is Greater Baton Rouge. They have been on the fifth weekend this year and last year. March does not have 5 weekends next year. They are requesting to move to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We did look at about 10 other weekends for them and either there was a conflict with the show hall or when we started looking at other regions, there were shows that were close to 500 miles away and we decided that wasn't a good idea. So, the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of March was the best option for them. We also looked at the TICA show schedule to make sure that they weren't going to be against us with a show, because we have a lot of cross-over exhibitors. There was an objection received from Cat'n on the Fox, which is a show in Chicago 950 miles away. Dick did a report. I didn't include this in my email, but both Cat'n on the Fox and Greater Baton Rouge pulled from about a 300 mile range for their exhibitors. I am asking for the board to approve the show on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March in 2015.

**Hamza:** Just to be clear, you are asking the board to approve the Baton Rouge show, and the club that is objecting to this weekend for Baton Rouge is 950 miles away. **Altschul:** On MapQuest, using major highways, yes.

**Calhoun:** This is Kathy. Can I speak to this? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Calhoun:** So, the question that I asked [on the Regional Directors' list] on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February when this discussion started is still the question that I have today. It was not so much about the show in Baton Rouge. The question was about the procedure with which we manage these sorts of things. In this particular instance, a notification went out on the CFA News the next morning after

Carissa's email to the Regional Directors' list. Had I had an opportunity to have a discussion with Cat'n on the Fox about this prior to it being published, we could have avoided this, because there was no way this was not going to happen because of Chicago. My question was, and still is, about the procedure. **Hannon:** What do you propose? **Calhoun:** My understanding was that the Regional Directors got a certain amount of time, be it 72 hours, be it whatever it is, that they can have a discussion with their constituents about what was going on and test the water, work it out. **Hamza:** Let me just say a couple things here, because here's the problem with all this. This came up as a resolution at the Annual and it really wasn't well thought out. It came up and it sounded good: let's give people notification and let's open the doors, but really to what end? Here we have a club that's 950 miles away objecting, and really you have a valid point. What is the procedure? What do we do here? What does this accomplish, is the real question. I don't think it helps much. I think what it does is, it creates more issues than it solves. So, that's something the board has to decide. I understand the intention was to try to give more of a voice, but to some extent we're a business and common sense has to creep in here somehow, somewhere, and that's what wasn't ever addressed. **Petty:** When this first came up, the initial intent was to make sure that clubs had the chance to remind their regional director that a new show might be in conflict with their show. It was never intended to give the clubs any kind of veto power anywhere near that. It was just to make sure that the RDs didn't approve a show and overlook one that they didn't realize was happening. I think we've given the clubs a little too much power with this, and we just need to treat it as it was initially intended. **Hamza:** What you're saying is that the RD should just say, "We hear you, but you know what? We have a 500 mile policy and that's the end of it." **Calhoun:** And that could have happened. Unless the club made a point of vocalizing the fact that they had an objection, I feel that as an RD I need to bring that forth. Now, all I am asking is, if the procedure is that we put it on the CFA News – at one time, we had a procedure where all the RDs weighed in. Then we changed that procedure to just neighboring RDs. Then the procedure seems to have been amended again that we just – so, the point of advising the RDs in advance if we're going to just publicize it the next day is what? **Hamza:** I guess it's just informative. **Hannon:** I can shed some light on it. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Hannon:** The whole thing started with a show in February a couple years ago. Sophisticats had a show and a club in the Pittsburgh area requested to use the date. I was Regional Director and I gave them the approval. I approved on behalf of the neighboring region, and I did not ask the Carolina club. The Carolina club justifiably was concerned that I never asked for their input. This was a way to let them know when there are shows coming up on their weekend, it assured them that they would then be informed of the request. That's how this whole thing started and it has escalated dramatically from that. **Meeker:** I think it went from a mechanism for communication to clubs feeling they have the power to say, "No, another club can't have that date because it's going to hurt my club." **Hamza:** You can see how that came out of the Annual meeting. **Meeker:** – forever banned National Scheduling Committee. **Hamza:** You can see how that emotion could come out of the last Annual meeting, where this came from the floor. **Meeker:** Absolutely, and that's when the delegates said yes, we want to know, but it sort of morphed into, "Now that I know I'm going to object and as my Regional Director, you better get the show cancelled." **Hamza:** Which is ridiculous. **Calhoun:** It's not that you need to get the show cancelled, you just need to make my objection known. I think part of the role of the Regional Director is to manage that situation, but all I am asking is, where do we go from here? If, in fact, we can just say there's a 500 mile rule and beyond that – **Hamza:** I think that's what you have to do, Kathy. I think you have to say, "Look, I hear you, but unless there's something

extraordinary, the 500 mile rule takes precedent.” **Baugh:** This is Loretta. **Hamza:** Is Kathy done? Then I’ll go to you, Loretta. **Calhoun:** I just want to make sure that’s published and it’s not “Kathy’s Rule”, and that folks understand. **Hamza:** Can we call it “Kathy’s Rule” anyway? **Calhoun:** No, let’s not. I kind of like being an RD, so, you know. **Baugh:** I think Kathy’s objection and maybe, correct me Kathy if I’m wrong, but I was under the impression that your objection was that it was posted on the CFA News before you had a chance to give any input. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Baugh:** Am I right in that interpretation or not? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Baugh:** OK, and I agree with you in that regard, because I hate to see something on the News when I don’t have any idea that it’s coming up. It’s nice to be able to at least get your ducks in a row when you get assaulted. You can’t let that happen. **Hamza:** It’s part of the problem when resolutions come from the floor and tie our hands without our input, because we do this all the time. We know what’s coming. It’s a very frustrating situation but there’s not a lot we can do about it, because that’s the way the rules are written. **Hannon:** Kathy’s got a valid complaint. The Regional Directors put something out on the Regional Directors’ list and they say, “so-and-so wants to change their day or they want to change their location,” and they frequently say to me, “would you please post this on the CFA News” alright? In this particular case, that’s what happened. Carissa said, “would you post this on the News” and I posted it. Maybe the Regional Directors need to get together and say, OK, once we notify each other, let’s wait a couple days or whatever so that we have time to work with the club before you post this. **Calhoun:** And manage the situation, exactly. **Hannon:** That’s what we need is, the Regional Directors to agree that once they’ve received this information as a request and they share it with the other RDs, how long do we wait before I send out the CFA News announcement? I think that solves the problem that Kathy has. **Hamza:** So, let me ask the RDs, how long do you need? **Altschul:** We’ve had a problem several times on the list where an RD will not respond for well over a week. **Calhoun:** If the RD doesn’t respond, then it’s on the RD. **Altschul:** Then do we just assume that’s a yes vote? I don’t mind posting it and having a standard time to wait, but we need to be careful here because I get a little annoyed several times because we post something and then it just sits there, and then 2 weeks later we’re like, “will everybody please vote on this?” **Baugh:** I’ve had the same thing happen. **Eigenhauser:** I think we’re mixing apples and oranges here. Mark’s suggestion was, not that silence is assent; Mark’s suggestion was, as a matter of courtesy, the Regional Directors should work up a way to give each other a head’s up before it goes out on the CFA News. We’re talking about two different things, so my suggestion is, let the Regional Directors come up with a plan for how much time they feel they need to give each other a courtesy notice before it goes out and do it. Then as for people that don’t respond in terms of getting news out, if you miss your mail you miss your mail. There’s nothing you can do about that, but in terms of silence being an assent, I think that’s an entirely separate issue. I think that we should send it back to the Regional Directors to decide how much head’s up notice they want to give each other before it goes on CFA News, but how they vote among themselves, that’s a separate issue. **Hamza:** We can certainly do that, George. That’s fine, we’ll do that for that, but I still have to deal with two clubs that are looking for show dates that we have to deal with tonight.

**Eigenhauser:** I think it addresses Kathy’s concern, and as to the other one, I’m ready to vote on allowing a show 900 miles away. **Meeker:** Are you making a motion, George? **Calhoun:** Yeah, I’m ready to vote. **Hamza:** OK. Alright, Carissa, would you make your motion for your Baton Rouge club, please? **Altschul:** My motion is that the Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club be allowed to have their show on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of March. I believe the location is actually Gonzalez, Louisiana, which is a suburb of Baton Rouge. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

**Meeker:** That's for 2014? **Altschul:** No, for 2015. They're on the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend for 2014. This is for 2015.

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

**Hamza:** So they are approved for their date. Carissa, do you have any other dates?

**Altschul:** Yeah, I have Houston Cat Club, which is a more complicated situation. Houston Cat Club has had to change their date multiple times over the years and it has caused a conflict every single time. After talking with the club about trying to establish a way of setting their traditional date, Tracy pointed out that there are other clubs with floating dates, based on holidays. They have to move their date, based on the proximity of New Year's. For the past two years, they have had their show on the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They would like to continue that tradition of having their show on the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other shows have this tradition, and I need to establish Houston on that date so that they don't have to go through this every two years when they need to move, to get away from the New Year's holiday or when they move back to the first weekend when the New Year's holiday is further away. Again, two clubs had problems with this. Crown City Cat Club, which I actually have the wrong distance in my email. I quote 1,500 miles. They are actually 1,640 miles from Houston, and Lucky Tom, who has always had objections to Houston moving, they are 837 miles by major highways, and 793 if you want to cut across Missouri on back roads. I understand Lucky Tom's concern, but Lucky Tom had their highest count the last time they were against Houston. They seem to do better with the competition, rather than worse. I'm asking that Houston be allowed to establish their traditional date. I'm not really sure why – honestly, I don't think I need to come to the board for this. They have done it the last two years, setting the rules for establishing a traditional date, but just as a floating weekend, here I am. **Hamza:** I have a question for the other RDs that have clubs that are floating this weekend. Is it understood that this date is a floater? **Shelton:** Speaking on Crown City's behalf, no, I don't think that is understood at all that it was floating as the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I don't ever remember it being presented that way before. **Hamza:** Does their date float? **Shelton:** Crown City's? No. Crown City is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January, period. That is my main objection to this. It's not necessarily that I think that Houston will hurt Crown City that much. They may lose a few entries, because Crown City did draw from all over everywhere this year, but if they are saying right now, "OK, this is their traditional date based on what they've done the last two years" has not really been clear to the other clubs who didn't know that that's what they were trying to establish. Since it hasn't been presented that way, nobody could plan for that. **Meeker:** As I read the show rules, a T Date definition is 1 through 4 weeks of a month. A floating weekend does not qualify in the definition of traditional weekend. **Hannon:** We can't follow that show rule. We've already established traditional dates that are floating, and I've quoted it to the Regional Directors, there are 3 of them in the Southern Region. There is one that is the weekend before Labor Day. There is another that is the weekend after Labor Day. There's another that is Easter weekend. They have been doing this. National Capital has been doing it for 33 years. You can't say, "well, now we're going to follow a different rule. You have to be established the second weekend or the first weekend of September, regardless of when Labor Day is." **Shelton:** But the point is, everybody knows National Capital does that. They've always advertised themselves as the weekend after Labor Day. I don't ever remember Houston saying, "we always do our show the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup>." **Hannon:** My comment isn't addressed to you, but to what Ginger said about, you can't have floating dates. **Meeker:** I'm not saying you can't. **Hamza:** The point is this anyway, folks. If everybody agrees that that's the

way the mechanics of that weekend work, then it works. If everybody is in agreement, then what difference does it make? **Meeker:** We're finding clubs that aren't in agreement, Jerry, and that's why these exceptions to the rule need to be looked at. **Calhoun:** For instance, I have Lincoln State. They refer to their show as the last weekend in February. I keep pushing that it is not the last weekend in February, it is the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. You need to count the weekends from the beginning to the end. So, it makes it difficult for an RD when you're trying to hold some people accountable to the rules as they are written, and others are not held to that same rule. I never knew, and when this dialogue started up that was the first time I have ever heard of this "relative to one date" for Houston. **Altschul:** I can clear it up if you will give me a chance to talk.

**Calhoun:** When I am finished, you can talk. **Hamza:** OK. Kathy finish, and then Loretta and then Carissa. **Calhoun:** I'm done. **Baugh:** We have a floating date in Region 4 which is for National Siamese for the Labor Day weekend. It hasn't been an issue but it is a floating date. I went through and checked for the next 10 years on what weekend comes after the 4<sup>th</sup> of January and for 6 of those years, Houston would have their show on the first weekend and for the other 4 they would have their show on the second weekend, because of the way it works out. So, it's a 6 and 4 thing. That's been the policy with Houston. I've been on the board almost 10 years and I know it's been discussed before, and it has always been a situation where it has been allowed. It's never been, in my knowledge, referred to as the first weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup>, I have to agree with that, but looking at the weekends, we ran into the same thing when we were talking about the World Show, whether it was going to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend or the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, or the weekend before Thanksgiving or whatever. **Hamza:** My biggest concern here is the distances. I think they are adequate. The other thing you don't want to get into is, you don't want to get into a tit for tat situation. That's really important. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. When you're looking at this, you're going to have to be in the reciprocal situation at points. I think that's the way you have to look at this. **Altschul:** I tried to say that establishing the traditional weekend as the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup> was a new thing. We were doing it so Houston doesn't have to come back to the board every 2 years, because there have always been objections to them moving. This is a new thing. If you go back with Houston's 50 years of shows, about half of them fall on the first weekend of January and about half of them fall on the second weekend of January, and there's one or two that are on different weekends. So, they have been moving back and forth for years and years. This is 5 decades of tradition here. It's the first time since Tracy pointed out that it would be good to set it up as the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup> that we're proposing making a traditional weekend so that Houston doesn't have to come back, because if you look at the next 10 years, about every 2 years they are switching weekends from first to second, second to first, based on the first weekend after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, ideally we would like to set it up as the first weekend after January 4<sup>th</sup>, because in about 10 years they run into a problem where they don't really want to have their show on January 4<sup>th</sup>, so ideally I would like to set it up as the first weekend after January 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm doing this because it causes problems every time and it's a solution where clubs in other regions can now plan for it, now they know what Houston's going to do, and the Regional Directors know what they are going to do, and Houston doesn't have to sit on the hot seat waiting for the board to vote on their show every 2 years.

**Hamza:** Here's what I'm thinking, just to be fair. For Kathy and Mike, and for the other Regional Directors, I think maybe we wait until April. **Altschul:** Actually, we can't do that because they're going to lose their show hall. The George R. Brown books a year in advance.

**Hamza:** Then maybe we do it online, but hear me out first. I think that we talk to all the clubs that are on that weekend and offer them the same deal if they want. **Altschul:** As long as we can



get back, so they can float and be opposite of Houston. I have no problem. **Hamza:** Or, that we make a motion that every club on that weekend can have that same deal. **Hannon:** I don't understand why we want to make a deal. Both of the objections were over 500 miles away. **Hamza:** I agree with that part of it, that they should be able to go ahead and do the show, but I also agree that if we're going to allow this club on that weekend to have that kind of latitude, that we should allow all the other clubs on that weekend to have that kind of latitude to deal with the first of the year. **Hannon:** Can we allow Carissa to have a motion to approve it for this coming year, so they can sign their contract? **Hamza:** That's fine. Somebody make the motion. **Altschul:** I make the motion that Houston be allowed to move to the second weekend of January for 2015. **Eigenhauser:** George seconds.

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

**Hannon:** OK, now the next step would be to give them a month to discuss with the clubs the idea of a floating date, right? **Hamza:** Right. All the RDs can discuss with all their clubs that have that same weekend if they would like to take advantage of that option, they can. **Hannon:** And then we'll talk about this again at the April meeting. **Hamza:** Right. **Petty:** The point of the traditional calendar was not to protect the date, it's to let other clubs know when a show is traditionally happening. Ten years ago, we could remember when everybody's traditional date was, but now clubs have moved around a lot, so I have just been telling clubs, "if you can define what your date is, I will put it on the calendar." That's why Houston, I told Carissa to just tell Houston to define it somehow, some simple way that it can go on the calendar and everybody can look at it and know for any year in the future what date Houston is planning to use. So, any of those other clubs can do that on that weekend or any other weekend. As long as they have done it for 2 years in a row and they can define it, I'll put it on the traditional calendar. **Hamza:** The difference with this one is that it's going to move, depending on the way the dates fall. **Hannon:** A lot of them move. **Hamza:** Yeah, I know that. Well, not a lot of them, a few. **Meeker:** No, a lot of them. **Shelton:** I think that's what we really need to do. If that's what it comes down to is what Tracy said, it's planning. Fundamentally, I don't think that we can deny one club a date based on a show 1,500 miles away. Even though I think this will cost Crown City some entries, that would entirely handcuff us for show scheduling if we say we can't have shows 1,500 miles apart, as long as clubs know when a show somewhere else is going to be. **Altschul:** Right. **Baugh:** Why can't we just, on the traditional schedule, put the show in Region 7 Easter weekend, the show in Region 4 Labor Day weekend, without specifying what weekend it is in the month, and Houston the first weekend after whatever January date they want to use. Isn't that the easiest way to spell it out for the clubs, so they can figure it out themselves. **Petty:** That's exactly how it is now. **Baugh:** But it should be on the calendar that way, I guess is what Tracy is saying. **Petty:** It is on the calendar that way. **Baugh:** OK. So, for Houston, would you not put down the first weekend after whatever date it is they want to use? **Petty:** That's exactly what I would put. **Baugh:** I thought we were on the same page but I wasn't sure. I was just trying to clarify. Thank you. **Raymond:** I just want to clarify. Show Rule 12.03.d. specifically provides that traditional dates come in two types – fixed and floating. So, it does comport with the show rules. **Hamza:** OK. That's good to know.

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**Hannon:** OK, so we're done here? **Hamza:** Yeah. Good night everybody.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary