

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, December, 2014, via teleconference. **President Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Mr. Mark Hannon (President)**
- Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Vice President)**
- Barbara J. Schreck, J.D., C.P.A. (Treasurer)**
- Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**
- Mrs. Geri Fellerman (NAR Director)**
- Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)**
- Steve McCullough, D.C. (GSR Director)**
- Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)**
- Ms. Lisa Marie Kuta (SWR Director)**
- Mrs. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)**
- Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**
- Dennis Ganoe (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**
- Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)**
- Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (Director-at-Large)**
- Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Teresa Barry, Executive Director
Verna Dobbins, Director of CFA Services
Jodell Raymond, Communications/Special Events

Not Present:

Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)
Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)

Hannon: OK Rachel. We have done the roll call. Do you have any secretarial stuff you want to deal with before we get going? **Anger:** I do not. We're all set there. Thank you for asking. **Hannon:** I do want to remind you that we ran late with the last teleconference call, which was in August. After that, I indicated that we would end the call in 3 hours, which on the east coast is 12:00. If we have not finished the agenda items, we'll just have to put them off and deal with them either online or at a future meeting. It's not reasonable to expect us to go more than 3 hours on a teleconference call. The agenda looks like it's do-able.

SUMMARY

(1) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser moved to accept the Committee’s recommendations on the protests not in dispute. **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

(2) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Chair Mrs. Wilson made the following motions:

- Accept the resignation request of Carolyn Lyons-Prisser, effective December 31, 2014. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**
- Accept the retirement request of Yoko Imai, effective December 31, 2014. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**
- Accept the request for an extension to leave of absence until January 1, 2015 from Patty Jacobberger. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Wilson moved that Show Rule 3.02d (Old Rule 25.02d) be effective January 1, 2015. Guest Judges already under contract for shows through April 30, 2014 will have those shows grandfathered, but no new permissions will be given for the current show season. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough, Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Wilson moved to adopt Show Rule 3.02d, as amended. The rule is restated as follows:

Rule # 3.02	Requested by Judging Program Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	d. For shows in Regions 1-9, individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.	d. For shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division, individuals <u>Individuals</u> may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.
RATIONALE: ... Section 3.02d was revised to place the same restriction on guest judging assignments in the International Division that currently exists in Regions 1-9.		

Seconded by **Mr. McCullough, Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Wilson moved that Show Rule 3.02d be effective January 1, 2015. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough, Motion Carried.** Anger, DelaBar, Kuta, Eigenhauser, Meeker and Schreck voting no.

Mrs. Wilson moved to accept following advancements:

Advance to Approval Pending:

*Longhair – 1st Specialty Amanda Cheng – Shenzhen China 16 yes; 1 abstain
(Fellerman)*

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Ms. Anger moved to accept the resignations of the following clubs:

- a) *Gulf Shore Siamese (Region 3)*
- b) *Tejas Siamese Fanciers (Region 3)*

Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**. McCullough voting no.

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow the Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cat’s Incredible to switch Jeri Zottoli (currently judging on Saturday, March 21) with Walter Hutzler (currently judging on Sunday, March 22) at its 6x6 show on March 21/22, 2015 in Matamoras, Pennsylvania (Region 1). Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, **Motion Carried**.

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 25.13 to allow the Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand to change from a 2 day show scheduled for March 7/8, 2015 to 2 shows in 3 days on March 6/7/8, 2014. One show would be 4 rings (a 1 day show); then 8 rings back to back for the other 2 days. **Withdrawn**.

(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

The following club applications were presented for acceptance on standing motion by **Co-Chair Mrs. Krzanowski**:

- CHINA EAST CAT FANCIERS, International Division – Asia (Changchun, China). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, **Motion Failed**. McCullough voting yes.
- CHINA CAT PARTY CLUB, International Division – Asia (Shenyang, China). Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, **Motion Carried**. Kuta, Moser and McCullough voting no.

(5) SHOW RULES.

Mrs. Krzanowski moved on standing motion to approve the following rule proposals that had been referenced at the October Board meeting as rules that the Board needed to “go back” and fix:

Rule 5.01f	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.	All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.
Rule 5.02h	Show Rules Committee

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
h. If celebrity judges (judges not licensed by CFA in any capacity or approved as a guest judge on the license) will be used to judge household pets, and if so, a statement that the associated rings will not be scored for National/Regional/Divisional awards.	h. If celebrity judges (judges not licensed by CFA in any capacity or approved as a guest judge on the license) will be used to judge household pets, and if so, a statement that the associated rings will not be scored for <u>CFA National/Regional/Divisional</u> awards.
Rule 7.09d	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, and all registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration or recording numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and	d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, and all registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration or recording numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and
<p>RATIONALE: Currently, the revised rules were recognized by the Board to contain a confusing provision. Specifically, several rules (those noted above) referenced scoring for National awards where there were no such awards for Household pets. The concern was that this would be confusing for household pet exhibitors. The Board revised the wording on rule 13.10, and indicated that they wished to go back at a later time and fix the rules that had already been approved with the National/Regional/Divisional wording still in existence. Rule 13.10, as passed, revised that wording to just sat CFA awards. This revision takes care of the Boards’ desire to go back and fix those awards previously-passed with the confusing reference to a National award where there was no National award for household pets.</p>	

Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

Clarification of Show Rule 4.07.a3 – requires two specialty rings in shows licensed as back-to-back regardless of number of rings requested

Rule 4.07a3	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions 1-8, each of the 6-ring shows must include at least two longhair and shorthair Specialty rings. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the 6-ring shows must include one longhair and shorthair Specialty ring. For shows	3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions 1-8 <u>and the International Division</u> , each of the 6-ring shows must include at least two longhair and shorthair Specialty rings. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the 6-ring shows must include one longhair and shorthair

licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.	Specialty ring. For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.
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RATIONALE: This modification Is being made to clarify that for the licensing of back-to-back shows at the same show location, the rule requires each show to have a set number of specialty rings. As currently worded, the rule is unclear and may be interpreted that the specialty ring requirements only apply if the show is to be 6-rings. The intent of the rule was to require specialty rings if this license format of back-to-back shows was sought, regardless of the number of rings requested. This clarification makes that clear.

Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Schreck voting no.

Mrs. Moser moved to amend, by removing the last sentence: *For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.* Seconded by **Mr. McCullough, Motion Carried.**

(6) FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Treasurer Mrs. Schreck had no action items.

(7) IT UPDATE.

Mrs. Schreck moved that contractual discussions be moved to executive session. Seconded by **Mrs. DelaBar, Motion Carried.** Moser voting no. McCullough abstained.

(8) WILD-DOMESTIC ISSUE.

Mr. Ganoë moved to change the Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats policy as follows (deleted text in strikeout):

~~“The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated Cats. The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding”~~

Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar, Motion Failed.** Anger, Fellerman, Moser, Colilla, Kuta, DelaBar, Ganoë and Mastin voting yes.

Ms. DelaBar moved to discuss the issue at the February board meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Ganoë, Motion Carried.** Wilson, Brown and McCullough abstained.

(9) SWOT ANALYSIS.

Mr. Kallmeyer presented no action items.

(10) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

Upon standing motion, **Liaison Ms. Kuta** moved to change the wording on the CFA website regarding spay/neuter information in the following areas under “Cat Care”:

1. Spay Neuter FAQs that should be changed/updated. (This is also the wording in the CFA pamphlet - "Neuter and Spay - It's the Humane Way" and should be changed as well.)
<http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterFAQs.aspx>

Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

2. Spay/Neuter Programs – should be changed/updated.
<http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterPrograms.aspx>

Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(11) AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

No action items were presented.

(12) REGIONAL AWARDS SHOW FUNDING.

No action items were presented.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

TRANSCRIPT

(1) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
*Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norman Auspitz,
Joel Chaney and Pam Huggins*
Animal Welfare: Linda Berg;
European Region liaison: George Cherrie
Japan liaison: Kayoko Koizumi
Judging liaison: Jan Stevens
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on November 12, 2014. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Linda Berg, Norman Auspitz, Betsy Arnold, Pam Huggins, and Joel Chaney.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(2) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson –General Communication and Oversight; File Administrator*

List of Committee Members: *Larry Adkison – Guest Judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)*

Rachel Anger – Ombudsman; Mentor Program Administrator; File Administrator (Region 9); prepares Board Report

Wain Harding – International Division Training Administrator and File Administrator

Beth Holly – Application Administrator (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School

Pat Jacobberger –Chair, Judges’ Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Jan Stevens – Trainee Administrator and File Administrator; Representative on the CFA Protest Committee;

Aki Tamura –Trainee Administrator and File Administrator (Region 8)

Wayne Trevathan – Member, Judges’ Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Judging Program Committee is grateful to the Board of Directors for their opinions on the discussion items presented at the October 2014 board meeting. It was a lively and informative discussion, which will go far toward making the Judging Program better and more effective. Based on the recommendations which were made, the Judging Program will have our proposals ready for the board’s review at the February 2015 board meeting for both the minimum number of cats handled by trainees and the training/testing sessions for applicants. Approval will be sought at that time.

In follow-up to the October meeting, the judges were sent a recap of the rule changes, along with a reminder that judges’ dues are due January 1.

The Committee is also in the process of updating the Judging Program Rules.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Resignation: *Allbreed judge Carolyn Lyons-Prisser has submitted her resignation from the CFA Judging Panel effective December 31, 2014. She has been a CFA judge since 2002.*

Carolyn joined the judging panel in 2002 and recently received her 10 Years of Service award from CFA. She has successfully bred American Shorthairs under her Placer cattery

prefix, earning a Tier IV Cattery of Distinction, Superior. She says she has enjoyed handling the most beautiful cats in the world very much. We wish Carolyn well with all of her future pursuits.

Action Item: *Accept Carolyn Lyons-Prisser's resignation from the Judging Program, with regret.*

Wilson: We have a couple of resignations. Carolyn Lyons-Prisser has submitted her resignation, effective December 31st. I move that we accept her resignation from the Judging Program. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? **DelaBar:** I have a comment. In the past, when we've had resignations after people have been on board for a while, we have accepted them "with regret". Just a little formality. **Hannon:** OK. Annette, do you want to make your motion "with regret"? **Wilson:** I will amend my motion. **Eigenhauser:** And I will amend my second. **Hannon:** Any other comments or discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Resignation: *Allbreed judge Yoko Imai has submitted her retirement request from the CFA Judging Panel effective December 31, 2014.*

Mrs. Imai has been a CFA judge since 1979 and gave 36 years of service to the CFA Judging Program. Last year, she was presented with the 35 Years of Service award from CFA. Her cattery name is Espoir and she has served Osaka Philocat Society as president or secretary for a long time, since she established this club. She is well respected and is one of the great people for Japan CFA. It is 53 years from introducing CFA to Japan. In these years, Mrs. Imai has always supported CFA Japan Region. Several years ago, she had to leave from judging because of taking care of her husband in hospital. He passed away last year. Then she hoped to judge at CFA shows again, but she considered about her age and decided to retire from the judging program. After then she hopes to spend time enjoying her cats. We all wish her good health and to enjoy her life.

Action Item: *Accept Yoko Imai's retirement request from the Judging Program, with regret.*

Wilson: Yoko Imai from Japan has submitted her retirement request from the Judging Program, effective December 31st. I move that we accept Yoko Imai's retirement request from the Judging Program, with regret. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Leave of Absence: *Allbreed Judge Patty Jacobberger has requested an extension of her medical leave of absence from the Judging Program which was granted in October 2014 for one additional month, or until January 1, 2015.*

Action Item: *Extend the medical leave of absence from judging to Patty Jacobberger until January 1, 2015.*

Wilson: Pat Jacobberger has requested an extension of her medical leave of absence from the Judging Program which had been granted in October, for an additional month until January 1,

2015. I actually talked to Pat today and she has a doctor's release, effective January 1st and is doing really well. She is back at work, so I move that we extend her medical leave from December 1st to January 1, 2015. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Hannon:** Any discussion? I think we are all pleased to hear that Patty is back.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Action Item: *That Show Rule 3.02d (Old Rule 25.02d) be effective January 1, 2015. Guest Judges already under contract for shows through April 30, 2014 will have those shows grandfathered, but no new permissions will be given for the current show season.*

The portion of the rule is restated as follows:

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RATIONALE: ... Section 3.02d was revised to place the same restriction on guest judging assignments in the International Division that currently exists in Regions 1-9.		

Wilson: The next section is, we had changed a Show Rule at the October meeting, 3.02d, which is the new Show Rule format, to include the International Division in the number of CFA shows a guest judge may judge to 5. We've had quite a bit of input to the Judging Program Committee and we are asking that this rule be made effective January 1, 2015. In the October minutes, I indicated, for the record, that I thought it would be fine making it effective with the new Show Rules, May 1; however, there was a subsequent flurry of contracts and I think that we would be better served if this went into effect January 1st – of course, grandfathering in any contracts that are signed as of today, should it pass. **Hannon:** And you are making that motion? **Wilson:** Yes, I so move. **McCullough:** Second, Steve. **Hannon:** Any discussion on this? **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. It seems unnecessarily wordy to say, *For shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division*. Is there some other place CFA has shows that we're not covering? Wouldn't it be easier to just say, *All shows*. **Wilson:** Yes, I think that's a great idea. **Hannon:** Alright, so we would just start the sentence with, *Individuals my guest judge for CFA ... ?* **Wilson:** Right.

DelaBar: One, why do we want to start this 1 January instead of with the regular show rules on 1 May? Anytime we change these things, people get messed up. I know I've got one person that's still waiting, and we've put off giving permission until after this board meeting. That person is going to fall into a Catch 22. This would be a guest judge. These people go through more than just saying, "yes, I can guest judge for you" and that's it. Many associations make them get permission. They have to get permission not only from the country where they

are going to be guest judging, but then they have to go back to the board and also get permission. So, waiting on something like this, they have already gone through getting permission from their end, and then have to come back and say, “no, sorry, I got turned down because the show rule actually starts 1 January instead of 1 May”. **Hannon:** What do you recommend, Pam? **DelaBar:** I recommend we start it 1 May. For another reason, we’ve got clubs where a judge couldn’t judge due to illness. Fortunately, we were able to get in a guest judge to cover that, so we didn’t have the expense to bring a judge in from either Asia or the United States, very likely causing the club to lose money. Part of this was that no new permissions will be given for the current show season, and that does put my clubs in jeopardy. **Hannon:** Annette, when you talk about January 1st, were you talking 2015 or 2016? **Wilson:** 2015. It would just be moving up this particular show rule to be effective January 1st, so any new contracts after January 1st would fall into this rule. **Hannon:** Do you have any response to Pam’s comment, that we should wait until the new show season? **Wilson:** Sure, I would be happy to respond. To the first, why the rush? I don’t know why this happened, but there was a flurry of requests by two particular judges for additional permission. The reason for this rule in the first place, which we discussed quite a bit at the October meeting, was the fact that there are a few guest judges that are judging a lot and we would really like them to come over to CFA. I realize that there may be reasons why they can’t or won’t; however, we really want to see CFA judges at CFA shows. We’re not saying that clubs can’t have the number of guest judges they are allowed. There’s a number of guest judges that they can choose from. We’re just seeing an issue where having the same non-CFA judges at the same shows over and over again in the same area is not what we want to be seeing. **McCullough:** That sounds reasonable. **Hannon:** I would like Dick to comment on how this impacts the International Division, because they have a lot of guest judges. **Kallmeyer:** Actually, it doesn’t. I think we have an excessive amount by one judge, who judged 15 times which I don’t think is right. There’s only two shows licensed between January 1st and April 15th so far, so the effect is negligible. **Wilson:** Can I comment on that? There may only be two licensed, but there’s a whole bunch of permissions out there waiting to be granted. There have been requests for permission. Sometimes the request doesn’t actually come through the show license process. **DelaBar:** Dick said there’s only two shows that he’s got scheduled, so it doesn’t seem like that’s a big impact on his area, but it does impact on mine. One of the people that we are talking about bringing over is this one that’s been put into a Catch 22. When we do things like this, it really doesn’t put us in a good light with these people, to be hanging out there waiting after going through and getting permission from their association, then be hanging on the line and having Larry [Adkison, Guest Judge Administrator] say, “well, these two shows that you’re being requested for, we’re just going to have to wait and see if this passes. If it’s effective 1 January, then no, you’re not going to be doing it.” This really isn’t too cool on our part to do this. This is not an Asian judge. This is a judge we have talked about bringing over before. It’s OK for clubs that don’t have a pool of judges to draw from and somebody in California just may have to hire somebody from Texas or the east coast, but that doesn’t have the impact of bringing somebody in either from Asia to Europe or from the U.S. to Europe to cover somebody who can’t judge. **Wilson:** Can I answer that question? I thought there were three issues and I was prepared to respond to them all. Larry was asked permission for this other judge on December 4th. I don’t think this person has been hanging out there very long. Today is December 9th, so if it is an issue for this one particular club and there’s no other guest judge that they can ask, then we could handle that administratively on an exception basis, but I really don’t think we have someone hanging out there a long time. It may be a long time from when the club asked her, but Larry was

asked to give permission on December 4th and he wanted to wait until after the board meeting.

Hannon: It concerns me that you want to make this effective in less than a month. **Wilson:** That makes you nervous why? **Hannon:** I don't think we've given them a lot of notice here. **Wilson:** We gave them notice in October and the response to that notice was for a couple of these judges to somehow all of a sudden send through a flurry of contracts, which I realize may have nothing to do with them particularly. The show for the judge that Pam is talking about now is the end of February. It's February 28/March 1. We were asked to give permission on December 4. We have a couple of judges that have judged – or at least one – that will have judged 21 CFA shows in the current show season. To make it 25 or 30 just seems to me to be not what we are looking for here. **Hannon:** Is that in Europe or in Asia? **Wilson:** In Asia, in the ID. **DelaBar:** I was just going to say, I'm looking down at the list of approvals, and I'm seeing one where a contract has been signed and I think as part of the show schedule and it's been advertised, yet I don't see the name on the approved list. That's in addition to the person I'm talking about.

Raymond: I just wanted to point out, the existing Show Rule applies to Regions 1 through 9. The amendment that was passed in October was simply to extend the application of the rule to the International Division, so the change that's being asked to be moved up to start on January 1st instead of May 1st is to make this rule applicable to the International Division, as well. It doesn't change anything with regard to Regions 1 through 9. They are still bound by essentially the same show rule that they are now. **Wilson:** Can I respond to that? Ed, that's true, but before they could judge 5 in Region 9 and as many as they wanted in the ID. In other words, there was no cap in the ID for guest judges, so that's the difference. The cap would apply to all shows. **Hannon:** Pam has been arguing that it applies to Europe. You and Ed are saying there has been no change for Europe. **Wilson:** Right. If the person has already judged 3 shows in the ID and 2 in Europe, then if we make this effective January 1st, they would be capped out. Do you see what I mean? **Hannon:** Yes. **Wilson:** OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** Pam is also not happy with the *no new permissions will be given for the current show season*. It's true – if we have a guest judge who has judged in the ID quite a few times, under the current show rules that are effective until 1 May, and then back in Europe where she lives and is also a very popular judge and where we would like to bring her on to CFA, now she can't if this is made effective 1 January. Also, it hurts the clubs that are counting on that for their show budget. **Wilson:** Maybe will then quicker apply to CFA and we would be happy to welcome her. **DelaBar:** Come on. **Wilson:** I explained why we feel the need to do this. If the board doesn't agree, then that's fine. We're not going to take away any contract anybody already has, OK? They would maintain the contracts they have. I think we have quite a nice group of people here. If it's really a serious issue for one club and one judge, then bring it up as an exception and I certainly wouldn't be opposed to that. I just would like to see this put in place so that the rest of the show season that's left, we are seeing CFA judges or some different guest judges.

Hannon: Let's move on to the vote on this. **Schreck:** I have a question about what we're voting on. There was a comment I think from you, Mark, that instead of reading the proposed wording, it would simply begin with, *Individuals may guest judge* and that the verbiage before that would be stricken as being perhaps redundant. Was I hearing you correctly? **Hannon:** Correct. **Schreck:** So, what exactly are we voting on? **Wilson:** We're voting on when this would be effective. **Schreck:** What would the wording be that would be effective? **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to change the wording and have an effective date, we should vote on the wording first before we decide when it's going to be effective. **Wilson:** OK, I'll make the motion.

Hannon: Annette has made the motion. Do we have a second. **McCullough:** Steve seconds.
Hannon: The motion is for the new wording. We're starting the sentence with, *Individuals may guest judge*, OK?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Hannon: Now Annette, do you want to make an effective date motion? **Wilson:** Yes. I move that the effective date of this rule be January 1, 2015. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? Remember, if you would rather wait until May 1st with the new show season, you need to vote no on this.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, DelaBar, Kuta, Eigenhauser, Meeker, Schreck voting no.

Hannon: Rachel, what's your decision on how many voted yes or no? **Anger:** I heard 3 or 4. I was a no vote. Who else voted no? DelaBar? **DelaBar:** DelaBar. **Kuta:** Lisa. **Meeker:** Meeker. **Eigenhauser:** George. **Schreck:** Barb. **Hannon:** Alright, that's 5 no votes? **Anger:** Six. I have Anger, DelaBar, Kuta, Eigenhauser, Meeker and Schreck voting no. **Hannon:** That means the motion carried.

International/Guest Judging Assignments: Permission has been granted for the following:

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Anger, Rachel	CCA	Quinte Cat Club	Belleville, Ontario	07/18/15
Cherrie, George	SIRIUS	Feline Breeding Center	Moscow, Russia	10/27/14
Groenwegen, Arie	SIRIUS	Feline Breeding Center	Moscow, Russia	10/27/14
Kharchenko, Irina	SIRIUS	Feline Breeding Center	Moscow, Russia	10/27/14
Fuller, Donna	NZCF	Palmerston North CC	Palmerston North, NZ	05/03/15
Fuller, Donna	QFA	Birman CF of Q'land	Brisbane, Australia	05/15/15
Fuller, Donna	ACT	Birman CC of Canberra	Canberra, Australia	05/16/15
Fuller, Donna	ACT	Abyssinian Breeders	Canberra, Australia	05/17/15
Owen, Carolyn	SIRIUS	Feline Breeding Center	Moscow, Russia	10/27/14
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Quinte Cat Club	Belleville, Ontario	07/18/15
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Ottawa Valley	Nepean, Ontario	10/31/15

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
Bondarenko, Anna	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	11/16/14
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Hong Kong Int'l CC	Hong Kong	04/26/15
Hackman, Anneliese	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Sigtuma, Sweden	01/10/15
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	K-Cats	Kuwait City, Kuwait	02/06-07/15
Korotonozhinka, Olga	RUI	Club Felino Espanol	Le Ganes, Spain	12/13-14/14
Korotonozhinka, Olga	RUI	Cat Fanciers of Germany	Germany	03/28-29/15
Kukowski, Arthur	WCF	Swedish Cat Paws	Sigtuma, Sweden	01/10/15

<i>Maignaut, Richard</i>	<i>LOOF</i>	<i>Cats N Cats</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>10/24-25/15</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CQ Inc</i>	<i>Hong Kong Int'l CC</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>03/14/15</i>
<i>Rakitnyh, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Club Felino Espanol</i>	<i>Le Ganes, Spain</i>	<i>12/13-14/14</i>
<i>Rumyantseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCA Nika</i>	<i>CatFashion</i>	<i>Tel Aviv, Israel</i>	<i>11/15/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>10/25-26/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Taoyuan Fanciers</i>	<i>Shenyang, China</i>	<i>11/29-30/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Katnip Cat Club</i>	<i>Nanjing, China</i>	<i>01/17-18/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryle</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Pearl FF</i>	<i>Dalian, China</i>	<i>04/04-05/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>	<i>10/25-26/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>12/20/14</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Pearl FF</i>	<i>Dalian, China</i>	<i>04/04-05/15</i>

Pre-Notice of Application: *The following individuals are scheduled to be presented to the Board in February 2015 for acceptance:*

<i>Longhair – 1st specialty</i>	<i>Danny Tai – Hong Kong</i>
<i>Shorthair – 1st specialty</i>	<i>Fung Chun Kit (Kit Fung) – Hong Kong</i>
<i>Longhair – 1st specialty</i>	<i>Wendy Heidt – Vancouver, Washington</i>

Wilson: I just want to note that we have three individuals coming up as applicants at the February board meeting. Danny Tai from Hong Kong, Longhair; Kit Fung from Hong Kong, Shorthair; Wendy Heidt from Washington, Longhair.

Acceptance/Advancements: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:*

Advance to Approval Pending:

<i>Longhair – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>Amanda Cheng – Shenzhen China</i>	<i>16 yes; 1 abstain (Fellerman)</i>
<i>Longhair – 1st Specialty</i>	<i>Suki Lee – Hong Kong</i>	<i>15 yes; 2 abstain (Fellerman, Moser)</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Committee Chair: Terri Barry
List of Committee Members: Verna Dobbins

Hannon: Central Office report, Terri. **Barry:** I have one request and then Rachel is going to handle two.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Heating and Cooling systems are installed and operational for the entire building.

Board Action Items:

1. Club Resignations:

- a) *Gulf Shore Siamese (Region 3)*
- b) *Tejas Siamese Fanciers (Region 3)*

Hannon: Rachel, you had two items that dealt with the Central Office report? **Anger:** I do. We received a couple of club resignations and they are listed in item 1 – Gulf Shore Siamese and Tejas Siamese Fanciers, both Region 3 clubs, have submitted their resignation. In past years, we voted to accept club resignations, but that has become a formality we no longer observe, unless someone would like to revive it. **Eigenhauser:** Actually, given the time of year, it's probably good to do it. If this were May, I would say let them time out in June by not submitting their membership list and dues, but if we take them off the list now, that saves Central Office having to send them notices. **Anger:** OK, then I move we accept the resignation of both of these Region 3 clubs. **Eigenhauser:** I second. **Hannon:** Is there discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** McCullough voting no.

Hannon: Do you want to comment on that Steve, since you are their Regional Director? **McCullough:** This is the first I've heard about it. I think we should be pre-noticed that they are doing these things as Regional Director. **Hannon:** I don't know that you can do anything about it, Steve. If they want to go away, they are going away. **McCullough:** Damn sure can't now. **Hannon:** Even if we hadn't accepted it, as Rachel pointed out, that was merely a formality that we just went through. If they've resigned and they don't have any intention of participating further with our association, notifying you isn't going to change that. **McCullough:** But the reason for it may have been able to be changed. They were bullied, so they resigned. I found that all out today. If I had known this in November when they sent this in, I could have talked with Betty about it. **Hannon:** Are they both Betty's clubs? **McCullough:** Yep. They have also gotten rid of their cage service and will never hold another show. End quote. If I had been notified, maybe we could have avoided this, but that's OK.

2. **Show Format Requests:**

- a) *Club Name:* *Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers* *Cats Incredible*
 Show Date: *March 21, 2015* *March 22, 2015*
 Location: *Matamoras, Pennsylvania (Region 1)*

Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cats Incredible are licensed to conduct a 6x6 show on March 21-22, 2015. It would be to the clubs' financial advantage to request a change in their judging line up. They would like to switch Jeri Zottoli (currently judging AB for Warwick Valley on Saturday, March 21) with Walter Hutzler (currently judging AB for Cats Incredible on Sunday, March 22). Therefore, Walter Hutzler will judge Saturday for Warwick Valley and Jeri Zottoli will judge Sunday for Cats Incredible. Both judges have graciously agreed to accommodate the clubs, if approved by the Board.

Hannon: Rachel, you had another one? **Anger:** I do. The Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers and Cats Incredible are holding a 6x6 show. We had a very similar motion for them last year. Basically, what they want to do is, for financial reasons, switch two judges – Jeri Zottoli and Walter Hutzler. They are flip-flopping days and judging on the opposite day than originally contracted. I move that we accept their request to amend their show license. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name:* *Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand*
 Show Date: *March 7/8, 2015*
 Location: *Bangkok, Thailand*

The Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand wants to change from a 2 day show scheduled for the 7th & 8th of March 2015 to 2 shows in 3 days on the 6th, 7th and 8th of March. One show would be 4 rings (a 1 day show); then 8 rings back to back for the other 2 days.

Barry: The one that I have is the Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand. They want to change from a two-day show scheduled for March 7/8, 2015, to 2 shows in 3 days, which would be March 6/7/8, 2015. One of the shows will be a 4-ring, one day show, then 8 rings back to back for the other two days. **Kallmeyer:** I think we have to check that. One of the people contacted me and said they withdrew that. **Barry:** I did not get that if they did. **Kallmeyer:** Maybe we ought to table that until we find more information. I'm pretty sure they said it was a "never mind" after that and I think we ought to track that down. **Hannon:** If they want to go forward with that request, we can do it online, right? **Kallmeyer:** Yes.

Withdrawn.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Barry and Verna Dobbins*

(4) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chairs: Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

- *China East Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*
- *China Cat Party Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chairman*

Hannon: Carol with new club applications. **Krzanowski:** We had two clubs that were pre-noticed for membership. One was actually pre-noticed back in September. It was supposed to be brought to the board in October and we postponed it because we were trying to get additional information. We got the additional information, which was all included in the files that were uploaded for the board. I will proceed with the two club applications.

***China East Cat Fanciers
International Division – Changchun, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

This club was held over from the October Board meeting. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. One member is a member of another club and is also a licensed clerk. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold shows in Changchun, China, which is in northeast China. The dues have been set. If disbanded the monies will go to CFA. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair has no opinion on this club.

Krzanowski: First is China East Cat Fanciers from the International Division in Changchun, China. This club is the one that was held over. [reads] **Hannon:** Dick, that's unusual that you have no opinion. Usually you say yes or no. **Kallmeyer:** Here's where I'm torn. The one member that's a licensed clerk is in Beijing, which is about 600 miles away. The members of the club, we asked for their catteries and cats registered. They came up with about 8 cats registered, and 5 of those were registered as kittens in July. I'm not sure that they are really showing cats. This is the bad part. It doesn't seem like they are really involved. I looked at the catteries of the people involved and I only found two cats shown since December 2012, so I don't really see a lot of involvement here. I hate to turn them down, but now I'm probably going to vote no. I just don't see involvement. It's not a case of new members. It just doesn't seem like they are doing anything. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments? **Moser:** Is there any other club in that area of China, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Moser:** How many clubs are there? **Kallmeyer:** There's 4. **Moser:** Already? **Kallmeyer:** Yes, 4 within 200 miles, let's say. **Moser:** Is this a huge area in China? **Moser:** It's Manchuria, Shenyang, Northern China. In China, any area has a couple hundred million people. **Hannon:** Any other comments or questions? Carol, did you make a motion for acceptance? **Krzanowski:** I will. I move that we accept the China

East Cat Fanciers. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** Any further discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** McCullough voting yes.

China Cat Party Club
International Division--Shenyang, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eighteen members. No member is a member of another club. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold shows in Shenyang, China. There are members that show in CFA and are involved in clerking. The dues have been set. If disbanded, monies will go to a cat welfare organization. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Carol, do you want to go on to the China Cat Party Club? **Krzanowski:** Yes. That is the second and last club application to be considered this evening. [reads] **Kallmeyer:** The difference here, I saw a lot more activity from this club. One of the officers last May at another show, she assistant master clerked the first time with me. She was right up to speed right away. These are people that are heavily involved in CFA. I've seen them at shows, I've seen them at shows outside the area. So, it's much more active club members. **Hannon:** Are there any other comments about the China Cat Party Club? **Moser:** Is this in the same area as the other club? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Moser:** And there's already 4 clubs there? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Hannon:** Any other comments or questions?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kuta, Moser and McCullough voting no.

Hannon: Welcome China Cat Party Club to CFA.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

December 2014 to Board meeting February 2015.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson and Carol Krzanowski, Co-Chairs*

(5) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: Monte Phillips
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has compiled the revised revamped rules which will now undergo proofing. That is expected to be completed by the end of November, at which time they will be forwarded to Central Office to go up on the website replacing the ones that are there with the May 1 revision date. The rules changes proposed here come from the October Board minutes, which stated that “we should go back and revise those other rules the same way.” That never happened, so what you have here ARE those other rules with proposed wording to match the text in Article XXXVII that was revised. Specifically, you were concerned that although we were talking about household pet scoring, we were referring to global/regional awards when there were no global awards. The revised wording approved for rule 13.10 was just “CFA awards.”

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee has prepared this report to cover the rules where the board indicated that they wanted to “go back” and correct.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will be completing the proofing of the revamped rules (incorporating these rules changes during that review).

Action Items:

Approve the following rule proposals that had been referenced at the October Board meeting as rules that the Board needed to “go back” and fix:

Rule 5.01f	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.	All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA National and Regional awards.
Rule 5.02h	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording

h. If celebrity judges (judges not licensed by CFA in any capacity or approved as a guest judge on the license) will be used to judge household pets, and if so, a statement that the associated rings will not be scored for National/Regional/Divisional awards.	h. If celebrity judges (judges not licensed by CFA in any capacity or approved as a guest judge on the license) will be used to judge household pets, and if so, a statement that the associated rings will not be scored for <u>CFA National/Regional/Divisional</u> awards.
Rule 7.09d	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, and all registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration or recording numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and	d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, and all registered Kittens, recorded Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration or recording numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA National awards and Regional awards; and
RATIONALE: Currently, the revised rules were recognized by the Board to contain a confusing provision. Specifically, several rules (those noted above) referenced scoring for National awards where there were no such awards for Household pets. The concern was that this would be confusing for household pet exhibitors. The Board revised the wording on rule 13.10, and indicated that they wished to go back at a later time and fix the rules that had already been approved with the National/Regional/Divisional wording still in existence. Rule 13.10, as passed, revised that wording to just sat CFA awards. This revision takes care of the Boards’ desire to go back and fix those awards previously-passed with the confusing reference to a National award where there was no National award for household pets.	

Hannon: Is Monte going to join us, or are you going to cover this, Carol? **Krzanowski:** I’m going to cover it. Monte will not be joining us. The first few rules are just to go back and change the wording. That was the intent in October and it’s something that we never did. It’s referring to CFA national and regional awards, changing that to CFA Awards in various places where that wording does appear. This is just a clean-up based on another change that we did approve in October. As I mentioned, the intent was for the board to go back and re-address these things and we ran out of time. We never did that. **Hannon:** Do you want to do these as a group? It’s the same change. Can we vote on them at the same time? **Krzanowski:** I would like to take the first three. **Hannon:** That’s what I’m talking about. **Krzanowski:** Yes, the first three rules which are in the report, which are Rule 5.01f, 5.02h and 7.09d. I move that we accept the change. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. **Hannon:** Is there discussion on this? This was because there was some concern that it looked like we were saying Household Pets were getting national awards, and that wasn’t the case. We cleaned this up so that was no longer misleading. Any other comments?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Clarification of Show Rule 4.07.a3 – requires two specialty rings in shows licensed as back-to-back regardless of number of rings requested

Rule 4.07a3	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions 1-8, each of the 6-ring shows must include at least two longhair and shorthair Specialty rings. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the 6-ring shows must include one longhair and shorthair Specialty ring. For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.</p>	<p>3. Two six ring, one day shows in the same location (6x6) consisting of six rings held on the first day and six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day, but to be licensed in Regions 1-8 <u>and the International Division</u>, each of the 6-ring shows must include at least two longhair and shorthair Specialty rings. For shows licensed in Region 9, each of the 6-ring shows must include one longhair and shorthair Specialty ring. For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: This modification Is being made to clarify that for the licensing of back-to-back shows at the same show location, the rule requires each show to have a set number of specialty rings. As currently worded, the rule is unclear and may be interpreted that the specialty ring requirements only apply if the show is to be 6-rings. The intent of the rule was to require specialty rings if this license format of back-to-back shows was sought, regardless of the number of rings requested. This clarification makes that clear.</p>	

Hannon: Carol, do you want to go on to the next one, which I believe is 4.07a3?

Krzanowski: This came about as Monte was working on the rules that were approved from the October meeting. He realized that the wording for this particular rule could be misleading and interpreted incorrectly. The rule is supposed to require 2 specialty rings for the format of 2 one-day shows in the same location on a weekend, but the way it's written currently, it seems like the specialty rings are only required if there are 6 rings per day, and that's not the case. The intent was for there to be 2 specialty rings, regardless of the number of rings per day. **Hannon:** Carol, a 6x6 is obviously 6 rings each day. You can't have a 6x6 that has 6 one day and 4 the other.

Krzanowski: Actually, if you look at the rule, it talks about *The format will permit up to 6 judgments per entry each day*. Technically, it could be less than 6 judgments per day. **Hannon:** Not with a 6x6. **Schreck:** I echo what Mark said. This specifically talks about two 6-ring shows. It doesn't say anything about 4 or 6 or however many, so I don't see why this change is needed. This whole rule only talks about a 6x6 show. It doesn't mention any other format. **Eigenhauser:** For that very reason, we need to vote yes on this, because it keeps saying *six ring show* over and over. Once you say at the beginning we are talking about a 6x6 show, you just have to say *and each of the shows*. You don't have to keep saying, *each of the 6-ring shows* every time you say the word *show*. It's not necessary. **Hannon:** Any other comments. Barb, do you understand what he's saying? **Schreck:** I understand what he's saying. I think the rationale is flawed. **Hannon:** It is, but not the rule itself. **Krzanowski:** Not the rule, no. **Hannon:** OK, so let's not worry about the rationale, because that's not going into the Show Rules. **Moser:** I just have a question. I don't know if this is possible, but in this show rule it says that *in the International Division this restriction does not apply*. Is there any way that we can amend that to have it apply? I think there's a concern with the International Division that they should have to comply with this, along

with everybody else. **Kallmeyer:** I agree. I think it should apply. **McCullough:** It should apply? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **McCullough:** OK, then I will be quiet. **Eigenhauser:** Once again, can we vote on it in two parts? Can we vote on it as written, and then if people want to make a separate change about the International Division, can we vote on that separately? **Krzanowski:** I think that's a good idea. I agree. **Hannon:** OK. I'm going to call the motion as written.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Schreck voting no.

Hannon: Now do you want to make a motion to strip out the last part? *For shows licensed in the International Division this restriction does not apply.* **Moser:** That's what I would like to do. I would like to make that motion. **McCullough:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion?

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Hannon: Is that the end, Carol? **Raymond:** You now have a show rule that has specific provisions related to Regions 1-8 and another provision that is applicable to Region 9. There's still nothing in this rule that makes it applicable to the International Division. **Hannon:** Should we say, *Regions 1-8 and the International Division*? **Raymond:** It depends whether you want to treat the International Division as Regions 1-8 or treat it like Region 9 and only require one specialty ring, as opposed to two. **Hannon:** Dick, what's your preference? **Kallmeyer:** Just associate it with 1-8. **Hannon:** Do we want to make a motion to that effect? **McCullough:** I make a motion we treat it as Regions 1-8 and the International Division. **Kallmeyer:** Second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? **DelaBar:** Through the Chair to Dick, one of the reasons we left out Region 9 is that we have one show per weekend. They cannot go anywhere else on a weekend unless they want to travel back to the United States or to the ID. What is the situation in the ID? Do you have more than one show on a weekend, to get people a choice? **Kallmeyer:** We usually have one show in China and then other areas may or may not have a show, but there's usually a show that weekend or the following weekend. **DelaBar:** Considering that they can also have restrictions on travel. **Kallmeyer:** Right, right. **DelaBar:** Would it be better served for the ID while it's under development to have it say *for Region 9 and the International Division*? **Kallmeyer:** No. We might as well start bending them to Regions 1-8. **Moser:** I have a question. If we amend this one, shouldn't we go back and amend the other ones that state not just the 6x6, but all the other show formats also, to include that the International Division will follow the same guidelines as Regions 1-8? **Eigenhauser:** If we're going to do that, we need to send it back to Monte. **Moser:** Can we make a motion to do that? **McCullough:** There's a motion now. We need to vote it up or down and then move on to that. **Hannon:** Let's vote down this motion and then send it back to Monte so he can make that change everywhere it appears, not just this one rule, so we have a consistency with the rules. **Krzanowski:** Can you repeat what we're voting on? I believe that combining the International Division with the requirements for Regions 1-8. Is that correct? **McCullough:** Regarding the 6x6, yes. **Hannon:** Unless somebody wants to withdraw the motion. **Anger:** Steve made the motion. **McCullough:** OK, I'll withdraw the motion. We'll make it all uniformly consistent and revote. **Hannon:** What we'll do is send it back to Monte and, once he has cleaned it up, we'll revote on it, OK? Rather than try and do that now and skip something, we'll let Monte work on it. **Krzanowski:** My instructions to Monte will be to go back through the rules and change this anywhere it appears and present it to the board for February. **Hannon:** OK.

McCullough: I have a question before we go too much further. Can you have a 5x5 show, which is 10 rings on the weekend, and circumvent the specialty rings as if it was a 6x6? **Hannon:** You have to license it as two separate 5-ring shows, which means you are paying two license fees, you're paying surcharges on two different shows. I assume you could get away without the specialty rings, but it's going to cost you more to do that because you're going to license it as two separate shows. If you just license it as a 10-ring show and you happen to schedule 5 rings on Saturday and 5 rings on Sunday with different judges, then the rule comes into play and you do have to have specialty rings. Do you agree with me, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **McCullough:** That's why Monte's wording was *up to 6 rings*. I asked him about it in Kansas and he said if they tried to circumvent the system by not having specialty rings, the license would not be approved. **Hannon:** He needs to go back and clarify it, because you can't have a 6x6 with fewer than 6 rings. He needs to refer to it some other way. **McCullough:** I think that's why it says *up to 6 rings*. He can straighten that out and bring it back in February. **Hannon:** Yes. If his intention is that they can't circumvent that rule, he needs to write the rule so they can't circumvent it.

NEXT STEPS:

The proofing of the revamped rules will be completed and forwarded to Central Office, when done, to replace those currently on the website with the May 1 revision date. After the SRC has reviewed the February Board minutes, where rules changes have always happened, we will incorporate those changes and do a final proof before the rules are sent to CO to be printed as the final 2015-2016 version (this is the point where page numbers will be verified for the Tables of Contents). That submittal usually happens around the 20th of February. The finalized adobe file will then get one last proof before OKing it to go to the printer.

Time Frame:

As noted above.

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 February meeting, we do not anticipate making a presentation to the February meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

Krzanowski: That's all I have for Show Rules.

(6) **FINANCIALS.**

Committee Chair: Barbara Schreck, Treasurer

Financial Commentary

By

Charles T. Gradowski

For the month ended October 31, 2014, the Cat Fanciers Association had Gross Income of \$86K, less than the \$119K for budget and the \$138K for the same period last year. The Net Loss of \$46K is less than the break even for budget and the \$66K income for the same period last year.

For the fiscal year to date period ended October 31, 2014, the Cat Fanciers Association had Gross Income of \$630K which is less than the \$721K for budget and the \$719K for the same period last year. The year to date Net Loss of \$89K is unfavorable to the \$35K Loss for budget and the \$83K Profit for the same period last year.

The challenges with the New System continue to impact the financial results as the delays in work completed results in revenues not being recorded until the work is processed. There is over \$44K worth of work still to be completed as of October 31 in the Deferred Income – New System Account. This is compounded by the fact that over \$10K is still remaining for May June and July, although all work for these periods is completed. The challenges also continue with the reconciliation of the Paypal Bank account and not being able to reconcile the detail of the deposits. And again this month, the QuickBooks Balance Sheet was out of balance by \$5, not a material amount although there should never be any out of balance situation.

Total Expenses for the month of October were \$132K, greater than the budget of \$116K and greater than last year's \$91K. Total Expenses for October year to date were \$733K which are less than budget of \$769K and up from last year's \$649K.

The cost of the October board meeting and Outreach expenses were the big contributors to the over budget situation in October.(Barb's note; These are on track for the year, but off for the months due to the spread on the budget evenly, but the expenses come in unequally.)

While CFA is incurring both expenses and receiving revenue for the World Show, these costs are all transferred to a prepaid account in the Balance Sheet. These will be recognized in November/December when the show is held.

It is difficult to analyze and evaluate cost centers and overall performance of the organization with the \$44K of unrecognized and unprocessed revenue.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at gradowskich@cs.com.

Hannon: Let's go on to Barb with the financials. **Schreck:** I included in this the financial commentary by Chuck. As most of you know, he puts this out every month when he does the closing of each of the months. I thought many of his comments were relevant. The only thing

that I wanted to add was that there's a comment in here about the processing from PayPal. That issue should now be resolved. Previously, PayPal was used, of course, for straight PayPal accounts, but they were also processing our credit cards, so it would be transparent to you if you put a credit card in for American Express, but it would be processed through PayPal. A number of problems there. Their reports were incomprehensible, their charges were very high, which was not what was promised to Carla, and so we moved that to PNC. The reports are now quite readable, very understandable, and their rates are less than half of what we were paying to PayPal. Diane, the bookkeeper there, informs me that we're probably only getting about 5 straight PayPal charges a day and sorting those out is pretty easy. We're also thinking that the comment that Chuck makes about the balance sheet being out of balance - which is sort of mind boggling, even though it's small amounts - but we're thinking that this has to do with PayPal, so once this gets sorted out, we'll have a better understanding. The other thing which Chuck mentions, which is an ongoing problem, is the backlog in work. I don't know how backlogged it still is, but there's well over \$44,000 in work that's been paid for but has not yet been processed. The procedure accounting-wise is that you recognize income in the same period as the expenses. Since this has not been processed, you don't have the expenses so it hangs out there until they are actually processed. **Hannon:** But we do have the money in hand. It's just not reflected in this report. **Schreck:** Yes. **Hannon:** I talked to Verna yesterday about the backlog and she said - and Terri concurs - that later this month we should be current. The \$44,000 was as of the end of October. We're now into December. **Schreck:** I don't know what it is as of November because we don't have those reports. **Hannon:** I don't think it's that important to know that, but I think it's important to know that we anticipate the backlog to disappear this month. **Schreck:** Another challenge with that has been the new system. Of course, it didn't work real swell for quite a long time, and then additional staff and additional hours were needed in order to serve our customers and get caught up, so that again has been an additional expense. **McCullough:** Is that what the deferred registration income is? **Schreck:** Is that on the balance sheet, Steve? **McCullough:** Yes, \$56,895.56. **Hannon:** That means we have the money in hand but we haven't provided the service yet. **Schreck:** That's correct.

Hannon: Pam Moser, do you have some comments to make? I know you did last weekend and I would like to get them cleared up here. Pam? **DelaBar:** Which Pam? **Hannon:** Pam Moser. You had some comments about this last weekend and I want to know if you would like to make some comments here about it, so we can clear it all up. **Moser:** On the finance part? My concerns were the loss on the money that was stated in here that was due to like the October board meeting, which we had which I thought maybe we could have done by phone. Also, I'm having some concerns on something that is coming up on that financial part, which I will discuss at that time. **Hannon:** OK. The October board meeting, the way Carla set up the budget was that 1/12th of that line item was charged to each month. We don't have those three major board meetings each month. We had two of the three meetings in the first two quarters, so if we had the same expenses as the last two quarters, we would be over budget but I'm told by our Treasurer that we are, in fact, not over budget in that line item. **Schreck:** That's correct. I have to take responsibility for that error in the budget. Carla highlighted for me those that she thought should be put in specific periods, and the balance would be 1/12th. I picked up a few more than that, but failed to recognize that. So, on a yearly basis, even though it looks weird for October, we are OK on the board meetings, based on the budget. Also, the other item - and I added to Chuck's comment there - was the Outreach Program and that's the same situation. I was not aware that that doesn't come in equally, and so again on a monthly basis it looks off, but if you figure that's

for the whole year, then we're good with those two items. **Moser:** My other concern is also the World Show. I understand that that's going to take a pretty large loss along with that, and there's something else that, you know. **Hannon:** What we're talking about right now is the financial report for the first two quarters, and the World Show did not appear in the first two quarters. We can talk about the potential loss on the World Show later in the meeting, OK? **Moser:** Sounds good. **Hannon:** So, your comments last weekend, have we resolved them so you no longer think that we're oozing money on stupid things and that we're bleeding money? **Moser:** First of all, Mark, I did not say the word "oozing" and I will not let you sit here and bully me on whatever I say. I can say what I want, and that was not any confidentiality. People need to know what's going on in the budget, so please do not bully me. **Hannon:** I'm not bullying you. **Eigenhauser:** Guys, can we take it offline and move on with the meeting? **Hannon:** No, I don't think so. What I want to say is that putting out inaccurate information is not right, and what you put out may have been something you believed at the time, but you said to me in writing, "we are bleeding money." That's your quote and I think tonight we've explained why some of those things that look like that in looking at the budget, when you understand what actually happened, we are within the budget. Rich commented to me earlier today that in a budget of over \$1.5 million, we are going to be down \$10,512 for the first six months of the year. I don't consider being down \$10,000 in a \$1.5 million budget "bleeding money". **Moser:** Mark, you may not like what I have to say, but you don't need to sit here and keep going over it. You made your point. That's good, but like George said, let's move on.

Schreck: Just FYI, for everybody's information, I have not released this to the club secretaries yet. I need to rework these numbers in a little different format that they get, and I did not want to do that until after the board meeting where you-all had it first. **Eigenhauser:** I'm looking at our marketing income, which seems to be way off. Now, sometimes that's just a matter of timing. It could be a sponsorship check that was expected to come in the beginning of October and came in the end of October and missed the cut. Sponsorship checks are so big that they can produce huge swings if they fall at the end of one quarter or the beginning of the next, so I see what looks like a \$88,000 drop in marketing income. Is that real or is that just timing? **Schreck:** Are you looking at year-to-year or year-to-budget? **Eigenhauser:** I'm looking at the year-to-year comparison. **Schreck:** If you look at the year-to-budget, you will see that the marketing income there is much diminished from what it was last year. So, to my understanding, we do not anticipate that this year, and that was built into the budget. I can't answer why, because that was just something that was inherited by me, but the budget does not show that as income. **Kuta:** I have a general comment, in that it seems like the overall issue at least for me is that it's more of not necessarily what's going on with the budget right now, but more of what the future budget allocations and how do we take away that opportunity cost and better use the money? **Schreck:** We have the meeting coming up here for strategic planning. I'm hopeful that some of this marketing stuff which has fallen by the wayside can somehow be revived.

McCullough: I had a question about non-board member lodging. What's that for? It's over \$8,000. The annual meeting non-board hotel, travel and lodging for the non-board meeting. It's about \$8,000. **Schreck:** I can't answer that. I would have to look and see what's involved in that. I don't know off the top of my head. Send me that line item and the amount, and I'll get you an answer. **Hannon:** Could be staff. **Schreck:** Could be staff. I'm guessing. It could be other people involved that were necessary for the running of the Annual, like maybe Brian. I just don't know. I would be absolutely guessing, but I will look into it. **McCullough:** OK.

Kuta: I was thinking, is it possible to not do the meeting in Alliance in February and do it virtually? **Hannon:** No. **DelaBar:** Not with the breed councils.

Mastin: So, getting back to trying to make gains on our topline sales, we may have to look at what our fees are and consider increasing them in order to afford the required expenses that are needed to run the organization. It's not a sin to raise fees when it's necessary. In this case, we may have to. **Meeker:** I would really be hesitant to increase fees at this point. I don't think our consumer satisfaction survey warrants fee raising. I think we just need to really focus on getting the job done. Maybe in the future, perhaps we can look at this loss issue in a little different light and consider investing back in the organization for the future. We get caught up in profit and loss, and I think that in times like this, this truly is, as you said earlier, an investment into a grander goal at the end of the tunnel. We're not there yet, and listening to people in the show hall and dealing with the customer service issues on the backlog of work, I don't think now is a good time to even mention the word "increase". **Hannon:** Jerry's expectation was, once we got this new computer system up and working smoothly, that we would not need the full staff that we have now, so there would be potential savings there if we had one or more fewer employees. Another thing we talked about doing was investing a big chunk of that more than a million dollars we've got sitting in a bank, and we could get some return on that. So, that would also help our bottom line if we were picking up \$40,000 or \$50,000 in investment returns.

DelaBar: One thing I wanted to ask when the subject came up about the grants and sponsorships given out to clubs, in the past that money has been fenced. Is it considered fenced money right now, or is it part of the overall general budget that what is not used is absorbed into the overall general fund? **Hannon:** It's absorbed. If at the end of the fiscal year we didn't use all the money that was set aside for that, then we absorbed it into the budget. We didn't keep it set aside for future years. **DelaBar:** OK, so it's not fenced. The other question I had, I would hate to think of raising any fees, especially without doing a comparison of our competition. **Hannon:** We did that. When you raised fees at the end of your term as President, you raised fees and I believe you looked at that at that time, didn't you? **DelaBar:** Yes, we did at that time, but what we did not do is consider the fees in other places where we have competition, like Europe. **Kuta:** Have we done an analysis of what exactly it costs us to process a registration, and is there any incentive to lowering fees to get more volume? **Hannon:** There has not been such a discussion. You could bring it up and we could discuss it, hopefully not tonight but at some point. **Kuta:** No, not tonight. I was wondering, because I'm one of the few breeders I know who actually registers all my pets, and I wonder if it were lower if more people would register the pets, or they still wouldn't register them. **Hannon:** I don't think we have an answer. **Colilla:** I don't think they will. Why spend money if you don't need to? **Kuta:** That's true. **Hannon:** We're talking about raising fees, and this isn't a good time to do it. This may be a good time to say to the clubs, we're sorry but we're going to have to cut back on the amount of sponsorship we provide. The \$500 that we dole out to clubs to help them advertise the show, that may be an area that we can cut back on without impacting them. **Kuta:** Especially if we help them do it more efficiently, and that's something that I would like to bring to the February meeting. **Schreck:** This is Barb. One final comment. I think that there was some analysis done last year about maybe raising fees in August. Thank God we didn't do that, because our customer relationship is not so great right now. However, the new system continues to improve. When we get everything up to snuff, I know that at a couple of shows we've had people with an expedited one that they got back in 10 minutes. This is kind of amazing, but if we get the customer service up to the level that we would

all like to see, I think at that point we can discuss maybe raising the prices, but not until that point. That's my opinion. **Hannon:** Rich, did you finish everything you had to say? **Mastin:** Just in closing, I'm not suggesting that we need to raise the fees. I'm suggesting that we need to look at fees, we need to look at expenses and we need to put it all together when we do the 2015-2016 budget. I don't know if I agree or disagree with some of the comments, whether people will be happy we raised fees to keep the company flowing in the black, or they would be angry that a registration instead of costing what it costs today, it went up \$1.00 or it went up 50¢. Would they notice that? I'm not sure, and I'm not sure where our competitor is. I know when we looked at it last year, CFA fees are still lower than our competitor. I don't have my notes in front of me, but I believe that's what we found. **Hannon:** That is what we found. **DelaBar:** Speak in terms of competitors, plural. It's just not one competitor, we have competitors. It makes a big significance. At least in Europe, people do not mind paying for something that they get, and they feel that they are getting it on time. If our fees are still low and they go up a slight bit, if people are getting what they paid for, they don't mind. **Hannon:** Barb, do you have anything else you want to say before we move away from the financial stuff? **Schreck:** I think we have said plenty.

(7) **IT UPDATE.**

Committee Chair: Dennis Ganoë
List of Committee Members: Richard Kallmeyer, James Simbro, Ginger Meeker, Tim Schreck, Kathy Durdick

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We completed work on the Financial Summary report.

We continue to improve eCat by automating the outlaying scenarios as they occur. Most of this work has been to provide methods for breeds with multiple out-cross possibilities as much automation as possible.

We signed a 2 year maintenance agreement with Computan. This agreement covers development work, bug fixes as well as hosting our application as well as back-up and disaster recovery.

Work was completed to score the World Show and implemented prior to the show.

Hannon: Dennis, IT update. **Ganoë:** Since we met in October, we did sign a maintenance agreement with Computan. We also paid them what we owed them on the initial contract. For what we've paid for, we've gotten completed work on a financial summary report. We're still working to iron out the little bitty things that come up. I understand there were a couple that came up with Diane this week. I was on the conference call this morning with Computan where that came up, so we're going to work through that. The eCat registrations are going a lot better, as I think most of us have heard. There has been anecdotal evidence of things turning around in as little as minutes. Most of the time people are very happy with it. Then, work completed on the World Show scoring was completed on time, in time for the show to be scored. The current work that we're working on is the end-of-year show results – the scoring and all that. We started with national, with the top 25 in the three categories. We also are working on the best of breed and best of color reports for national. Those are in test right now, finalizing by the end of this week. The regional ones are all ready, waiting for testing. Once we know we've got the right cats being indicated, we'll match them up with the addresses so that we can produce right out of the system all of the formatted files that go out to the regional directors as quick as we can. Our goal is not to have to have a lot of staff time spent formatting the output. We're going to run what we've got by those who have done it in the past so that they can recognize what we're doing. One of our test sets of data is last year's results. We're basically trying to reproduce what we sent out to the regions last year for accuracy.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Current work of the committee is to monitor the progress of our software provider to ensure we have year-end reporting available prior to the year end.

Ganoë: One gain we have that I had on *Current Happenings of the Committee* was the reformatting of ePoints. Thank you very, very much, Dick, for doing the heavy lifting for that reformatting. It's now a macro. We get the files out of Computan, run a macro on it and ship it to

Teresa, and she posts it. We've got positive feedback from that. That was a good win for us.

Hannon: Last weekend's results, if you didn't look at what went up last Friday, was in the format we used to use before we hit the Computan situation. You don't have to scroll through the entire list to find your region or your breed. It's broken out. You just link on your region or link on your breed and see the results.

Ganoe: I found out what the issue is with the past Scoreboards. It's still some problems with the experimental format, the Super Specialty format. We've isolated them again and we're working on getting those done. Today's test run discovered that one of our shows, the CatFashion show in Israel, did not get pulled over, so we have to figure out why that happened and fix that, so we hope to have the Scoreboards up to date and back to the original format by the end of the month. After we do the year-end reports, next on the priority list are DMs, grands and grand of distinction reports. The scoring is already being done. It shouldn't be too hard to get a monthly list. I say that hopefully, that we'll not have any problems. I understand that we are currently adding agility titles to our registrations. They will print on the registration certificates and pedigrees. The 6 generation and cattery reports will be done with the DM and grand of distinction reports. Those are all scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

Hannon: You're talking about calendar year?

Ganoe: Calendar year, yes. I'm holding the Household Pet stuff here for a minute, but the other thing we're working on, and I talked a little bit with Dick this weekend, we have some people lined up to go through the old code from the HP that did the color stops for registration, as well as trying to come up with an algorithm and the flow chart for putting that into the code so that we have less need for hands-on work when you've got some strange color combinations. There was a decision made in the past not to do that in the current system. I believe it was a mistake, but we're going to go forward and fix that.

Hannon: Let me explain that to the board. If somebody takes a black cat and breeds it to a black cat and tries to register a tortie system, the old system – the HP – would tell you, you can't get a tortie kitten out of two blacks. The new system does not have that, which means the employees have to check that manually. We hired them as data entry clerks. They don't have a lot of color genetics in their background, so they are looking at charts and doing other things, trying to figure it out and they are making mistakes. They are going ahead and at times registering a cat that can't possibly be produced by those two parents, so we're talking about coming up with something to stick into the computer, so the computer will say "that's not possible".

Ganoe: That is currently in the planning stages. I have not turned that over to the development team yet. Before I go on to Household Pets, which I know is going to raise some questions, I am insisting that we get monthly reports from Computan for the hours we use and I got assurances today during the call that they will let us know when we're getting close to our limit during a month so that we're not going over our contracted hours without knowledge. I will have more reports for that at the February meeting when I've got a few more months of data to gather.

Additional work is progressing on recording Household Pets. It was found that in 2011, the decision was made to register some Cornish Rex (Smoke/Van and White) with the prefix of 0892/0893. Rather than re-register these cats, a different numbering scheme is necessary for Household Pets. We will still use the color class number of 0892/0893 for shows, but registration prefixes will be new. A new certificate is being designed for use by HHP recordings.

Ganoe: Now, the Household Pet issue. We are working towards recording the Household Pets. When we started looking at the system, we discovered somewhere back in 2011 they added Smoke/Van and White and a couple different Cornish Rex colors, and they started using the prefixes 0892 and 0893 for those colors. We have about 37 cats that have been registered with those prefixes. I believe a decision was made that we are not going to re-register those cats because they exist in data bases and pedigrees. It would be better if we came up with a different numbering scheme for Household Pets, and that is our current direction. I just wanted to let the board know that we have not dropped it. We just have to work around an issue. As far as I know, we are still working towards designing a different form for printing for the Household Pet recording. We will have that online and ready prior to the start of the new season.

A reformatting of ePoints for the Online Almanac is being done. This will bring it back to the format prior to conversion to the new system.

Future Projections for Committee:

After completion of the year end reporting, additional projects include completing the certified pedigree automation, reverse pedigrees, DM/Grand/GoD reports and other such items our customers desire.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will report on the progress for ongoing projects in the order of priority.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ganoe, Chair*

Ganoe: That's all I have, unless you have questions.

In an executive session discussion, **Mrs. Schreck** moved that contractual discussions be moved to executive session. Seconded by **Mrs. DelaBar**, **Motion Carried**. Moser voting no. McCullough abstained.

Hannon: Is there anything else, Dennis, that you have for the IT update? **Ganoe:** I have nothing else at this point, if nobody else has any other questions. **McCullough:** How are we going to pay for it? **Hannon:** It's in the budget. **Ganoe:** Yeah, it was budgeted for the maintenance agreement. **Hannon:** We knew last March when we passed the budget, and again in June when we re-passed the budget, as amended, that we were going to need to have a maintenance contract, once we finished the original contract to get this computer system up and going. **McCullough:** Okie dokie. **Schreck:** It is in the budget.

(8) 2013 ANNUAL RESOLUTION 17 – WILD-DOMESTIC ISSUE.

At the CFA Annual meeting in Vancouver, WA 2013, the Executive Board put the following proposal before the delegation.

– 17 –CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: *Revise the CFA policy regarding “The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats” as follows:*

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.

RATIONALE: *Current CFA policy prohibits registration of any cats produced by breeding domestic cats with any wild cat species. Some wild-domestic hybrid breeds, such as the Bengal, have become popular throughout the world. This resolution would **not** require acceptance of any particular breed in CFA nor change show rules prohibiting their entry. Rather, this will allow the Board of Directors to consider under what conditions, if any, these cats could be eligible for registration in CFA.*

Proposal #17 was discussed and passed the delegation by greater than 50% but has not been brought to the Board for action. The Board should consider rescinding the current policy against accepting wild-domestic hybrid breeds or the offspring of such a breeding.

Action Item: *Change the Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats policy as follows (deleted text in strikethrough):*

“The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated Cats. ~~The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding~~”

Rationale: The CFA Executive Board requested the delegation to the Annual Meeting discuss the option for the organization to remove the policy against registering wild-domestic hybrids. The delegation, after debate, indicated the Board could reconsider the policy.

As a registering body, our business is the registering of cats. As a business, we should not limit our potential sources of revenue by disallowing such hybrids. The removal of the final sentence of the policy would allow such hybrids to petition CFA for registration. This by no means guarantees acceptance of such petitions, but without this change, these hybrids cannot even ask to be registered.

Hannon: Dennis, do you want to talk about Resolution 17? **Ganoe:** Yes, that’s my next one. I have a problem with unfinished business, and this is unfinished business from the 2013 Annual. The executive board put forth to the delegation for discussion and/or an advisory vote to the board about removing the restriction on accepting applications for domestic/wild hybrids. I am bringing it forward for the board to discuss and/or take action on it. There is an action item at the end to remove the last sentence from the policy statement so that it reads that we do not

encourage promoting the breeding of domestic/wild cats, but we are not going to disallow any applications for registration. That is a motion. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **DelaBar:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Wilson:** I would like to see this brought up at the February board meeting, which is the Breeds and Standards board meeting. **McCullough:** I would like to see it brought back to the delegation, since it's two years old. It should have gone back to committee and then brought back off the table, but didn't. This needs to go back to the delegation, they need to bring it back up on the floor. Maybe the board can do it, and then vote on it and go from there. That would be the right thing to do, since time has lapsed. **Eigenhauser:** Maybe February would be a good time to discuss alternatives. **McCullough:** Sounds good. **Hannon:** The Bengals have not applied for this year, so it's not something that we have to resolve by February. **Eigenhauser:** Correct. **Hannon:** Alright. So, we're going to talk about this in February. Is that alright with you, Dennis? **Ganoe:** Well, I guess it is. With the concurrence of my seconders, I would withdraw but I want to hear from them first. **DelaBar:** I was one of those that seconded it. It seems to be a political thing that we keep kicking this down the road. I would like to see the board take a stand on it. **Ganoe:** In light of that, I don't feel I want to withdraw the motion. **Brown:** This is Roger. I would like to move that we lay this on the table. **Hannon:** We've already got a motion, so what you want to do is vote against the motion on the floor and then you can bring up something after that. The motion on the floor is to go ahead and support the vote of the delegates from the 2013 Annual, so if you don't want to pass that tonight and you want to discuss it in February, you want to table it, you want to do something else, you need to vote no on this. If you want this passed tonight, then vote yes. Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of Dennis's motion to support what the delegates passed at the 2013 Annual.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Fellerman, Moser, Colilla, Kuta, DelaBar, Ganoe and Mastin voting yes.

Hannon: Rachel, what's your call on this? **Anger:** We need to get a roll call of who voted no. **Hannon:** Why don't you do a roll call and ask for just yes's and no's, Rachel. Do you have a list of the people in the meeting. **Anger:** I do. Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** I don't vote. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** No. **Anger:** Barb Schreck. **Schreck:** No. **Anger:** Rachel Anger was a yes. Geri Fellerman. **Fellerman:** Yes. **Anger:** Pam Moser. **Moser:** Yes. **Anger:** Steve McCullough. **McCullough:** No. **Anger:** John Colilla. **Colilla:** Yes. **Anger:** Lisa Kuta. **Kuta:** Yes. **Anger:** Jean Dugger. **Dugger:** No. **Anger:** Jean, I need your Judging Program votes, too. Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** No. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** No. **Anger:** Dennis Ganoe. **Ganoe:** Yes. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** No. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Yes. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** No. **Anger:** Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** No. **Anger:** So, that is nine no's and eight yes's. **Hannon:** 9 and 8 is 17. I didn't vote, Edward Maeda didn't vote, Kathy didn't vote, so that's 20. The motion failed. Is that right, Rachel? Do you agree? **Anger:** The motion failed.

Hannon: Does somebody want to make a further motion? **DelaBar:** I will move that we bring this up for discussion at the February board meeting. **Ganoe:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion on bringing it up in February? **McCullough:** Why? It failed. **DelaBar:** It failed for several reasons. **Hannon:** It failed to make it effective tonight. Some people wanted to wait until February, which is why they voted no. Some people had other reasons for voting no. **McCullough:** OK, we'll do it in February. **Hannon:** Well, we have to vote on it. **DelaBar:** There's a motion. **Hannon:** Is there any other discussion? **McCullough:** I thought it was 9 to 8.

Hannon: It was 9 to 8, to make it effective tonight. There is a new motion on the floor to bring it up in February. **Wilson:** Can't Dennis just bring it up in February? Do we have to vote on bringing it up in February? I'm confused. **McCullough:** Me too. **Ganoë:** You are correct. I can bring it up and probably will, but I'm interested in the vote. **Wilson:** I'm interested in going to bed. OK. **Hannon:** You are now retired, Annette. You don't have to get up in the morning. **Wilson:** I have lots of reasons to get up in the morning. **Hannon:** If there's no further discussion, we'll call for the vote on Pam DelaBar's motion to bring it up in February.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, Brown and McCullough abstained.

Hannon: We'll bring it back up in February, and Rachel, you'll make a note of that so that we don't forget to bring it back up in February? **Anger:** Got it, thank you.

(9) **SWOT ANALYSIS.**

In an executive session discussion, the board discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning session to be held at the February 2015 board meeting, which will be based on an analysis of **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.**

(10) CFA OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*
Liaison to Board: *Lisa Marie Kuta*
List of Committee Members: *Charlene Campbell, Dee Dee Cantley, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Donna Isenberg, Lisa Marie Kuta, Karen Lane, Karen Lawrence, Tracy Petty, Lisa Maria Padilla, Jodell Raymond, Mary Sietsema*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The overall vision of the CFA Outreach and Education Program:

- *Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide feline education programs for the general public, shelters and veterinarians*
- *CatsCenterstage.org: A website promoting respect for all cats.(Currently stagnant., but material is used on the CFA website.)*
- *Increase involvement in CFA activities (attract new exhibitors and breeders; increase show visitors)*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Committee conference call was held on October 20th. We discussed the proposed Webinar project topics and presenters, company to organize.*
- *"Fix Felines by Five Months" project – Campaign targeting veterinarians and pet owners. Get Organizations to change their recommendations from 6 months to 5 months. See Action Item below.*

Future Projections for Committee:

Webinar project - The Committee will develop various topics related to cat health, cattery management, topics of interest to the pet owner, novice breeders, and show production. Identify speakers for topics.

Request received to do staff training at Prince William County Shelter in Virginia - arrange a time to travel. Work with Tracy Petty and Lisa Maria Padilla

Shelter training in Florida at Lee County Animal Services LCAS - arrange a time to travel and work with Charlene Campbell and Linda Alexander

Education for January 24-25, 2015 San Diego Cat Fanciers show - develop new program topic ideas, line up speakers for presentations.

Board Action Items:

Approve changes to the wording on the CFA website regarding spay/neuter information in the following areas under “Cat Care”

1. Spay Neuter FAQs that should be changed/updated. (This is also the wording in the CFA pamphlet - "Neuter and Spay - It's the Humane Way" and should be changed as well.)

<http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterFAQs.aspx>

Hannon: Let's move on to the next agenda item, which is Lisa Kuta with the CFA Outreach and Education Committee. **Kuta:** Thank you. We have some action items. I don't know if you have read the report and you just want me to go to the action items for the board, or do you want me to give some context? **Hannon:** Why don't you go to the action items? **Kuta:** Sounds good, thank you. We want the board to approve changes to the wording on the CFA website regarding spay and neuter information in the following areas under “Cat Care”. The spay and neuter FAQs, we want to change and update them and also the wording of, “Neuter and Spay – It's the Humane Way”. This is to support the 5 month spay and neuter program – the spay at 5. Do we want to take these each as individual action items? **Hannon:** Yes. Why don't you make a motion? **Kuta:** Motion to accept the language and update it on the website and the pamphlet, “Neuter and Spay – It's the Humane Way”. **Hannon:** Is there a second? **Eigenhauser:** George seconds. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion? **Ganoë:** I have a question. Any time you have these changes to the website and pamphlets, who is doing the verbiage and how is it going to be communicated to the people who will end up doing it? **Hannon:** The committee chair will make the proposed changes and submit it to the Central Office. Both the production of the pamphlet and production of the website are under the auspices of the Central Office. So, Terri and Verna are participating in tonight's conference call. Should this pass, they would be waiting for Joan, as the committee chair, to submit to them the changes that she wanted and they would implement the changes. **Kuta:** Joan has the documents all ready to go. **Ganoë:** Thank you.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. Spay/Neuter Programs – should be changed/updated.

<http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/SpayNeuter/SpayNeuterPrograms.aspx>

Attached are files with the edits and the completed documents showing all proposed changes.

The purpose of these changes are to align CFA with the "Fix Felines by Five" campaign that is to encourage altering of owned pet kittens, not intended for a planned breeding program, by 5 months. The campaign is initiated by Esther Mechler, founder of SpayUSA and Marion's Dream. It has the support of many veterinarians and veterinary organizations. One of the first steps is to have organizations such as the Association of Feline Practitioners, the Association of Shelter Veterinarians, the ASPCA, the AVMA, The Winn Feline Foundation and CFA state support of this concept.

The changes have been submitted to the Winn Feline Foundation and were approved by their Board of Directors.

In addition, I have edited these documents to include a few minor updates since they were written many years ago.

Hannon: Lisa, the next item. **Kuta:** #2 is the spay and neuter program on the website, to change that to the Fix Felines by Five. **Hannon:** Any discussion? Terri and Verna, you're paying attention to this, right? **Barry:** Yes sir.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Hannon: Lisa, do you have anything else? **Kuta:** No, those were the two items to change.

Rationale for the changes:

CFA's support of the Fix Felines by Five Months campaign will continue our efforts to encourage spaying and neutering of pet cats. Voluntary spay/neuter of cats has been a huge success since over 90% of pet cats are altered, per national surveys. However there is still confusion about when to alter. Shelters are inundated with kittens from litters born to feral, unowned and loosely owned cats, as well as to pet cats who have litters prior to being altered. Kittens often come in heat as young as 4 to 5 months and produce accidental and unplanned/unwanted litters. Studies have shown that early age altering of kittens is safe. The pet owners, and veterinarians, who believe a kitten should come in heat, or even produce a litter, prior to altering need to be targeted in order to reduce the number of kittens taken to shelters every spring. This campaign will help reduce the euthanasia of kittens in shelters and of older cats who may not find homes because kittens are more desirable. Many shelters are still euthanizing 60% to 70% of cats taken in. CFA should be part of the effort to stop this.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on activities

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Miller".

Joan Miller, Chair

(11) AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: Candilee Jackson, Ambassador Chair
Liaison to Board: Pam DelaBar
List of Committee Members: Ken Cribbs, Art Graafmans

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

World Show

Hosting on behalf of the Ambassador Program, Jane Ramey held court in the CFA booth, right up front, where she had high visibility for those entering the show hall. On hand were the brand-new Ambassador brochures, stickers and buttons, printed just in the nick of time.

Though keeping track of everyone she spoke to, over 75 people stopped by to ask questions and pick up a brochure. Everyone was open to learning about cat shows and many were first time visitors to a cat show hall. Nearly everyone was interested in Feline Agility! Three tours were directed by Jane, and the most questions dealt with the meanings of the ribbons the judges hung on the cages.

Those visitors with children were surprised and very interested in the Youth Feline Education Program. One person, who did not have children, was extremely interested in this aspect of CFA because she was a child psychologist. As many know, animals are integral to therapy, and CFA has several breeds where this aspect is ingrained in their natures.

Further reports from regional directors are forthcoming but not available at this writing. Their reports will be included in the December CFA Online Newsletter.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- 1. Revision of the Ambassador Handbook is ongoing and should be completed by January 2015*
- 2. Online webinar is in the drafting stages: pictures are being sought; voice-over person selected; music underscore being written and arranged*
- 3. Brochures were revised and re-written; printed*
- 4. A vinyl banner has been created and one has been developed; more as needed*
- 5. A monthly newsletter idea has been abandoned because it was too much like the CFA online newsletter. A blog will be created in its place.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. Create a method of individual Ambassador record-keeping for show use*
- 2. Create an Ambassador Blog*

3. *Field test online webinar*

Board Action Items:

Nothing at this time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

1. *Updates on handbook*
2. *Updates on webinar*
3. *Presentation of the record-keeping document*
4. *Update of blog development and possible use*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Candilee Jackson, Ambassador Chair*

Hannon: Let's move on to the Ambassador Program, Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar:** There are no action items. This is just presented for information. **Hannon:** OK. I have a question. Does the Central Office have any requests from Candilee to print any materials or to distribute the materials to their regional coordinators? **DelaBar:** Not at this time. **Hannon:** Candilee has been telling regional coordinators to contact Verna to get these materials. Verna, do you have materials that you are distributing to these people? **Dobbins:** We got new materials that were printed and delivered to us at the World Show. **Hannon:** My understanding is that Art Graafmans had those printed for one of his shows and had enough left over that he brought them to the World Show to be used there. I'm not of the impression that there's enough volume there to provide to all the regional coordinators. **Dobbins:** No, and I have only had one person ask for a couple pamphlets, and that's been it. **Hannon:** Pam, I think if Candilee expects the Central Office to have printed some materials such as the new *Ask Me* stickers or what have you, she needs to communicate with them, because they have not gotten that request from Candilee. Candilee keeps telling her regional coordinators to go to the Central Office. **DelaBar:** Art has arrange the printing of the stickers and the banners, and that the pamphlets were still being revised before sending them to Central Office to be reprinted. The other things have already been done. I'm trying to get a feel on how much we've spent on the budget. It's not that much so far. That much I know. I talked with Art a bit at the World Show and he assured me that everything would be kept well under budget. I just don't have that number right now. **Hannon:** Is it your impression that Art is handling the printing, not the Central Office? **DelaBar:** Everything but the pamphlets, yes. **Hannon:** And the pamphlets are still being revised. **DelaBar:** Correct. **Hannon:** It says in the report here, *Brochures were revised and rewritten and printed*. So, the pamphlets are something different than the brochures that they have already revised and had printed? **DelaBar:** No, I think we're using the same name, but I don't think the final printing has been done yet, is what I was told. **Hannon:** OK. So, Art is going to get it printed. Art is then going to transfer it to the Central Office so that when the regional coordinators want this material, the Central Office has it to distribute to them? **DelaBar:** Correct. **McCullough:** On the first page near the bottom it says, *Further reports from regional directors are forthcoming but not available at this writing*. **Hannon:** I don't think it means regional directors. She's talking about

the Ambassador regional coordinators. Pam, do you agree? **McCullough:** That's what I thought it meant. I was just going to make it clear. **DelaBar:** That's what she gets is input, to put into the CFA online newsletter that goes out month. **Hannon:** She is referring to the Ambassador Program regional coordinator in your region. **McCullough:** Alright. That's what I was thinking.

(12) REGIONAL AWARDS SHOW FUNDING.

In the past, Regional Shows – specifically Regional Cat Shows held in conjunction with season’s end Awards Events – have not been eligible for sponsorship dollars. This is a request for reconsideration.

Rationale: Sponsorship funds have two sources. Corporate which are granted as directed by the sponsoring companies and CFA sponsored funding. This request is to have Regions considered for CFA funding only.

Regional award shows are quite often the larger most well attended shows within a given Region. They are often fund raising events to support future CFA events specifically events at CFA Annuals. They also fund raisers supporting the Region and keep the Fanciers fully engaged. These shows are well organized and fully capable of executing the utilization of funds in the manner prescribed by CFA and to follow up with proper reporting.

The Regions are self-funded and need CFA’s support to promote CFA. A preliminary conference call was held on October 27th with Rich Mastin, Vera Dobbins, Jodell Raymond and Kathy Calhoun discussing this subject. This has also been discussed at prior Board Meetings.

The ask today is that Regional Funding be considered by the Finance Committee and the CFA Treasurer and subsequently made a part of the 2015/2016 CFA Budget.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

*Kathy Calhoun
CFA Midwest Regional Director*

Hannon: Kathy Calhoun has submitting something on regional awards show funding. Rich, do you want to address that? **Mastin:** They asked me to join a conference call on this discussion. I suggested to them to just bring it in front of the board now, just so you are aware what’s going on, and that we can vote on this in February for the 2015-2016 year. **Hannon:** So, there’s no action item? You’re just saying that this is for information now and there will be an action item in February. **Mastin:** That’s correct. **Schreck:** I vote no. **DelaBar:** I’m concerned about anything that could take sponsorship money away from our clubs that are trying to put on shows. The region, I think we can come up with other ways to raise money. Our clubs don’t have individual sponsorships set up like we do for the awards given out in the regions. **Hannon:** Here’s the problem, Pam. We limit the sponsorships to one per club, and if a club is sponsoring the regional award show in June – not the region, but a club – then they’re not entitled to their own shows getting any money later in the year. Kathy is concerned that in her case and a number of cases, the region is not licensing the show. Clubs within the region are licensing the regional awards show. **DelaBar:** That was the next thing I was going to say. You get by that by having the region license the show. That way, the club gets its sponsorship money, and if they’re going to be the feet on the ground on putting on the regional show, they still can do that but the region is the one that’s actually licensing it. **Hannon:** I’m going to ask the regional directors to respond to that, because they’re the ones that didn’t want the region in some cases sponsoring the show. Pam is suggesting that the regions license the show in June, and some of the regions – Ginger, you had that situation in Region 2 when you were regional director, that you got away from

having the region do it, in favor of having clubs do it, right? **Meeker:** It started to be a money loser, and the whole reason for the region to sponsor the show was to make money to help defray the cost of the regional banquet. When the shows started being money losses and people still wanted a show, then the idea was floated and agreed to that private clubs would sponsor a show to be held in conjunction with the regional banquet, they would fund it and they would get the profits, if there were any. **McCullough:** Why would a club make a profit and the region couldn't? **Hannon:** That's the way the Southern Region ? for many years, Steve. The profit of the show or the loss on the show was the sponsoring club's responsibility, not the region. **DelaBar:** When I was Gulf Shore Regional Director, the region licensed the show. In conjunction with a club, the region footed the deposits, etc., to be able to put the show on and the region took responsibility because it was the region's function, not the clubs. The club was just there as the agent in order to put on a show. **McCullough:** We've carried on your tradition, Pam, and it's really been helpful. **Hannon:** But it varies from region to region. I really think that what I had asked initially was that the regional directors talk about this and come up with some common understanding of what they wanted to do here. It doesn't sound like that has happened. **McCullough:** No, we have not had that conversation. **Hannon:** Alright, so I'm going to toss this back to the regional directors and say, alright, for February you guys talk and decide how you want this handled. The reason Kathy brought this up was that, in the Midwest Region, a club sponsored the regional awards show held in conjunction with the awards banquet, and they were told they were not eligible for additional funding later in the year. Kathy did not want the region licensing the show. **DelaBar:** Wouldn't it be easier just to change the policy on sponsorships, to allow clubs who are hosting the regional shows to apply for that sponsorship money? **Mastin:** We first have to approve that we will allow a regional show to receive the sponsorship funds. Right now, it doesn't matter if a club sponsors the regional show or not, but they will not receive the sponsorship funds. **McCullough:** Region 3 did. We got \$500 for our regional show that Jan Rogers got from Royal Canin, so that's an invalid argument. **Mastin:** That's different. **Hannon:** We're talking about money coming out of the CFA pot. What Dr. Elsey's and Royal Canin do is, they pick the shows they're going to sponsor and CFA has no say about it. In some cases, they agree and sponsor the same show. The one show may get \$500 from Royal Canin and \$750 from Dr. Elsey's, but the pot that's CFA money is what we're talking about. **Colilla:** Did the Great Lakes Region get their sponsor money? **Mastin:** The Great Lakes didn't receive any CFA sponsorship dollars for the regional show. **Colilla:** OK. **DelaBar:** My concern is that clubs in the North American continent are able to get the Royal Canin and the Dr. Elsey's sponsorship money. **Hannon:** And you're not. **DelaBar:** Those clubs outside of the North American continent cannot, and can only get the CFA sponsorship money. **Hannon:** Correct. **DelaBar:** Therefore, I am concerned how this money is going up, because it's the only thing that my clubs have a chance to get which, by the by, I was supposed to get money for two clubs at the World Show and never did receive that money. So Verna, I need some help. **Dobbins:** OK, we'll work on it. **Moser:** How much would a club get for the regional anyway? What is the amount, Rich, that normally you guys give out? Is there a certain amount, or is it just the regular of about \$500 or \$750? **Mastin:** There's a certain amount that's awarded from the CFA sponsorship fund, which is typically 95% of the time \$500 per club per show season. As long as they request it, get the paperwork in 7 days prior to the show, we award them within 24 hours as long as they have the request in on time.

Schreck: So, the bottom line is that we just need to talk about this in February or when the budget gets ready to be done? **Mastin:** Barb, we're going to have to do it both. **Schreck:** This is not an action item. **Mastin:** This is not an action item tonight. It's just a pre-notice to the board that this is coming up in February. Kathy is going to be prepared to ask for a dollar figure for us to consider in the new year. We just have to make a decision; do we want to help sponsor the regions, or do we not? When I say "regions", I'm talking about the regional events – not regions in general, but the regional events. **Hannon:** My concern is, I asked when this first came up for the regional directors to talk about this and come up with a proposal for us. Kathy has presented us with this report here, but according to Pam DelaBar, the regional directors have not discussed this. **McCullough:** That's correct, and we had a little spat about that at the October board meeting when Kathy and Pam got into it, and she gave it up to Pam Moser and then took it back. We have not been contacted. Kathy has not acted on this, and this has been going on since the June board meeting. We're not happy that this has been dragging on and on and on. **Hannon:** Then why don't you volunteer to pull together a regional directors' meeting to discuss this, so that when we get together in February, we've got a consensus from the regional directors? **McCullough:** You assigned it to Kathy Calhoun and she failed in her duty. I think it's time someone took it over and I appoint Pam Moser. **Moser:** I'll do that. I have no problem doing that. **Hannon:** Alright. Pam Moser is going to pull together a regional directors' meeting between now and February to discuss whether or not we should fund the regional award shows normally in June that are held in conjunction with the awards banquet, alright? Is that understood? **McCullough:** And to what extent, if any, for funding. **Hannon:** Right. **Mastin:** I am not at all comfortable throwing Kathy under the bus and saying that she hasn't done what needed to be done because it is being dragged on. This is not Kathy's fault. **McCullough:** Whose is it? **Mastin:** Please allow me to speak. She is doing exactly what I asked her to do. I said, "Kathy, present a formal presentation at the February board meeting and pre-notice in December." She did exactly what I asked her to do. We can't act upon it unless we have something to act on. Nothing has been presented and, to this day, we still don't have anything presented other than an idea that she has and she's trying to get support for it. I will agree that Pam can get in touch with Kathy to put this all together so all 9 regional directors can talk on this and come up with some kind of consensus, or not. Allow Kathy to do it and vote on it. It doesn't matter to me one way or another what you do. If you want to approve it, approve it. We'll figure out a way to put it in the budget. Don't be throwing Kathy under the bus because she's not here. It's not fair to her. She started this; let her follow through with it and give her help. **Hannon:** At the October board meeting, I asked her for her report. She was a deer with the headlight in her eyes. "Oh, I completely forgot about that", she said. I asked her for it in October, and here we are in December. **McCullough:** I'm looking at the October board meeting minutes where she was put in charge to have that done before then. Ask the regional directors while we're here on the phone how many have been contacted. That would be the easy way to find out if she did the request that you tasked her with, or if she's saying something different. I'm saying, I have not been contacted. Any of the other regional directors, have you been contacted by Kathy, yes or no? **Moser:** So, there you go. **Moser:** I even sent Kathy an email after the June board meeting when it was getting close to be the October board meeting and asked her, what we were going to do about this because we were supposed to come up with something. She stated to me, "well, I don't know how to get all the regional directors together," so I finally just let it go. I did contact her and ask her if we could do the meeting, and she didn't proceed with it. I'm not trying to throw her under the bus, but that's just the facts. **McCullough:** It just never got off the ground.

Hannon: All somebody has to do is contact Verna and she can explain how to set up a conference call. She can give you the telephone number and the codes, etc. Correct, Verna?

Dobbins: Yes, I can do that. **Moser:** I know how to do that. **McCullough:** OK, that was easy.

Hannon: Alright, so Pam Moser, work with Kathy Calhoun to coordinate a conference call with the regional directors to discuss this topic, so that in February we have a proposal from the regional directors. **Moser:** Yes, I will. **Hannon:** Thank you.

Hannon: If we're through with this, I believe John, you had a subject you wanted to bring up on the situation in China and the kittens? **Colilla:** It seems like there are a lot of people in my region who are concerned that the kitten counts are going to be over 100 per show until February, so they have more national winners. They're not too happy about it and they want something to be done about it. Personally, I think it's kind of late to try and get that taken care of this year because it would be changing show rules, so maybe we can start working on something for the next show season. **Hannon:** I talked this morning with Wain Harding who judges a lot in China. He's there 3 times this month judging shows in Asia. He said there has not been a show this season that had 100 kittens present in China. **Colilla:** That is interesting. I wonder who started this rumor? **DelaBar:** Maybe somebody that's worried about getting a win. **Hannon:** Dick, do you want to address this? **Kallmeyer:** Point out, too, we've had rumors probably about the last 5 shows that they were over 100 and all of them have been under 100. Just a general comment; I think the people putting on shows between now and then probably cooperate as much as typical U.S. clubs – the answer is, “not”. They are pretty much individuals. There are clubs who work together, but these are not quite the same thing. Pointing out that we have a common issue here. China doesn't have pet limit laws, so they can definitely get entries that we cannot get. They are very aggressive. If you look at it, they're going to have more shows than [all but] 3 regions – I think it's 1, 4 and 9, so a tremendous amount of shows and it's the same people going to the shows, so that's part of the problem. Looking at how we solve it, I think one of the big issues about China is the quarantine issue. It's extraordinarily difficult for a non-Chinese to show in those shows, and it's actually going to get worse. China is actually tightening some of the requirements. Now, if we look at ways that we could attack it, I think there's a lot of issues that probably the delegates are going to have to decide about how we change scoring. One of the things we were looking at is requiring about 20/30/40% of the shows for a China cat to be eligible for our global wins have to come from Regions 1-9. So, that's one opportunity, but again, whether that would make a difference or effect, that's another issue. Another issue is just looking at the whole issue of kittens. The issue with China right now is kittens, not championship and not premiership. If we could go to ring-by-ring scoring – but again, that's a big delegate issue. There's a lot of issues involved in that, one of which is the computer system, and the other issue is that it's going to take much longer to score the shows. Just to explain that, people say yeah, it's easy to get the count. Well, the count is easy but not the way we score. Shirley enters the counts for each breed in kittens, championship and premiership, as well as associated champions and premiers, so that if we go ring-by-ring scoring, you're probably typing in about another 1,400 numbers. Can we do it? Sure, but it's going to take time. Other things being looked at are requiring kittens to be registered to be entered for the count. Again, that brings up a lot more issues, so it's very complex and it's probably something that the delegates are going to have to make a hard decision on. One thing, we can't do it this season, but again, since China is so isolated, for that to be fair, put a requirement that so-many of the rings occur in the places where we actually have competition between the cats. We saw at the World Show that the Chinese kittens are certainly competitive. The best kitten in each show was from China, although one of them was bred by one of our top U.S. breeders. They are competitive. We do have a situation where it's hard for non-Chinese to go to those shows. **Eigenhauser:** Before we start designing a solution, I think we need to quantify the problem. Dick says that a lot of the talk about 100 kitten shows being commonplace may be exaggerated. What we really need to do is, see the facts and figures to see if there is a problem before we start talking about how to solve that problem. I think we may find that it's not as big a problem as people are making it out to be.

If it is mostly a matter of perception and exaggeration, then I think we need to have the facts and figures ready to give to the delegation so that they understand and can make an informed decision, rather than just shoot from the hip randomly on a motion. **Hannon:** You're playing to Dick's strong point here, because he's good with numbers. **Kallmeyer:** I've been watching this all along, so I agree. **Meeker:** I think one of the big issues that I'm reading between the lines is the issue of stuffing shows to manipulate outcomes. What I've watched over the years is, the China shows are not the only shows that are stuffed. Perhaps, to really deal with that issue, it's time to look at the ring-by-ring scoring. If that's the concern, then it needs to be dealt with throughout the association, not just in one area. **Hannon:** Anybody else? Dick, do you want us to do anything at this point, or do you just want to wait and let the delegates bring something up? **Moser:** I do think that it should go to the delegation. I've had people calling me and complaining. I told them that if you have an issue with this, then you do need to bring something up at the annual and put an amendment through or whatever you need to change the situation. I do like the idea that to have Dick give the statistics to us, to see if this is just some exaggeration on some people's parts, or people are just stirring up everybody. If we had the numbers, I think that would be good and then just let it go to the delegation. That's just what I think. I don't know what everybody else does. **Hannon:** Dick, can you bring us some numbers in February, showing us? **Kallmeyer:** I sure will, yes. **Hannon:** Anecdotally, it does sound like they have large kitten classes there. Even though it may not be over 100, they're consistently getting large classes. But, as the World Show proved, they also have quality cats over there. Their cats came over here and they did well. **Kallmeyer:** One thing going on in China that we wish we had the problem in the U.S. is that there's a tremendous demand for pedigreed cats, and so the kittens are available. If they have kittens, they can sell them, and they do. The source of kittens is already there. **Hannon:** What are you saying? That they bring the kittens to sell, but they might as well put them in the show and create a point? **Kallmeyer:** No, they don't sell right from the show. There's definitely that they want to see how well their kittens are doing. It's important to them.

Ganoe: I wasn't going to bring it up now, but I will. There's a couple statistics that people need to realize when we're dealing with China. China has enough population to outnumber the rest of the world. Also, in China, they weren't allowed to have pets legally until 1993. So, that amount of population and that much pent-up desire is going to lead to a boom in the pet industry, which is what we're seeing. We're seeing the leading edge of a very large contingent. They have almost 2.5 billion people in China. The rest of the world doesn't come up to 2 billion. We are going to have to do something about China simply because of the population. **McCullough:** Are you saying that you're afraid they may have more clubs and over-vote everyone in the States and move everything over to China? **Ganoe:** A couple of the things that you have to realize with China is, their methodology for putting on shows is different than what we do here, and different than what happens in Europe. Most of Asia usually has corporate sponsors lined up for their show before they license judges, and we're talking several thousand dollars each of their sponsors. A lot of the people who are showing are the new upper middle class with a lot of money and a lot of time, which is what we don't have any more in the U.S. All of these factors are playing into the fact that their shows are going to be big and there are going to be a lot of them. We have to look forward to see, what are we going to do with that and how are we going to manage it? I think bringing the numbers from the shows to February and having a frank discussion about it in February, ahead of the deadline for anything going to the Annual, is mandatory for us. **DelaBar:** I agree with Dennis, definitely. We need the numbers. We don't want to get into a situation where we're welcoming their money but not the wins they make with

their cats. The same thing happened with Europe. I don't want to see any of the bad reactions over wins that we saw a couple of years ago. We need to re-look at our award structure. Yes, we've got this global win, but maybe we need global wins, based upon sectors of the world – not particularly just by region, but different sectors like China and then Southeast Asia, to where maybe the winners of those come up for a final competition for a best cat. We need to actually re-look at our national awards. I want to see these numbers first, to see what is the actual effect and do we need to go forward and look at another award system. **Kallmeyer:** People may not realize that we actually do regional awards different than the ID. It's actually based on country and it's based on the number of rings that they put on, for different country awards. This is so somebody like China will not overly dominate somebody like Israel or Kuwait that has 1 or 2 shows, so every country is allowed to at least provide wins as part of that territory. It's something to also consider, to be aware of. **Moser:** Something else, too, that might help also. If we go ahead and change the show rules to reflect the specialty rings, that might bring the counts down somewhat, too, if everybody is playing on a more level playing field. **Colilla:** Dick, what is a typical show count in China nowadays? I heard 120. Am I right? **Kallmeyer:** It varies. In the bigger cities like Shanghai or Beijing might have bigger shows. It depends on a club. It depends on a couple factors, just like ours, but definitely the shows are starting to get bigger and it depends on the time of year, as well, because there's almost no shows from about mid-May to almost the end of September because a lot of the venues are not climate controlled. They might have heat, but certainly not air conditioning. That varies, as well. The smaller cities definitely have smaller counts. It's just the way it works. One factor entering here is, remember that because of those country awards, China, who has more shows than every region but 3, gets 25 places for their divisional win – the equivalent of the other awards – so what happens is that people want those divisional wins and they're not going to give up. They're going to keep fighting until the very end. That definitely influences count and why people stay out longer than they would. **Hannon:** What I've heard is, one of the reasons the shows aren't that large over there is because of the difficulty they have with registering their cats because of the language problem. We've tried to make it easier for them, but a lot of those people that are buying cats from Chinese breeders have a difficult time registering them. Their counts would go up dramatically if they had an easier way to register their cats. **Kallmeyer:** I'm not sure they even would. It definitely would help if it was easier to register.

Hannon: It's almost midnight here, so I'm going to call an end to the meeting. Our next meeting will be in February and we're supposed to show up on Friday for the strategic planning, OK? **Wilson:** Friday at what time? **J. Raymond:** We were going to start at 10:00. **Hannon:** 10:00 Friday morning. Where are we going to hold it? Do you know yet? Are we going to hold it at the Central Office? **J. Raymond:** Holiday Inn Express. **Hannon:** OK. We'll hold it at the Holiday Inn. That's what we did last February. I'm going to say this is it for tonight.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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