

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 11, 2015**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 via teleconference. **President Mark Hannon** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found 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)**
- Ms. Kathy Calhoun (MWR Director)**
- Mrs. Jean Dugger (SOR Director)**
- Mr. Edward Maeda (Japan Regional Director)**
- Mrs. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**
- Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Director-at-Large)**
- Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)**
- George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**

Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Mastin (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (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, Communication/Special Events
Shino Wiley, Japanese Interpreter

Hannon: I sent out an email earlier saying we needed somebody to do notes that we can publish. I didn't get any email volunteers, so I'm asking again – is there anybody here that would be agreeable to taking notes that we can publish in a CFA News announcement in the next day or two, giving the highlights of tonight's meeting?

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** moved to accept following advancement:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Koji Kanise (Longhair – 2nd specialty) 19 yes; 1 did not vote (Dugger)

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

In executive session, **Mr. Kallmeyer** moved to uphold Central Office's decision not to register two cats with pedigrees known to be inaccurate. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**

(4) AWARDS COMMITTEE.

As to the cost of future duplicate awards, **Ms. Calhoun** moved that we confirm with Central Office as to a reasonable margin, to be attached to the cost of the award, and that margin be held no matter what the cost actually is, to apply to awards for the 2015-2016 (current) show season. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar, Motion Carried.** Schreck voting no.

As to the leftover \$1,750 from the 2014-2015 rosette sponsorship donations, **Dr. Brown** moved to approve using this amount to pay for the design and customization process for a customized trophy for the 2016 and future breed awards and if possible the 2016 NW trophies. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.** Anger, Schreck, Kuta, McCullough, Moser and Dugger voting no.

(5) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

Regarding Resolution 14 requiring registration numbers for kittens to be in the count, Liaison **Mrs. Krzanowski** move to amend Show Rules 2.07, 5.01f and 6.15 to register kittens (including a novice class), effective September 15, 2015. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar, Motion Failed.** Krzanowski and DelaBar voting yes.

Mr. Newkirk moved to amend Show Rules 2.07, 5.01f and 6.15 to register kittens (striking out a novice class), effective September 15, 2015. Seconded by **Ms. Kuta, Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no. [**Note:** The actual language will be rewritten and presented by the Show Rules Committee for approval immediately following this meeting.]

Mrs. Krzanowski moved to amend Show Rule 14.01 to eliminate the ability to register a kitten and have it scored after the show has been held, effective September 15, 2015. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough, Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

(6) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

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

- BLUE VELVET CAT CLUB, International Division (Xuzhou, China). Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**
- CHINA CAT PLANET CLUB, International Division (Guangzhou, China). Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**
- DALIAN INTERNATIONAL CAT FANCIERS, International Division (Dalian, China). Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**
- INDONESIA ROYAL FELINE, International Division (Bogor, Indonesia). Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**

(7) **SHOW SCHEDULING.**

Ms. DelaBar moved to allow the Cleveland Persian Society and Nashville Cat Club to hold their shows on October 10/11, 2015, as they are currently licensed. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.** Colilla, Schreck, Mastin and Brown voting no. Anger, Wilson, Calhoun and Newkirk abstained.

(8) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Mr. Newkirk moved that an invitation to poll go out to all the breed councils, and the secretaries can decide whether they want to put the following question on their ballot, if they feel like they are affected (or not put it on their ballot): *Do you feel the acceptance of the Bengal would be detrimental to the [name of breed]?* Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun, Motion Carried.** Moser and DelaBar voting no.

Mrs. Bizzell moved that for future breed applications (post-Bengal), to accept as our formal definition of “affected breed”: *An affected breed is one that is a) one of the parent breeds of the prospective new breed, b) a breed that the prospective new breed would mimic, or c) a breed that is being asked to be allowed as an outcross.* Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Withdrawn.**

(9) **LOGO USAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER POLITICAL OR NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

Mr. Newkirk moved that the CFA Logo cannot be used in combination with any other organization’s logo. **Withdrawn.**

(10) **PROPOSAL FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to ratify President Hannon’s appointment of Pam DelaBar as the Strategic Planning Committee Chair. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.** DelaBar abstained.

(11) **IT UPDATE.**

Liaison **Mr. Kallmeyer** presented no action items.

(12) **TREASURER, AUDIT AND BUDGET REPORTS.**

Chair **Mrs. Schreck** had no action items.

(13) **ANIMAL WELFARE.**

No action items were presented.

(14) **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.**

Liaison **Ms. Kuta** presented no action items.

(15) **YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

Liaison **Ms. Calhoun** presented no action items.

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

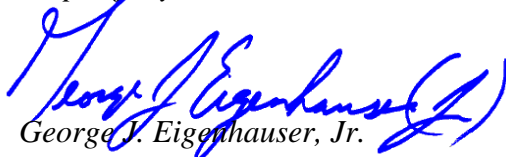
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met telephonically on July 15, 2015. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Linda Berg, Norm Auspitz, Betsy Arnold, Pam Huggins, and Joel Chaney. George Cherrie sent the committee his comments on the one matter involving Europe.

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 – Transfer Judge Application Administrator (judges transferring from other associations)*
Becky Orlando – 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
Melanie Morgan – International Division Training Administrator and File Administrator
Beth Holly – Application Administrator (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling)
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)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee members met by teleconference on July 30, 2015 to discuss the advancing judges, reformatting the Judging Program Rules, and preparations for this teleconference.

Margot Mellies. On August 6, 2015, Dr. Margot Mellies passed away following a brief illness. Margot began her judging career in 1979 and retired in 2008. She was very proud of her involvement in the CFA Judging Program. Her 2008 retirement request stated: I very much enjoyed judging and all of my cat activities. I do hope to be able to continue some level of participation in breeding/showing activities. She was the breeder of 4 national winners and innumerable famous cats in pedigrees of many breeds, most notably American Shorthairs and Russian Blues, under her Miribu Cattery prefix, which earned a Tier V – Superior Cattery of Distinction, with an astounding 145 grand champions.

Margot was a wonderful mentor to new breeders and a lot of fun to exhibit alongside. Per the wishes of her brother and her friend, Peggy Prah, remembrances may be made to the Winn Feline Foundation or the local humane organization in Columbus, North Carolina.

CFA Judge’s Workshop – Toronto, Canada:

- *This was a well-attended workshop with 68 CFA judges, two judges from the CCA and one judge from FIFe and one judge from RUI. The Persian, Exotic and Oriental breed*

presentations were nicely done and there was excellent discussion generated. Thank you to the CFA Great Lakes Region for their generosity in providing our attendees with delicious food.

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools 2015-16:

- **July 16-18, 2015** – The BAOS held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Club Expo show was very successful. Our instructors were Pat Jacobberger, Gary Veach and Liz Watson with Melanie Morgan joining us on Saturday for "In-the-Ring" handling.

Attendees at the July BAOS were:

- JOHN ADELHOCH Third Time SH
- LENA BRADSHAW First Time LH
- WENDY GOLDMAN First Time LH
- GUY PANTIGNY First Time SH
- LAURIE WOODS First Time LH
- CLAIRE WOLFE First Time LH

- On Saturday, June 18, we were joined by the following Attendees "In-The-Ring".

- CHERYL COLEMAN SH
- BETHANY COLLILA LH
- LYN KNIGHT LH

These participants had attended the BAOS at the 2014 CFA Dr. Elsey's International show but were unable to attend the handling session on Saturday due to other responsibilities associated with the show.

- **November 19-21, 2015** – This school is set to be held in conjunction with the CFA International Show in Oaks, PA. Instructors are Ellyn Honey, Pat Jacobberger and Annette Wilson with Gary Veach joining us for "In-The-Ring" handling on Saturday. The flyer should be posted soon. Registration closes on November 1, 2015.

Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools for 2016:

- We are looking for a suitable show in Region 9 with which to affiliate.

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

Respectfully Submitted.



Pat Jacobberger

Current Happenings of Committee:

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

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
<i>Chung, Chloe</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Armidale and New England Cat Club</i>	<i>Armidale, New South Wales, Australia</i>	<i>05/07/16</i>
<i>Kharchenko, Irina</i>	<i>LOOF</i>	<i>Cercle félin du Languedoc</i>	<i>Toulouse, France</i>	<i>10/24-25/15</i>
<i>Kharchenko, Irina</i>	<i>WCA</i>	<i>Prestige Club</i>	<i>Essesntuki, Russia</i>	<i>12/19-20/15</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Burmese Cat Society</i>	<i>Brisbane, Australia</i>	<i>08/24/15</i>

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

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date
<i>Counasse, Daniel</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Swedish Cat Paws</i>	<i>Stockholm, Sweden</i>	<i>01/09/16</i>
<i>De Miranda, Inar</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers of Brazil</i>	<i>Taubate, Brazil</i>	<i>09/12/15</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Moscow Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Chelyabinsk, Russia</i>	<i>12/06/15</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>China Pearl CC</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>08/15-16/15</i>
<i>Rakitnyh, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>China Pearl CC</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>08/15-16/15</i>
<i>Rumyantseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>China Int. Pedigree CC</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>08/29-30/15</i>
<i>Rumyantseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>China Purepet Club</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>06/27/15</i>
<i>Rumyantseva, Nadejda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Moscow Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Chelyabinsk, Russia</i>	<i>12/06/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryl</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Zhong Lou, China</i>	<i>09/12/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Cheryl</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers Soc. Of Indonesia</i>	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	<i>08/29-30/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Great West China CF</i>	<i>Zhong Lou, China</i>	<i>09/12/15</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Felines Asia Exotic Club</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>07/11-12/2015</i>
<i>U'Ren, Rod</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Cat Fanciers Soc. Of Indonesia</i>	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	<i>08/29-30/15</i>

Acceptance/Advancements: *The following individual is presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:*

Advance to Approval Pending:

Koji Kanise (Longhair – 2nd specialty) 19 yes; 1 did not vote (Dugger)

Hannon: Do we have the judging ballot? **Anger:** I sent it to Annette a little bit ago. Annette, would you like me to announce it, or do you want to do it? **Wilson:** I got the email. My

power is back. 19 yes and 1 person did not vote. Koji Kanise is advanced to approval pending longhair, second specialty.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Committee Chair: Teresa (Terri) Barry
Liaison to Board: Teresa (Terri) Barry
List of Committee Members: Teresa (Terri) Barry, Verna Dobbins and Jodell Raymond

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Central Office I.T. update: Submitted by Tim Schreck, Chair, I.T. Committee report presented by Dick Kallmeyer, I.T. liaison with the Board.

C.O.'s staff and Pat Zollman participate in a post 2015 Annual meeting critique. Focused was on what needs improved, changed and what went smooth. Included in the discussion were verbal and written comments received from participants. Updating of the Annual Manual will be necessary.

The Clerking Program has been reassigned to Kristi Wollam. Shirley Michaud-Dent brought the program current and is training Kristi in the Clerking Program process.

The associate that was responsible for eCat registration is no long with C.F.A. The duties were reassigned until the position could be advertised, hired and trained.

Continue to follow-up on Registration short pays that resulted with the increase of fees.

Continued the manual implementation and tracking of N.C CH/PR notifications informing the possibility of loss of points if the title is not claimed is now handled on a weekly basis.

Updated per 2015 Marking Plan was Facebook, the Blog and Pinterest, all for July and August. Associate took an on line refresher course for Facebook ads and a Sponsorship value webinar.

In an attempt to expand CFA's media list, research is proceeding with blogs and websites such as care.com.

Developing the Sponsorship Newsletter presented at the February Board meeting is in process. Focus for the first edition will be Youth Program, H.H.P.'s and Ambassadorship program. The Sponsorship Newsletter is expected out the end of September.

Press Inquiries were fielded from: Pets360 concerning blue eyed cat breeds with Jacqui Bennett, placement for that article was their Home page; cat allergies article for care.com with Jacqui Bennett, Donna Fuller and Vicki Nye assistance was completed; cat ear infection article with Rodger Brown submitted to care.com; an article on what to expect when you are expecting and why showing in the CFA H.H.P. program is great for new families again for care.com; fielded an inquiry from South China Morning Post on registrations with Dick Kallmeyer; inquiry from Fox TV, Atlanta, Ga. on how to verify if a cat is of a particular breed was responded to. Both care.com and Fox Atlanta are new media outlets for CFA.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Based on C.O.'s critique of the 2015 Annual, the current Annual Manual is in the process of being updated. The goal is to update The Annual Manual and merge it with the current C.O. Annual Manual to create one reference document for future use. The updates will include all improvements discussed during the critique. The procedures updated will all be implemented for the 2016 Annual.

C.O. has started to gear up for the 2015 International Show. We have also been assisting the Show Committee were and when requested.

Development of an Advertising Plan for the International Show based on Debbie Kusy's suggestions and Linda Bohm's input from the Garden State Show is in process.

Crossing training of staff placed on hold due to the 2015 Annual is again taking place.

Procedures for Year-End reports have been developed. Staff has been informed to plan for a year-end dry run the end of December.

We are currently advertising for an associate for eCats. The duties have been assigned to one associate primarily. All Registration staff now assists in different areas of the Registration process when they have downtime. This section is now working together as a team. The scoring associate that had handled the Clerking Program has been trained and will now handle transfers.

With the Clerking Program up to date all information on the web page was updated and will continue to be updated monthly hereafter. Training will continue until all areas of the Clerking Program have been covered.

Implementation of the new fee structure has resulted in staff continuing to follow-up on short pay's. Many now are repeat offenders. The additional work has dropped off since the initial implementation. Approximately 15% of Registration requests are still short pay's which we continue to follow-up with. The majority of short pays are blue slips for pedigree requests. The backlog anticipated before implementation of the new fee structure did not take place as expected.

H.H.P. module has been completed. Therefore it is not necessary to be processed manually. We have just started producing the Grand certificates for H.H.P.'s. H.H.P.'s will be included in the 2017 Yearbook.

Developing and reviewing the 2016 sponsorship proposal package scheduled to be presented to Dr. Elsey mid-August.

Focus for sponsorship will be the upcoming CIS and over-all development of new sponsorship opportunities.

Currently, C.O. is exploring revamping the appearance of CFA's Pedigree. Reviewing the different paper quality and over-all appearance, possibility of the inclusion of a seal and watermark and experimenting with the different paper quality and ability to print.

The request to consider increasing the allotted name space from the current 35 has been placed on hold. This would result in the rewriting of the Master Clerking program, changing of all forms and a computer system update.

Future Projections for Committee:

Complete the updating of the Annual Manual for 2016.

Continue to assist with the upcoming International Show were needed.

Preparations and arrangements for the October Board meeting that is scheduled to take place in Alliance.

Continue the process to fill the open position in Registration. Once hired, the associate will be trained on eCats and as backup for other areas in Registration.

Board Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

The updating of the 2016 Annual manual is scheduled to be completed in September.

C.O. assistance with the 2015 International Show is scheduled to be completed mid-January 2016.

I.T. modular completion for the NC CH/PR is projected for the week of August 17th.

Implementation of new Pedigree project is projected for the end of September.

Dr. Elsey's sponsorship presentation and commitment completed by December.

Hiring and training of the new eCats associate completed mid-September.

Items will be reported out when completed. Many are ongoing or long-term projects that will be reported out as sections are completed.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

To be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Barry, Chair*

Hannon: Central Office Report, Terri. **Barry:** I will defer to Tim Schreck and Dick Kallmeyer later on concerning the IT Report. That's an agenda item. My report is as submitted.

(a) **Registration by Pedigree Issue.**

In executive session, **Mr. Kallmeyer** moved to uphold Central Office's decision not to register two cats with pedigrees known to be inaccurate. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.**

(b) **Abyssinian Registration Issue.**

Hannon: Darrell, do you want to talk about the Abyssinian registration issue? **Newkirk:** Yes, thanks Mark. A little over 2 years ago, we had a cat that was registered by an employee at Central Office that should never have been registered. However, there were 100-200 cats that got registered in the database. We had a long, lengthy discussion and came up with this 0358/0359 registration prefix to identify cats out of those two cats that got imported. I sent this information to Mark and he sent it on to Terri and Verna and James, and last week I got a letter from Verna with all of the cats that had been re-registered to the correct number. Somehow or another, it got in here that these cats after they had reached another generation could have a 0380 number. That was one of the things that we talked about before was not allowing that to happen. I don't need to go on at length about this, but I want to thank Central Office for looking up those cats. We are now getting that information out to the Aby breeders. Meg, our current breed council secretary, put a post out today and people are happy that this is being taken care of. I want to thank Central Office for doing that.

Hannon: Is there discussion on this? **Newkirk:** This is just information basically, Mark. **Hannon:** I thought there were some emails on the board list about this subject. **Bizzell:** I think the issue this is highlighting is that the breeds require a certain number of generations and I know in this case the board actually voted for these cats and all their progeny to, in perpetuity, have this special number but if a new cat comes in with a similar background but that suspect cat is in the 9th generation, then our policy currently reads that they be registered as an Abyssinian. **Newkirk:** That's correct. **Bizzell:** OK. I just wanted to make sure that when we're publishing that and giving that information out, that that's what we mean. **Newkirk:** Yes, and there was a big discussion about this among the Aby people and we said, there has to be a cut-off at some point in time. The Aby people did vote that we would not use the "for breeding only" exemption of 8 minus 1 to register a cat. How this cat was done, which is actually a Somali variant, because some of the registries over in Europe consider a shorthair Somali an Abyssinian. That's where the problem came in, but they know if that 8th generation is a variant, that's a different story. It needs to be an Abyssinian. **Bizzell:** OK, so it needs to be yet another generation from the variant? **Newkirk:** Let's say that a shorthair Somali is created and bred and registered as an Abyssinian. We don't consider that an Abyssinian, we consider that a Somali variant. If that's in the 8th generation, I think Monique knows how they're registered over there, she would pick up on that cat. **Hannon:** But Darrell, if in the 9th generation there's a Somali, doesn't that automatically make the 8th generation a variant? **Newkirk:** Yes, that's exactly correct. **Hannon:** I thought you just said that if a Somali is in the 9th generation, we'll go ahead and register it as an Aby because you had to have a cut-off someplace. **Newkirk:** No, no. If the 9th generation is a Somali, their offspring are Somali variants. That's not considered an Abyssinian with us. If the

variant is in the 9th generation, there's nothing we can do. **Hannon:** OK. So, if the Somali itself is in the 10th generation or further back, you can register the offspring as Abys. **Newkirk:** Yes. We can't go back 16 or 20 generations. There has to be a cut-off, but if the 9th generation is a Somali, we consider their offspring variants. It's not an Aby, it's a variant. So, it would not be 8 generations, it would be 7 generations and the 8th generation would have a Somali variant in it, so that's not considered an 8-generation Aby pedigree. **Bizzell:** Except that the pedigree in question will actually say "Abyssinian" for 8 generations. **Newkirk:** It may. **Hannon:** Is there any other discussion on this issue? **Calhoun:** I had a question for Darrell and Central Office. Do you feel comfortable that all the cats that were mis-registered have been captured? **Newkirk:** We think so. Verna ran reverse pedigrees on the two cats that actually caused all this problem, and then all those offspring were re-registered. I forwarded to them a green slip that had an 0358 father and it had an offspring with an 0380 red Abyssinian number, which it shouldn't have been. So, all those cats that had the reverse pedigrees run on them have been changed. Verna sent me a list of all those cats. That list is not going to be published. I don't think it's our business to take something that Central Office has done and then put it on our Aby list so everybody can go through and dissect everything, so Meg just today put out a thing and said, we're not going to publish the list but if you have a cat that you question should be one of those identifiers, email me and I will go into the list and check it, and if it's not there then I will notify Verna and give her the pertinent information so she can look it up. I think it's settled.

(4) AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: *Mary Kolencik*
Liaison to Board: *Mark Hannon*
List of Committee Members: *Linda Peterson, David Raynor*

Current Happenings of Committee:

Duplicate Trophies:

It was brought to our attention by some exhibitors that the cost of duplicate breed and national awards was extremely high and we were asked why when they obviously did not cost CFA that much. Exhibitors were charged \$140 for a duplicate NW trophy and \$70 for a duplicate breed award. The cost to CFA was approximately \$52 and \$37 each respectively, although the best cat awards were \$65 each. Exhibitors were charged greatly inflated amounts for duplicates. When I inquired why the charge was so high for duplicates, I was told that is what we've been charging since 2011. But since 2011, the awards budget has been drastically slashed and the cost of trophies has gone down significantly, yet we are still overcharging a greatly inflated price for duplicates. This isn't going over well among people who see the awards committee trying to get donations to improve the awards while they are being charged an inflated price for a cheap small plastic duplicate.

We request CO compute the actual cost of the duplicate trophy to include tax and shipping, and then refund the difference to those who purchased duplicates of their 2015 awards. There were 4 duplicates of the best cat trophies, 20 duplicates of NW trophies and 12 duplicates of awards. All of these people were gauged on the cost of their duplicates simply because that's the price we've used for duplicates since 2011. In the future, the cost of duplicates should be set to be CFA's actual cost for those duplicates.

Customized Awards:

In our June report, we requested approval to spend the donation money raised by the rosette sponsorships on a custom design process for the breed awards. There seems to have been some confusion about our request. Also, our June report was prepared without exact figures and we have since been able to get more accurate data. This report should clear up the confusion and provide background for our new board members.

Background: Last summer we conducted a survey to get feedback from people about the National Awards Program trophies, whether recipients liked them or whether they would be okay with a sponsor to offset the costs. The response was that our awards could do with some improvement, and that by a large majority people would be okay with a corporate sponsor. Then in October, we asked for an increase in the awards budget to improve the trophies. The current trophies are rather inexpensive and it shows, yet they are the best we can do with the given budget, and we had hoped to increase that budget to get nicer awards. The feedback that the board gave us was that we could explore finding a corporate partner to sponsor the awards, and then consider improving them, but we were unable to find such sponsorship (we have not given up on this). So in February, we asked to experiment with sponsorship donations from clubs and

breed councils to raise funds to improve the breed awards. Those who sponsored their breed or division for \$50 had their name printed on a rosette streamer. Sponsors were told that their donation would help improve the breed awards. They were not told they were paying for the rosettes (incidentally, the cost of the three rosettes for one breed/division was greater than \$50, those were expensive rosettes), rather they were told that we are planning on making improvements to the breed awards in the future and would use their money for that purpose. I repeat, we did not tell people they were paying for the rosettes. We told them we were going to use the money to improve future breed awards.

The sponsorship of rosettes raised a total donations of \$2350 for the 47 breeds/divisions that participated. The cost of including the sponsor names on the rosettes was approximately \$600 leaving a leftover net income from sponsorship donations of \$1750. The awards committee would like to use this \$1750, the amount leftover after the cost of the writing of the sponsor names on the rosettes, to fund the process of creating a custom trophy for the breed awards for 2016, and if funds and time allow we will include the NW trophies. To improve the trophies, we first have to have a design and a trophy company must produce a trophy from that design. This customization process will cost a small fee depending on whether we use our own design or the company produces a design for us. We are requesting use of the \$1750 for this customization, although we estimate we will not need the entire amount if we use our own design. We are working on getting a better estimate, but until we have an actual design it will be hard to do that. We do however expect the customization process should be well under \$1750 for our own design. Anything left over from the \$1750 after customizing the breed award and any other trophies would be available to CFA to offset future trophy costs.

We have sort of a chicken-or-the-egg problem. To know how much a custom designed trophy will cost, we need to start a process knowing we can spend money. If we start the process and find out that the board won't approve us spending the money, then we've done work for nothing. We need to have some idea of the design and whether we can produce a design or have to pay someone else to do it before we can estimate the cost of the process. But it is not really worth putting the effort into creating the design and working further on this path unless we know that we can spend money on the customization process, which we cannot do without board approval. Since CFA would not have the \$1750 without the generous donations of people who are expecting nicer awards, we are asking for the authorization to spend some of that money on exactly what people donated it for – improving the awards. Once we know we can spend some of this money on what it was donated for, we can proceed with the customization process and get a better idea of the cost. If we find out that the cost is going to be more than \$1750, we won't go forward until we raise more money. If it is going to be less than \$1750 (and we think it will be far less), we will go forward. But we can't do anything without knowing that we are allowed to spend some of this money on the task for which people donated it.

Given some of the discussion at the June board meeting about the awards, we think an explanation of our plans will help clear up some things. We are not planning on creating a trophy design that is going to cost CFA \$350 or \$2000 each for the next decade or anything like that. We are not trying to come up with the next Frabel crystal cat. The current budget for trophies includes a breed award that costs roughly \$37 each. They are small inexpensive generic lucite awards. If all we can afford are small inexpensive lucite awards, then we would like to at least try to make them less generic. Pictures of this year's breed trophy are below for anyone

that hasn't seen it. Note the general scale of the trophy – it's not much bigger than a 20 oz. soda bottle. If not for the CFA logo, which can only be seen at certain angles and with a dark background, this could be an award for highest salesperson of the quarter or something else equally generic.



We believe those who achieve a breed award deserve something special. We are planning on creating a customized award that is easily identifiable either as a CFA or as a cat trophy and does not look at first glance like an employee of the month award. The award will be in the same price range as the current award so that CFA can continue to afford the award without a corporate sponsor. We are not trying to drastically change the price of the awards, just present something in the same price range that is unique to CFA.

I hesitate to show you this, but please take this as just a starting point example and not necessarily the final type of trophy. Seriously, this is just a sample of the many possibilities for customized trophies. Here is a page from the catalog of the trophy company that CFA used this year that shows some customized lucite awards and the costs of various sizes. Remember, we buy breed trophies in the 150+ range, so if you are looking at cost look in that column. This type of customized award is affordable for CFA to purchase without corporate sponsorship, once we have a custom design.



One of the issues raised at the June meeting was who would be designing this award. While I'm sure that I could come up with a design, I doubt anyone would like the resulting stick figure cat. So rest assured, it will not be me. I've asked Teresa Keiger, CFA's graphic designer, to work on designs for the breed award and NW award for the 2016 awards. These designs may be augmented by the trophy company's graphics arts department. The awards committee, Jodell

Raymond, and Shelly Borawski will all review the designs, review mock trophies, and when we feel we have one worthy of being CFA's award, we will share that with the board prior to production of the actual trophies.

Another issue raised was whether this new design will be the trophy forever used by CFA. The association will always be free to change the awards to keep up with what looks appropriate for the time period. Graphic designs evolve over time, even CFA's logo has changed and evolved. We expect that in time, as trophy material costs change and evolve and as new types of trophies come on the market, CFA will change the award again. But this design should be used for at least a few years, especially if we can keep the costs in the same range as the trophy budget of today. The custom trophy will last as long as people like the award, and until someone else wants to go through the process of re-designing the trophy.

Another issue raised in June was the difficulty of pleasing people with the trophies, and how if we include the actual cat on the trophy people are less likely to complain. In the survey, the majority of respondents wanted to keep an image of their cat on the award, and we plan on doing that. If we are able to include the NW trophies in this effort for 2016, we plan to use a design that includes an image or etching of the actual cat as the trophies do include now.

Future Projections for Committee:

The request for donations from clubs and breed councils worked well. We will present a plan in our February report to expand that to include other ways that clubs and breed councils can contribute to the awards. We also have some concerns about the Cattery of Distinction trophies that we will try to iron out for October.

Board Action Items:

1. *Direct Central Office to calculate the actual cost of the 2015 duplicate trophies to include tax and shipping and refund the difference to those people who purchased duplicates in 2015 at the inflated prices.*

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Anger: To keep this clean, it looks like Mary gave 3 action items. **Hannon:** Right. We haven't gotten to the third one. **Anger:** I know, and that's my – **Hannon:** Two of them were rolled together into Kathy's motion. **Anger:** But, to keep it clean, I would like to move that we adopt her first action item, reserving the right to vote no. **Eigenhauser:** Or we can just not make a motion. That's another way to turn something down. **Hannon:** We said in the motion it was for the 2015-2016 show season, so that's basically telling her no, we're not going to go back to 2015. **Anger:** That's fine. I'll withdraw it.

Withdrawn.

2. *Direct Central Office to charge the actual cost of duplicates in the future and not the 2011 prices.*

Hannon: We'll move on to the next thing which is the Awards Committee, which is Mary and I'm the board liaison, since Mary is not on the call. Mary got complaints about prices we were charging for duplicate awards. They were considerably higher than our actual cost. The normal national awards were \$52 and for duplicates we charged \$140. It was \$37 for a breed award and we were charging \$70. Some of the people that were paying these prices went to Mary with a complaint, so Mary is coming to us and asking us to be more realistic and just charge what we're paying for the award, and for shipping and handling, not doubling and tripling the cost here. **McCullough:** How did they know what they cost? Who told? **Hannon:** What difference does it make? The question is, do we want to be charging much more for a duplicate than it costs us for the original. **McCullough:** I think it's good business. **Schreck:** This amount has been charged since 2011. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to say that I agree with Mary. If we calculated this at a time when our costs were much higher and we never adjusted it, it really isn't fair to the exhibitors. They work very hard for these awards. I think this is the wrong place to try to squeeze a few extra dollars. The one thing I do want to differ a little bit, Mark said we should charge shipping and handling, Mary just said shipping. I want to add just a little bit to cover the cost of Central Office. Their time does cost us money, but the mark-up is way too big. It needs to be something close to what our actual cost is, but then it should including handling as well as shipping – some small amount for the staff time it takes to do all this. **Schreck:** The amount has been the same since 2011, and I have no idea whether they were more less with inflation, of course. I don't know if those awards were more pricey or not. However, in terms of handling, this year it was a little more difficult, because they had to go up to Canada, those people who didn't pick them up, they had to then bring them back and then they had to sort them through, and then they had to address them and then they had to pay postage and then they had to send them out. That's a lot of work for Central Office. Now, I don't think it should be \$2.50 for handling, and I'm also not in favor of backtracking. If you want to do that for next year, that would be fine but to backtrack and the amount of labor to go back and write a check for each and every one of these people, it's a lot of work for Central Office and they're pretty busy, as it is. **Hannon:** Mary's comment was that the cost of the awards actually went down since 2011, yet the cost of the duplicate remained the same since 2011. She felt that if the cost of the award went down, the cost of the duplicate should go down. To address Barb's comments about the efforts Central Office had to put in this year, they had to do that for the initial award, as well as the duplicates. **Newkirk:** How about if we charge \$20 to \$25 in addition to the cost? Would that cover the shipping and handling, with Central Office's involvement? **Hannon:** What Mary recommended is that the Office make some calculation. Why don't we give them an opportunity to come back to us with a recommendation, rather than us tell them tonight what we're willing to spend. To address doing it this year, as opposed to waiting until next year, Mary wanted to do it this year because she got complaints this year and she wanted to show the people that we are listening and responding. **DelaBar:** What happens if those awards are picked up and we don't have to ship them? You've got a duplicate award, it's there at the annual meeting to be picked up, and for whatever the award and the duplicate award are not picked up, and you have the regional director that picks up all these awards, takes them back and gets them distributed, then there shouldn't be an additional cost to the people that won the award. **Hannon:** Right, I see your point. If CFA actually did incur additional expense in having to mail out the duplicate award, that's one thing. If it was picked up at the annual by somebody – whether it be the recipient or not – Central Office didn't incur additional expense. That's what you're saying, right? **Calhoun:** I don't think that we should make this overly complicated by trying to figure

out different- I think if we could just figure out a reasonable margin, so that way when the cost of the award changes, we don't have to have a discussion whether it's \$10 or \$20. If it's 10% more or 20% more or whatever it is, just have a standard number and then it would be the same, no matter. You know, that margin would be the same. **Hannon:** Why don't you make a motion, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I would like to make a motion that we confirm with Central Office as to a reasonable margin, to be attached to the cost of the award, and that margin be held no matter what the cost actually is. **Hannon:** Isn't that cost going to vary, depending on whether the award was picked up at the annual or whether it was shipped later from Ohio? **Calhoun:** No, I don't think so. I think that's overly complicated. **DelaBar:** I'll second that.

Hannon: Any other discussion? **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion is, rather than us trying to tell Central Office what their finding should be now, why not just ask Central Office to come up with a proposal? Maybe it will be, this is the flat fee plus shipping; maybe their proposal will be, everything will be the same price, but let them come up with numbers and present those numbers to us, rather than deciding in advance what we want those numbers to be? **Hannon:** I think that's what Kathy's motion was. **Calhoun:** I don't think we're deciding what that number should be. **Eigenhauser:** We're debating whether it should be flat or a base price plus shipping. Let's just give the whole thing to Central Office and say, come up with a proposal in October. **Anger:** Would you like me to restate Kathy's motion? **Hannon:** Alright. **Anger:** She says, *that we confirm with Central Office a reasonable margin to be attached to the cost of the award, and that margin be held no matter what the cost actually is.* **Schreck:** I have a problem with this in two regards. First of all, what Mary is asking for is a refund for last year. **Hannon:** Correct. **Schreck:** Secondly, I'm not sure that we would know in time to advise people for next year what the cost plus the margin would be. We need to let these people know way in advance. I don't know how far in advance we know the cost of what the awards are going to be. Then, of course, you have shipping overseas which is \$25 or so, as I understand it to be, and so you are going to spread that over all the awards? I agree, I don't think we need to try and specifically identify how much each award will be. It's pretty hopeless. From that, I agree with Kathy, but here they are talking about last year, so are we going to ask Central Office to come up with something for last year and then vote on it in October? Kathy didn't specify what year her motion related to. **Hannon:** Jodell, weren't you involved in the awards? **J. Raymond:** Yes. **Hannon:** Do you know about how far in advance of the annual that we know the cost of the awards? **J. Raymond:** February. **Hannon:** OK. So, February is before we start sending out anything to the potential award winners telling them what the cost of the duplicate is. **J. Raymond:** Correct, and we have not change that cost of the duplicate, as long as I've been involved. **Hannon:** We've got until easily February to come up with a policy. **J. Raymond:** Right. Oh sure. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion on Kathy's motion? **Schreck:** Again, I want clarification. Is this to apply to this year, a/k/a 2015-2016, or for all years? **Calhoun:** Can I amend my motion to say, *This motion would apply to awards for the 2015-2016 current show season.* **Hannon:** So it's for future awards. We're not going backwards. We're just going to move ahead. **Calhoun:** Future awards. **Hannon:** Does the second accept the amendment? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? **McCullough:** How many duplicates did we hand out since 2011? **Hannon:** I don't know. **McCullough:** Because if these 4 go out and start blabbing, "I got all my money back, screw you, you got yours last year." **Hannon:** We're not giving anybody's money back. We are going to start this with the new awards next June/July. Anyone that's already received an award, they pay the higher price. **McCullough:** Alright, I'm with you. **Hannon:** Any more discussion before we vote on this? All those in favor.

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

3. *The rosette sponsorship donations that were donated to improve the breed awards totaled \$2350, the cost of printing sponsor names on the breed rosettes was \$600, the leftover amount or net income is \$1750. Approve using the leftover amount of approximately \$1750 from the rosette sponsorships to pay for the design and customization process for a customized trophy for the 2016 and future breed awards and if possible the 2016 NW trophies.*

Hannon: The other area of concern was when we discussed back in July Mary's recommendation that we use some of the funds that were collected for breed awards for a design for new awards, there seemed to be some confusion, and so Mary rewrote this in hopes that she resolved any confusion. What she wants is the difference between what was donated and what was actually spent. She is estimating that to be about \$1,750. She wants to use the left-over money. I need somebody to make a motion. Is there a motion? **Brown:** I so move. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Is there discussion? Mary has provided some photos of other awards that a particular company that did this year's awards makes. I think what she was trying to show us is that they do an actual cut of the award. She is thinking of trying to see what it would look like with cat ears or something. **Anger:** I have the same objection I had earlier. There was no confusion. The people that paid are going to be funding this award design. The breeds that did not pay are going to join in reaping the benefit. There is an unfairness there. **Hannon:** Any other comment? Do we want to vote on this? All those in favor of the motion.

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

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Possible changes to the Cattery of Distinction award.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kolencik, Chair*

(5) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Based on the request from the July 2015 Board meeting to provide immediate rulemaking for Resolution 14, which passed at the annual by greater than 2/3, and delete the rule allowing kittens to have the show scored when a registration number application had not already been sent to Central Office several days in advance of the show or with a TRN application, we have prepared the following report. Both of these proposals are for immediate implementation, which should be no earlier than November 1, 2015, to allow for proper notice that the rule has been changed and made effective without waiting for the start of the next show season.

Resolution 14 – Portion Requiring Registration Numbers for Kittens to be in the Count

Rule # 2.07 & 2.07a	Passed by greater than 2/3 <u>50%</u> at annual – Resolution 14	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</p> <p>a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers. Novice class cats are not eligible for Global/Regional points and are not included in counts determining the number of cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.</p>	<p>2.07 <u>KITTEN AND</u> CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</p> <p>a. The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered “listed” (unregistered) <u>kittens or</u> cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 <u>from 4</u> calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color and breed is CFA registerable as the breed being shown, including Longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08), and who which do not have a temporary registration number. The sire and dam of these <u>kittens or</u> cats must be printed in the show catalog. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry. Qualifying rings are awarded in the Novice class <u>to adult cats</u>. Upon the cat’s registration with CFA, these will be posted to the cat’s record towards its Champion/Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as <u>kittens or as</u> Champions/Premiers. Novice class <u>kittens or</u> cats are not eligible for NationalGlobal/Regional points and are not included in counts when determining the number of <u>kittens or</u> cats present in any class. This class is for all licensed shows.</p>	

5.01f	Passed by greater than 2/3 <u>50%</u> at annual – Resolution 14	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	f. 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 awards.	f. All entries in Championship (except Novice), Premiership (except Novice), registered Kittens (<u>except Novices</u>), recorded Household Pets, and registered cats competing as Household Pets with an Household Pet color class prefix will be scored for CFA awards.
6.15	Passed by greater than 2/3 <u>50%</u> at annual – Resolution 14	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	Only cats registered with CFA with either a temporary or permanent registration number are eligible for entry in the Championship and Premiership competitive categories and the Veterans, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV classes. The show management is expressly prohibited from accepting a Championship, Premiership, Veteran, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV entry unless the official entry form contains a registration number or request for a temporary registration number. (Except those listed cats that are competing as Novices, as provided for in paragraph 2.07.a). It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the cat with its proper registration number as shown on the registration certificate. Any AOV, Provisional or Miscellaneous kitten must have a registration number in order to be eligible to be shown.	Only <u>kittens</u> or cats registered with CFA with either a temporary or permanent registration number are eligible for entry in the <u>Kitten</u> , Championship and Premiership competitive categories and the Veterans, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV classes. The show management is expressly prohibited from accepting a <u>Kitten</u> , Championship, Premiership, Veteran, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV entry unless the official entry form contains a registration number or request for a temporary registration number. (Except those listed cats that are competing as Novices, as provided for in rule paragraph <u>rule paragraph 2.07.a</u>). It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the <u>kitten</u> or cat with its proper registration number as shown on the registration certificate. All <u>Any</u> AOV, Provisional or Miscellaneous kittens must have a registration number in order to be eligible to be shown.
RATIONALE: A kitten currently exhibited without being registered cannot receive points; however, they are considered in the overall count for other exhibited kittens. If a kitten is to provide a point, said kitten should be registered with the ability to earn points. It has been projected that the show season of 2013-2014 had an estimated loss for CFA of \$40,000 due to kittens not being registered, and it is estimated that the income for CFA, this 2014-2015 show season, could be greater than \$65,000 with this amendment to register kittens. The monetary impact of registering kittens for each individual remains very minimal, while the monetary gain for CFA would be extremely beneficial. Exhibitors will be allowed to show their kittens once in the novice class for a judges' opinion. NOTE: This proposal has been modified from what was passed by the delegates as the original proposal passed indicated that kittens could earn qualifying rings toward the Champion or Premier titles. This is not the case.		

Hannon: Next would be Carol with Show Rules. This dealt with Resolution 14, which required either, as I understood it, a registration number or a TRN for a kitten. The way Monte has written it I think goes beyond what we've been discussing. We didn't discuss having a novice class, which is how he has written this up. What we discussed was allowing kittens to be

entered in the show without a registration number but it would not be included in the count, so if they wanted a kitten to get some handling experience or they wanted the judges to decide which littermate to keep, they could enter these kittens in the show for whatever reason they wanted, but the cats that made finals wouldn't be able to use that as part of the count. **Krzanowski:** After some discussion between Monte and Dick Kallmeyer and myself, we kind of felt that it would be cleaner to have a novice class across the board. It would be less confusing for people exhibiting cats. A novice class does exactly what we had discussed. It allows people to show their kittens and not be included in the count, and to get a feel for how they are going to do at the show. So, it accomplishes the same thing that we had talked about, but it puts them in a novice class to make it consistent with championship and premiership. **Hannon:** Are you making a motion? Before we have any discussion, let's have a motion on the floor. **Krzanowski:** I move that we pass this resolution tonight. **DelaBar:** I second. A week and a half ago, I had a regional meeting and we discussed this. Everybody is in total agreement. They don't care if we make this effective now. They have no objections. I was surprised there were no objections, but they just want to insure that there is the ability to enter a kitten without a number, knowing full well it doesn't count. I was also in favor of having a novice. It's only going to show up in the catalog, it's not going to show up in the judges' books, just because it keeps things level across all our 3 major competitive categories. Sort of like KISS – keep it simple stupid – principle. That's why we like it. It keeps everything even. **Schreck:** Just a point of information. I think it's incorrect. I think it passed by a majority, not by 2/3. **Hannon:** You are correct. It passed by a majority and it did not pass by 2/3. I checked the minutes today. So, we have the option to vote against it. **Schreck:** The other comment I want to make is, we are not yet voting on when to make this effective. Does that need to be part of the motion? **Hannon:** Why don't we do this first and then we can address when we want to make it effective? **Schreck:** That's fine. **Hannon:** You're correct, we're not required to do this. It came to us with a favorable recommendation. Any other discussion? **Newkirk:** I disagree. I don't think we should have novices for kittens. The novice class was always in our rules, and it was for cats that weren't registered. It was basically when we were in Europe when I was in charge of the ID. To me, it's more confusing to have a novice class. They are either registered or they're not registered, or they have to have a TRN number. So, it has nothing to do with anything other than what's going to count. It's sort of silly to me to add a novice on. I realize it would be the same in all 3 categories, but it's one more thing that you have to try to explain to somebody. In kittens, you don't have to have a registration number. We're changing that if this passes, so in order to be in the count you have to have a TRN or a registration number. That's pretty simple to me. You're going to have to change the program to put novice in for the kitten class, so that's one more computer change that we have to make. It doesn't make logical sense to me, to add a novice class in kittens. **Hannon:** We don't have to put novice in. The two people that created the software that the entry clerks use have to make that change. What if they say no, I'm not making the change. I only make changes once a year and I make those changes based on your show rule changes. We ran into that with one of these people recently over another issue.

DelaBar: We know what the major question was, and that is the counts for the official show count. I think the decision that really needs to be made is, at this point in time are we saying that our rule is now that we only count those kittens that have either a TRN or a registration number printed in the catalog. **Hannon:** Are you saying, Pam, that if the entry clerk software doesn't get updated this season, if we decide to make it effective this season, to include novice for kittens, you're OK with that? It's still going to say in the judges' books "K", right?

DelaBar: Actually KIT. **Hannon:** It's not going to say Novice. **DelaBar:** Right. I think the issue right now is the official show count for kittens. They are looking for us to say, we're only going to count kittens with registration numbers or TRN numbers. The show rules, that portion can be discussed in October, but I think we need to see what our scoring is going to be. We've been asked to address this. I haven't been asked to address this, but when I put it to my region, they had no problem. **Hannon:** My concern is, if we have a novice class for kittens, it doesn't show up anywhere. The judge's book is still going to say KIT, whereas in Championship and Premiership it does say novice in the judge's book, right? **Newkirk:** It's in the catalog, too. **Hannon:** Right, so I don't know what purpose is served by requiring novice class for kittens if we're not using that term in the catalog or the judge's books. **DelaBar:** What they felt is that if it wasn't so stated, then people might get the idea that they could not enter their kitten if they weren't registered and have a TRN number. **Hannon:** Can we have a statement on the entry blank that kittens are not required to have a registration number? **DelaBar:** There are other things I would rather see on the entry blank before that.

Eigenhauser: Normally I'm reluctant to change show rules, once the show season has started. This seems to be one that it's justified doing it, but I'm extremely uncomfortable voting for it without a start date. If you ask me to vote on this with a start date of November 1, I'll vote yes. If you ask me to vote on this with a start date of the show coming this weekend, I'll vote no. If I have no start date, I've got to vote no. I need to know if we do this that there is a reasonable time for the clubs and the people who have already entered shows to make an adjustment. **Hannon:** Carol, didn't you make the motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I did make the motion. Monte specifically left off an effective date because he felt it wasn't his place to recommend that. It is the board's decision to determine an effective date. I would like to say another thing about the novice class. We put the novice class in there to make it clear to people that they could enter their kittens without a registration number. The way this proposal was presented at the annual, it was not clear that that's allowed. **Eigenhauser:** Monte states in his summary, it should be no earlier than November 1st, so that is his recommendation. Whether he included it in the motion or not, that is his recommendation, that it should be no earlier than November 1. I don't think there's any harm in putting that in the motion. **Calhoun:** I agree, as well. I think we need to include it. We want to make sure that we give people an adequate amount of time. We also want to make sure that people don't think this is retroactive. **Newkirk:** I make an amendment that we include November 1st as a start date. **Hannon:** You can't amend it. Carol has to. **Newkirk:** Yeah, I can. No, I can amend it. Somebody second it, you just vote on the amendment and then that becomes the resolution. **Hannon:** I'm going to start with Carol. Are you willing to accept the amendment, which simplifies things? **Newkirk:** Mark, Carol doesn't have to accept it. **Hannon:** I know she doesn't, but if she does, then we can do this in one vote, rather than two.

Krzanowski: Is there any discussion about the effective date before I make the motion? **Hannon:** Yes. We have already seen a lot of damage this show season because of the large number of unregistered kittens in shows, and I think putting it off until November 1st is going to be terribly demoralizing for people. We will already know by November 1st who the top 25 kittens are. Nobody is going to be able to catch them. **Mastin:** Can we start with a motion for October 1st, and if that fails we can come back with November 1st. **Colilla:** Can I amend that to October 15th, to at least give them 2 months? **Hannon:** It doesn't take 2 months to register kittens. **Colilla:** I'm just trying to be nice. **Hannon:** Yeah, but by being nice you are not being nice to your own constituents. They're the ones that are paying the price. **Colilla:** Why don't we

do it September 15th then, to make it 1 month if that's the case. **Hannon:** We have September 15th, October 1st and November 1st as dates that have been tossed out. **Kuta:** One thing I would like to consider is how many shows are coming up before then. I can see trying to pack it in before the cut-off date, so we can see like an all kitten class show. I don't know if that would happen, but it could. As an entry clerk, I'm a little unsure on the novice thing, like if it needed to look different in the books, but I personally just registered a cat via pedigree for the first time and I was able to get it done. Monique was great and I was able to get it done pretty quickly. I don't know if that's because I'm a board member, but I think giving people a month is enough time. I would vote for a September date. **Krzanowski;** So, Lisa, you're saying September 15th? **Colilla:** That's what I suggested. **Kuta:** I'm for a mid-September date. I think that gives people enough time, as long as Central Office can handle it. If we took the number of kittens currently showing that are unregistered and figured, worst case scenario, all of them registered, would CO be able to do it? **Hannon:** Terri? **Barry:** We would have to. **Hannon:** Alright, what do we want to do about dates? We've got 3 dates here. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to remind everybody that not everybody is plugged into CFA politics, and not everybody is on CFA news or the CFA list. It's going to take a finite amount of time for this to percolate. For the average exhibitor that only goes to a handful of shows a year or only goes to the shows in their area before they are aware of the rule changes and before they change their habits and their ways of registering to be able to accommodate it, I think we're underestimating how long it takes for the word to get out. **Newkirk:** I agree with George 100%. I think it takes a while. The middle of September is about a month away. That is not good. We want to make this effective, we want to make the transition smoothly. I could go for the middle of October. That gives 2 months. At least that's 60 days to get the word out and make sure everybody knows their kittens have to be registered. We've got lots and lots of shows that are already licensed, and they are under the concept that they don't have to have their kittens registered. I think a lot of them have got the word that this is going to be discussed and it may be changed, but we've got to give them at least 2 months in order to make this change, in my opinion. **Kuta:** So, I think that those people who aren't plugged in probably weren't going to show their kitten as registered. They're not necessarily the ones who this rule change is impacting. If they were going to show their kitten without a registration number anyway, why do they care if it impacts the count or not? Their kitten wasn't going to benefit from the count. **Hannon:** To accrue points, they would have registered it. **Kuta:** Exactly, so the people that this rule change is really going to benefit are going to be the ones who are going to be more attuned to the rule, and they are probably going to make sure their friends who may have been bringing kittens for them are going to be registered. They are going to make sure that word gets out. So, those who aren't as plugged in or only go to a few shows a year, this rule change isn't impacting them. **Kallmeyer:** I agree with Lisa. Most of the kittens are shown one time anyway, so they're not in it for the points and registration is probably not going to make a whole lot of difference for them, as well. I think we ought to talk also about how we notify them. We ought to send a bulletin out to the judges, to the master clerks, to the entry clerks, just to make sure they're aware of the process, as well. I think Lisa was right on about that. I think that we could bring this up September 15 without major havoc. **DelaBar:** Getting a TRN is no big deal, either. If they say, I want my kitten to count and any points it might get, then I'm going to make sure I've got my TRN to cover those contingencies. I don't think it's going to be that hard to get the word out. In fact, they've got it right now. At my regional show a week and a half ago, I had a total of 9 TRNs for the entire show. 7 of those were kittens, so the adults had 1, maybe 2 novices max. People pick up on this quickly and hopefully – who is breathing so hard? I don't

need that in the middle of the night. Somebody is really breathing into their phone. Anyway, I don't think it's a big deal to get TRNs. I don't know if somebody is having some respiratory difficulties, but it's really kind of insulting. Anyway, we don't have a problem. **Colilla:** I have one suggestion. Let the international people know too, so they don't feel like we are ganging up on them. **Brown:** I think we need to show that the board is responsive to the problem. **Krzanowski:** I will amend my motion to accept the rule changes as presented, with an effective date of September 15th. **McCullough:** Second. **Eigenhauser:** Excuse me. Somebody was breathing. What was the date in September? **Krzanowski:** September 15th. **McCullough:** It's a Tuesday. **Hannon:** It will be effective for the following week.

Wilson: I just want to go back to this wording. I don't think we need a novice class. Why can't we just change the rules that have to do with scoring and just put that in there, instead of making this so complicated? **Hannon:** My suggestion is, for anyone who feels that we don't need a novice class, vote no on this. If this fails, we can bring it back up without the novice class. **Eigenhauser:** I'm asking whoever is doing the heaving breathing to please mute. **Hannon:** It may not be heavy breathing, it may be a problem with the phone. **Newkirk:** It sounds like they may be asleep. Yes. **Schreck:** I agree. I think this is more complicated than what it needs to be. However, if we don't vote on this tonight – **Hannon:** We will. If this fails, we will immediately re-do it without the novice. **Schreck:** OK, I'm good with that. In response to Darrell's comment about notification, if you didn't have a kitten number before, you weren't going to get any points on that kitten. So, I agree with Lisa. I think that if you're just going to show them without a registration number anyway, you're not affected by this. It's no change. You were never going to get any points. **Anger:** I just have one question. If I'm showing a kitten and I'm going to a show specifically because I'm trying to accumulate points to reach a goal, are we going to be giving out two counts – one with kitten numbers and one without – so that exhibitors will know what they are getting into? **Hannon:** The master clerk will, at the show, provide the kitten count which would include the registered kittens and the kittens with TRNs. So, if there are 50 kittens present and only 40 of them have a TRN, the master clerk's count will be 40. They will do the same thing when they publish the count on the Online Almanac. **Anger:** Right, great. So, I have to make the trip to the show, to find out what my real count is going to be. **Hannon:** You won't know it ahead of time by just looking at the breed summary. **Anger:** Right, OK. That answers my question, thanks. **Hannon:** It's a valid point. Right now, the club will tell you how many kittens are entered and you will mentally subtract some absentees, but you won't know how many of those kittens will not be registered and therefore won't count. If there's nothing else, we're going to go ahead and vote on it. Just remember, you've got to vote no if you want to delete the novice.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Krzanowski and DelaBar voting yes.

Hannon: Does somebody want to make a motion to deal with this, without the novice class? **Newkirk:** I'll make the motion. **Kuta:** Second. **Hannon:** What's your actual motion? **Newkirk:** It's the same motion, striking out the novice class. Starting date of September 15th. **Raymond:** There are references to novice class sprinkled throughout these amendments. I'm trying to figure out what happens if you take away the novice class for kittens, what do you have left? **Hannon:** You have left the discussion on the count. **Schreck:** It would have to be rewritten. What we're passing is the substance, but the details would have to be reworked. **Hannon:**

Correct. We're basically saying, we're going to put this into effect and, in the meantime, Monte has to rewrite this for us so we can publish it.

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

Hannon: Now, I have a comment. Attending shows, people are very demoralized over the kitten situation right now, where there is a tremendous number of kittens that have very high points. They feel they're not going to be able to catch them, so I toss out as a suggestion increasing the number of national kitten wins this year, instead of handing out 25, handing out 35. That gives people who would like to get a national win but don't feel they could have, based on the points that have already been accrued, give them some hope of reaching a national win. Comments? **Anger:** I have a similar idea. Mine is to still give our top 25 national awards for the North American continent. Whatever awards are won beyond that would merge in. In other words, we will have our top 25 from North America, and for example 3 from Europe and 7 from the ID, we would give a total of 35 awards. There would be a guaranteed top 25 from North America. **Moser:** I don't see why we're making exceptions. I think that we should go with the same 25 that we've always done. I don't think there should be an exception to 35. **Colilla:** If you award 35, that means the regions need to be 35 to be consistent. **Anger:** I disagree with that. The regions determine what they award. **Krzanowski:** What happens to Japan? **Hannon:** What about Japan? **Krzanowski:** There was no mention of that. You have 25 for North America, 7 for China, 3 for Europe and nothing for Japan? **Anger:** No, I was just throwing numbers out as examples, so you can get a feel for the concept. For instance, we would have 25 plus however many outscore the 25th best from North America. **Hannon:** So, what you're saying, Rachel, is if we have 25 kittens that got the most points and they happen to reside outside North America, you're going to toss in another 25 for North America, so we would be handing out top 50. **Anger:** Our North American exhibitors seem to feel a right of entitlement that 25 of those awards are theirs. **Hannon:** Then you're going to have to do the same thing with championship. **Anger:** Eventually, exactly. **Calhoun:** I didn't understand what Rachel said. I thought what she was saying, let's say the top 25 kittens in North America, let's say the 25th kitten would have – I'm going to make this number up – 2,000 points. So, that would be like the bottom? Top 25 in North America, but within the top number and that 2,000 globally – Japan or whatever – those cats would also be sprinkled in, and it would increase the total. It may not necessarily be 35. It could be 50, it could be 40, but the 25th kitten establishes the bottom of the national awards. That's what I thought you said, Rachel. Maybe I got it wrong. **Anger:** That is exactly what I said. **Eigenhauser:** First of all, Mark, you made the response to Rachel that if we do it for kittens, we have to do it for championship. I think the same thing applies to your suggestion. If we go to top 35 in kittens, why wouldn't we go to top 35 in championship? There's more champions being shown anyway. When we start changing the awards in the middle of the show season, we're making a big mistake. Everybody knew the rules going into this, everybody is playing under the same rules. If we start changing the rules with the specific purpose of trying to benefit some exhibitors in North America, I think it's absolutely, positively the wrong thing to do for CFA. If people don't want top 25, they can change it to top 35 permanently or top 50 or whatever they want to do, but in the middle of the show season, don't change the awards system just to benefit exhibitors in one country or one region or one part of the world.

DelaBar: George, I could barely hear what you are saying because whoever has to put their nose to the mouthpiece on their phone and blowing into it, it's cutting out a lot of

conversation. It's going on and on and on. It's not my line, it's somebody breathing. **Hannon:** We're all hearing it. Do you want to hang up and everybody call back in and see if that solves the problem? **Newkirk:** Why don't you just let Rachel do a roll call again. We can figure out who it is. **Eigenhauser:** If it happens while we're talking, it's clearly not us. **Hannon:** Alright, go ahead Rachel. Do a new roll call. **Anger:** OK, Hannon. **Hannon:** Present. **Anger:** Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Anger is not snoring. Schreck. **Schreck:** I'm awake. **Anger:** Fellerman. Geri? Geri? **Moser:** It's not Geri because I texted her and she is making banana bread. **DelaBar:** Making banana bread and she is not in this meeting? **Moser:** She's awake. **Anger:** We are having a CFA board meeting, not making banana bread. OK, so Moser it's not you. McCullough. **McCullough:** Not me. **Anger:** Colilla. **Colilla:** I'm here. **Anger:** Kuta. **Kuta:** Bright eyed and bushy tailed. **Anger:** Calhoun. **Calhoun:** I'm here. **Anger:** Dugger. Jean, I need your vote, too. Jean, are you there? Jean? **Moser:** I think that's who it is. **Anger:** Do we want to hang up and call back? This is ridiculous. **Colilla:** She's still on the line. **Hannon:** She's not going to hang up if she's asleep. **Eigenhauser:** Can the group leader end the conference and start a new conference that she would have to redial into? **Hannon:** I can give you a new conference code. **DelaBar:** Can somebody just call her home phone on a different line and tell her to wake up? **Newkirk:** Or maybe call her cell. **Colilla:** She may be on her cell. **McCullough:** She's not. I just called and left a message. **Hannon:** If she's asleep, she's not going to get the message in time. **Schreck:** It seems to have stopped. **Hannon:** Alright, let's continue on.

Hannon: Where were we? Did we pass the motion Rachel? **Anger:** No, we haven't made one yet. **Hannon:** Does anyone want to make a motion about additional awards? Let's move on.

Eliminating Ability to Register a Kitten and have it Scored AFTER the Show has been held

14.01	Requested change by the Board	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a CFA registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record, as applicable, the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office</p>	<p>Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the <u>kitten or cat</u>'s record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration or recording number or the lack of a CFA registration or recording number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a <u>Temporary Registration Number or</u> recording number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration or recording number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register or record, as applicable, the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for</p>	

<p>within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement.</p>	<p>registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct recording number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA’s current price list for point reinstatement.</p>
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Article XXXVI – Eligibility – Item 2	Requested change by the Board
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Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Kitten classes - all kittens entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually registered and whose registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA’s current price list for scoring the kitten to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show (this fee does not include any expedited registration service fee, if applicable). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the kitten’s CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.</p>	<p>Kitten classes - all kittens entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually registered and whose registration number <u>or Temporary Registration Number (TRN)</u> has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA’s current price list for scoring the kitten to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show (this fee does not include any expedited registration service fee, if applicable). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the kitten’s CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.</p>

RATIONALE: This rule change puts kittens on a par with Championship and Premiership entries for point re-instatement at a show. Previously, a kitten could request a registration number and have the show scored just by contacting Central Office by the Tuesday after the show. The proposed revision deletes the ability to register the kitten by providing a request after the show has been held, but **DOES** allow for scoring a kitten with a missing registration number if the application for a registration number had been submitted to CFA at least 21 days prior to the show (or includes an application for a TRN number). This is the same provision that exists for scoring Championship or Premiership cats whose registration number is missing or incorrect in the final catalog sent to Central Office for scoring. This eliminates the current ability for an owner to decide, based on the show results, whether to then register the kitten. To be scored, it would have to have a submitted registration application in advance, or obtain a TRN before the show check-in closes.

Krzanowski: There was another portion of the Show Rules report related to eliminating the ability to register a kitten and have it scored after the show has been held. As we were investigating some of these things about registration numbers and whatever, it came to our attention that there are very, very few people taking advantage of that option to register a kitten after a show. In fact, Shirley indicated there were only 3 since the beginning of this show season. **Schreck:** That's right. I queried her on that. **Krzanowski:** Barb actually found this out and passed along the information, so I asked Monte to write something up to eliminate that option, and that is the second part of this report. **DelaBar:** If this isn't something that's really pertinent to right now, could it be something we discuss in October? It's not that big a deal. Can it be discussed in October? **Schreck:** The deal is, what do you do with that kitten that's registered Monday? They used to be in the count because they didn't need a number. Now they are not in the count but they are registered Monday, so are they in the count or not in the count? By removing the ability to register them on Monday, you take away any confusion about whether they are or are not in the count. Shirley indicated to me that since the beginning of the show season there were 3. Registrations can be done in 24 hours, or you can get a TRN number. There's really no need for this anymore. **Krzanowski:** I move that we pass this, with the same effective date as the other. Or, we can make it effective immediately. What are everybody's feelings? Should we have some discussion? I'll make the motion that we make it effective immediately. **McCullough:** Second. **Anger:** I'm supporting the motion, but to keep it clean and have all the changes go into effect at the same time, I would just as soon make it in conjunction with our September 15 roll-out of the first rule change. **Krzanowski:** I'll amend the motion to make it effective September 15th. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Time Frame:

At the current board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The full set of rules changes coming out of the July 2015 annual meeting, and those requested that we address before the report due date in September 2015.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monte Phillips, Chair*

Hannon: Carol, do you have anything else for Show Rules before you move on to clubs?
Krzanowski: No, that's all I have for Show Rules.

(6) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were presented the Board for consideration.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Four clubs were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment A). They are:

- *Blue Velvet Cat Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *China Cat Planet Club, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Dalian International Cat Fanciers, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*
- *Indonesia Royal Feline, International Division; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair*

One letter was received that asked whether the new clubs in China were sharing membership with existing clubs or bringing in new people to CFA, and a reply was sent (Attachment B) stating these are all new people. Two other similar inquiries came in via other means and received the same answer.

As the final report was being assembled, it was discovered that one member of one club is currently an officer in another China club. This fact was initially overlooked as it was not on the application itself, but rather in the additional documentation provided by the club applicant.

***Blue Velvet Cat Club (Attachment C)
International Division, Xuzhou, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are fifteen members. No member is a member of another club. Two members have some clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and they wish to hold shows mostly in Xuzhou and perhaps other surrounding cities such as Jinan or Hefei. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to an animal shelter or animal rescue. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Chair approves of this club.

Krzanowski: Moving on to clubs. We have 4 applications that were pre-noticed. The first is Blue Velvet Cat Club in the International Division. This club is located in Xuzhou (Suchow), China, a major city in Jiangsu province with a population of over 8.5 million. Jiangsu province lies centrally located on the China coast, bordering Shanghai municipality to the southeast and Shandong province to the north. Several members have some clerking experience or have helped other clubs in producing shows. If accepted, this club plans to produce shows in Xuzhou and perhaps in some surrounding cities. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? Dick? **Kallmeyer:** A lot of people probably met one of the principals of the club, Mike. He was one of the dancers with Darrell until the early hours of the morning. I support this club. It's a brand new area. **Moser:** I just have a question. With all these clubs that we're accepting in China, are they putting on shows or are we just accepting clubs?

Kallmeyer: They are putting on shows. In fact, he's in the wings with a request for show dates already. **Moser:** Not just this club, I'm talking about, we have already accepted numerous clubs in China. Are those clubs putting on shows? **Kallmeyer:** Most of them are, and if they haven't they are in the works for right away. **Hannon:** So you are saying, no paper clubs in China. **Kallmeyer:** I think only 2 clubs voted from China. Their primary purpose is to put on shows. **Hannon:** Not politics. **Moser:** If that's the case, because we've accepted a lot of clubs. I would think there would be more than 1 show a weekend if we are accepting all these clubs. Maybe 2, but it seems to be just 1. **Hannon:** How many clubs do we have in China, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** I think it's 33. **Hannon:** OK, so Pam, we don't even have one club per weekend at this point. **Moser:** OK. I'm just bringing this up. **Hannon:** I understand it's a concern elsewhere. **Newkirk:** I was asked to do a show and there's another show in China that weekend, so they are starting to put on 2 a weekend. **Hannon:** Dick told us, in September there's a weekend with 3. **Kallmeyer:** Right now, there's not a lot of air conditioned venues. We're only seeing 1 show a week, but I think that's going to change quick. **Hannon:** Any other discussion on the Blue Velvet Cat Club? All those in favor of accepting Blue Velvet Cat Club.

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

Hannon: Welcome, Blue Velvet.

China Cat Planet Club (Attachment D)
International Division, Guangzhou, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are twenty members. One member is president of another club in China. Four members have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club that wishes to hold shows in Guangzhou and various surrounding cities. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds 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, you want to talk about the China Cat Planet Club? **Krzanowski:** Yes, that's the next application. This club's location is Guangzhou, China, a city with a population of just over 14 million. It is the capital and largest city of Guangdong province in south China, which is bordered on the south by the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau. Most of the club members have CFA registered cattery names and are actively exhibiting in CFA on a regular basis. If accepted, the club hopes to produce at least one show a year. I move that we accept China Cat Planet Club. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Hannon:** Dick, do you want to say anything? **Kallmeyer:** I support it. **Hannon:** Any other comments, questions, discussion?

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

Hannon: Welcome China Cat Planet Club.

Dalian International Cat Fanciers (Attachment E)
International Division, Dalian, China; Richard Kallmeyer, Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are eighteen members. No member is a member of another club. Various members have some clerking experience. This is an allbreed club that will hold shows in Dalian. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go

to the Winn Feline Foundation, CFA Breeder Assistance or other CFA non-profit group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Hannon: Carol, you want to go on to the next one? **Krzanowski:** The next one is Dalian International Cat Fanciers. This club is situated in Dalian, China, a major city and seaport in the southernmost portion of Liaoning province with a population of 6.69 million. Dalian is the second largest city in Liaoning province, which is bordered to the northeast by Jilin province and to the southwest by Hebei province. Several club members have CFA cattery names and exhibit regularly. If accepted this club intends to hold shows in Dalian. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Kallmeyer:** I think this is a great area. We have a lot of catteries in this area, definitely a lot of opportunity. **Newkirk:** Are there any other clubs there, Dick? **Kallmeyer:** Not really. The nearest one is Shenyang, and that's about a 3 hour drive. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? **Kallmeyer:** There have been shows there, but not clubs.

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

Hannon: Welcome Dalian International Cat Fanciers.

Indonesia Royal Feline (Attachment F)
International Division, Bogor, Indonesia; 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 will hold shows in Bogor and other cities such as Balikpapan, Medan and Bekasi. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the club funds will go to cat shelters and other charities. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The last application to be considered is Indonesia Royal Feline. This club is located in Bogor, a city on the island of Java in the West Java province of Indonesia, not far from Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Bogor has a population of over 1 million and is an important economic and cultural center. Many of the club members have CFA registered cattery names and are actively exhibiting. If accepted, this club plans to produce shows in Bogor and some other cities in Indonesia. I move that we accept this club. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Hannon:** any discussion? Dick? **Kallmeyer:** This is great. This is the second club in Indonesia. Actually, the Southeast Asian countries of Singapore, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia are growing 30%. In fact, I think they had more registrations than Region 7. It's a great opportunity. **Hannon:** Any other discussion?

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

Hannon: Welcome Indonesia Royal Feline.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

August 2015 to October 2015 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Hannon: Do you have anything else to talk about, Carol? **Krzanowski:** No, that's all I have. Thank you.

(7) **SHOW SCHEDULING.**

BACKGROUND: Exhibit A on the attached PDF is a request for Change of Date/Location that was published on March 25, 2015. The request for Call of the Wild is not a part of the issue I bring forth. I elected to let it remain in my correspondence concerning the Nashville Cat Club to show nothing had been altered and was in its entirety.

It is my understanding that the Nashville Cat Club realized their setup and exhibitor travel date would be Christmas Day, so they were requesting a date change. The Huntsville club's traditional date would have been October 10-11, 2015, but they lost their show hall and changed dates to the October 24 weekend. It was suggested Nashville move to that weekend.

In a board list discussion, one board member stated, "The initial CFA News notice about the change of date erroneously stated 2016" and was meant to be 2015. Originally, the show was supposed to be a one-day show, but changed the format to a two-day four-ring back-to-back show because "the fairgrounds made it more lucrative for the club to obtain the show hall for Saturday and Sunday . . . and it is the club's hope that with the change of venue, they can attract a large gate," the Region 7 regional director stated in a board discussion recently.

After seeing the original notification in March, I emailed the Region 7 RD and stated my objections. Cleveland Persian Society is one of CFA's oldest clubs and has had that traditional date for many years. Having a show in Nashville would jeopardize their success.

I also contacted my regional scheduler, Ginger Gunlock, and the Cleveland Persian Society President, Linda Murphy. After discussing the situation, I advised them both to send letters to the Region 7 RD. I received, what I thought was copies of the letters and was unaware they had not sent them directly to her.

On March 30, 2015 I sent an email to the Region 7 RD and suggested a date in December that would be closer to Nashville's traditional date. See Exhibit B. I never received a response.

At the Anthony Wayne show in Ann Arbor on May 9, 2015 I heard from club members that Jim Flanik had talked to the Region 7 RD at a show. It was a directive he took upon himself, as show manager, and did not represent the body of the club, nor did he represent the Region 4 RD. His opinion is moot and irrelevant to the situation.

Nothing was said about the show any further after that and I assumed it was a done deal. I had a conversation with the Region 7 RD at a show after that and said I hoped there were no hard feelings.

Then in the middle of July the show schedule was published and the CPS president tried to get a hold of me while I was driving to a show on Friday, July 17, 2015. The club secretary sent me an email informing me that the show was not only licensed, but was now a two-day show. I discussed the situation with the CFA president and let him know of my objections and asked for advice on the proper procedure to handle the scheduling conflict. See Exhibit C.

Previously, I had approved a region I show in Sturbridge, MA because I felt it was a far enough distance from Parma. Yes, it may take away some entries, but not enough that it would cause a conflict. See Exhibit D.

Hannon: John, do you want to take up the show scheduling issue? **Colilla:** Yes. Basically, the Great Lakes Region is objecting Nashville Cat Club having a show down in Nashville, Tennessee. The show is replacing the Huntsville show, which makes it 10-20 miles closer. It's going to hurt the Cleveland Persian show. The show was originally requested to be in 2016 and it ended up being 2015. The show was supposed to be a one-day show, then they licensed it as a two-day show. I objected to them having that show. Per Show Rule 4.03.b., that should be it. **Hannon:** Jean? **Moser:** This is Pam. **Hannon:** I would like to hear from Jean first, since this is directed at her. Are you with us, Jean? **Dugger:** Yes, I'm here. Basically, everyone got the email that I wrote that gives basically the story of how that it went. I basically felt like after I discussed it with the show manager for Cleveland Persian. I want to say again, I never got any of those letters, John. I'm sorry, I don't know where they went or whatever, but I never got any letters that you had on your attachment. I never saw those at all. I wanted to say that up front. After I talked to the person who was the show manager for the show this year and explained to him what the situation was – that's Jim Flanik – and we discussed it at length, he said that he did not feel that we would hurt the Cleveland Persian show and he did not feel that there would be an objection. I said I'll wait and see to make sure if we get any objection letters or anything like that. That was like the 3rd week of April, and then we waited like at least another month and I didn't hear anything else. Honestly, I thought that because we never received any objection letters at that point, that we were kind of in the clear. That was just how that I interpreted it, which is obviously maybe not the way everybody is telling me I should have interpreted it or whatever, but that was my interpretation of the situation at the time, plus I felt like after discussing it with that person, that Nashville would be OK to have the show. Again, it's over 500 miles and we would have had a show on the same side of our region on that same date, because we have a traditional show. It was just a matter that Nashville was replacing Huntsville, and it's not Nashville's big standard hotel splashy show that they've had a number of years in the past. It's at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, which is a new venue that they wanted to try. They were hoping mainly to get gate because there's other activities going on there and they were hoping to make some money and maybe generate some new interest in coming to the show by spectators. That was basically their goal. I don't think they anticipated getting a very high entry count this year. They were mainly thinking that they would get gate. That's basically the whole scenario.

Moser: I was just going to say, my interpretation of the show rule, which is 4.03.e., if they are holding a show in the same region that was a traditional date and they're just replacing it with another club, it's up to that regional director's discretion to grant that. Now, I had the same situation here. We used a different show for somebody else's show date. I didn't get approval from my adjoining regions because, as I interpret the show rule, I had the discretion to do what I wanted to because it was already a traditional date. **Hannon:** No. To follow your logic, Pam, if there's a traditional date in Miami and there's a traditional date in York, if Miami cancels then we would be able to hold a show in Baltimore because it's the same region but it's an hour away from York. **Moser:** No, it's not within the 500 limit. There does have to be your 500 limit, and this one is supposed to be 517 miles away, so it is outside that rule. **Colilla:** We never defined if it is driving miles or air miles. That needs to be clarified. **McCullough:** I don't have a plane so

I'll have to drive it. **Colilla:** But it needs to be defined, what the definition is. **Hannon:** The 500 miles, had the subject come to the board prior to the show being licensed, that would come into play, but right now I think what we're discussing is the fact that the show rule wasn't followed. **McCullough:** Show Rule 4.03.c. says you have 7 days to object, and this is way past 7 days to object. **Hannon:** No, John objected right away. This has come to us recently, but he objected to Jean right away. **Colilla:** The email was sent out March 25th. I don't have the email anymore where I objected, but I sent another email on March 30th suggesting alternate dates. If I did not object, why would I be suggesting alternate dates?

McCullough: Why did Central Office license it then, if you objected? **Hannon:** That's an issue I would like Terri to address. Terri, I asked you to be prepared for this. What's the Central Office's procedure when licensing a show that's not on a traditional date or traditional location? **Barry:** What I have been told is that the decision is brought to our attention by – if they want to license a show, the regional director. We don't get in between issues between one regional director and another regional director. **Hannon:** What you're saying is, in this case you relied on Jean Dugger as the regional director for the club that's changing dates, to verify that all the criteria had been met? **Barry:** Yes sir, that's the way they've been doing it since they moved to Alliance. **Hannon:** If you want to change that, we can change that, but for right now we need to discuss what do we want to do about the fact that, by Jean's own admission, she didn't follow the show rule and the show got licensed? **Moser:** I just want to know, what would the financial loss be, Jean, to this club? Have they already contracted their judges? Have they got some airline tickets? Has the show hall been contracted? What's going on there? **Colilla:** That should not be an issue. **Hannon:** But she can answer the question. Go ahead, Jean. Answer the question. **Dugger:** They've paid the show license fee, they paid the deposit down to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. I don't know what other expenses. They contracted with judges. I don't know if any judges have actually made arrangements. I think that was probably when this really came up. **Hannon:** I talked to somebody in the club this past week and she told me they had already spent \$1,500 on the show hall. A number of judges for the Nashville club asked me whether they should go ahead and make plane reservations, and I told them I couldn't answer that. **McCullough:** Back to 403.c., just because you object doesn't make the regional director bound to it. That's the show rule. **Hannon:** The show rule states that you have to get the approval of neighboring regional directors. If somebody [a club] objects, you don't have to listen to it. John had the option of saying, "I'm going to ignore the complaint in my region", but he didn't. The show rule requires John's approval. **Moser:** I don't agree with that. I just don't because of the other show rule. **Dugger:** Which is what I had been told, too.

Hannon: Ed, what's your thoughts on this? **Raymond:** 4.03.c. deals with comments coming from member clubs to their regional director. It doesn't deal with communication between regional directors. That's covered in 403.d., and d. seems to be pretty clear that it requires both the regional director of the region hosting the show, as well as the regional director of an adjoining region, to approve it. **McCullough:** Any show not on a traditional date. **Hannon:** Correct. **Moser:** Right, and this was a traditional date. **Hannon:** No, not for the Nashville club. **Colilla:** It is for the Cleveland club. **Raymond:** Only for that club. **Moser:** Right, but that's been addressed in 403.e. **Hannon:** No. Even in e. you still have to get the approval of the neighboring regional director. All e. is saying is, if somebody decides not to hold a show, their own regional director can go ahead and talk to clubs about holding a show that weekend. It's basically telling the clubs, let the regional director know if you're not going to use the date. **McCullough:** But

they don't have to, correct? **Hannon:** They should let their regional director know, but in this case, Huntsville did make it known they weren't going to use the date, and Nashville made it known they would like to pick up the date, but we're still required to get the neighboring regional director's approval, which we did not get. There was an email today, I think it may have been from George, asking if the Nashville club was at fault. Did they do anything wrong? I don't see that they did anything wrong. They notified their regional director of the interest in using the Huntsville date, and then Jean took it from there. Jean told them to go ahead and license the show, and they did. **Eigenhauser:** And that's my problem. Even if this were in a place that we shouldn't be, the question is, how do we untangle this with the least amount of damage? If the club didn't do anything wrong, then I'm really reluctant to rescind a show license when I know that club is going to lose money on their hall deposit and whatever money they have already spent. We have to look at, yes, something was done incorrectly. The license shouldn't have been done this way, but if the club wasn't at fault, I can't see punishing somebody who wasn't at fault. **Colilla:** You may not like my suggestion. I think the regional director should be responsible for reimbursing the club. **Schreck:** I understand that there is no real nice answer to this, but allowing the show to go forward will obviously hurt Cleveland Persian. Furthermore, this whole procedure, if we don't do anything at all and just say, "oh well, it's too late, they've already put this money out so we'll let it go", there may be another regional director who tries to pull the same scheme and try to circumvent the rules. They may get around it through Central Office or they may not, so I think some action needs to be taken, other than to say, "oh dear, this is just a bad situation."

***ACTION ITEM:** Rescind the show license for Nashville Cat Club's October 10-11, 2015 show.*

DelaBar: Can we go back to the original action we're supposed to be talking about before we add any more? We have two shows. I'm still amazed – you have over 500 miles apart, you have people that will decide to go to these shows (1) based upon distance, or (2) the judging slate, and other factors like that. Where in Ohio? It's not in Cleveland. Cleveland Persian is no longer in Cleveland. **Hannon:** It's in a suburb of Cleveland. It's in Parma. **DelaBar:** OK, so it's fairly out there. You've got a state in between the club in Ohio and the club down in Nashville. I don't see where this is going to be a huge money loser for either club. **Hannon:** Pam, based on my past experience with this board, had it come to the board, which was the option one would take when their neighboring regional director says no, they probably would have said, "hey, it's over 500 miles apart, let's go ahead and let them license the show in Nashville." The problem is, that didn't happen. **Dugger:** Which is what I should have done, now that I know I could have done that. **Hannon:** Had you done that, the Nashville show very easily could have been licensed, based on what this board has done in the past. They've said, "hey, it's over 500 miles, let's go with it", but unfortunately that didn't happen. My concern is that we have a board member who violated a show rule, and what kind of message does it send if we just shrug our shoulders? **DelaBar:** That's the other action, Mark. Let's keep the original action. Are we going to allow both clubs to hold their licenses on the same weekend? **Hannon:** Make a motion. **DelaBar:** We need to decide that question. **Hannon:** Make a motion, Pam. **DelaBar:** I move, with the right to vote against, to allow both organizations to hold their shows, as they are currently licensed. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion on that motion?

Colilla: That's going to hurt the club in the Great Lakes Region, because people in Kentucky have an option of going down there. We are going to lose entries, but our club did not

do anything wrong. We followed the show rules. **Mastin:** I just have a question and I'm not sure who is going to be able to answer it. In Section 4.03.c., it requires: *Written permission must accompany the show license application.* Was that ever done? **Eigenhauser:** I think they typically do that by email. **DelaBar:** The type of written permission that we give to Central Office is usually an email. **Hannon:** The history behind that, Rich, is the former Region 4 regional director said, "I contacted all my neighboring regional directors and, hearing no objections, I moved forward." Well, none of the neighboring regional directors ever got the request, so she assumed by the lack of response that that was positive. Then we said, OK, the neighboring regional directors must approve it in writing. **Newkirk:** That obviously wasn't done. **Hannon:** Oh, on the contrary. He wrote and said he didn't approve it. He did not approve it. **Newkirk:** But Central Office never received an affirmative letter that he approved it. That's what I'm saying. **Barry:** No, we didn't. **Hannon:** Central Office is saying that all they require is the written approval of the host regional director saying, "I have received all the appropriate approvals." Now, we may want to change that. **Newkirk:** I thought you just said that all the adjoining regions had to send a letter of approval. Did I misunderstand you? **Hannon:** In this case to Jean, not to the Central Office. **Newkirk:** Alright, OK. **Schreck:** Wasn't there, in fact, a letter or email included with the show license from the regional director saying that they had gotten approval? **Hannon:** Terri, did Jean approve it? **Barry:** Yes, I have that. It was sent in July 10th at 2:36 p.m. **Hannon:** What does it say? **Barry:** Went sent one to her asking if she approved the licensing of the Nashville show listing all the judges, and she responded, "Sure, no problem. Approved." **Hannon:** OK, but that doesn't tell us that the neighboring regional directors approved. **Barry:** No, and we've never gotten that. I have been told, the history in Alliance is, we have never received that information. We only receive approval from that regional director where the show is going to be in. **Hannon:** Terri, that's not true. Since Central Office moved to Ohio, I was a regional director. At that point, it was Kristi I believe who was handling show licenses. She contacted me if I was the regional director for a show that was moving to a new date or a new location and asked if I received all the necessary approvals – not just did I approve it, but did I receive all the necessary approvals. **Barry:** That was not what I was informed. **Hannon:** I'm not saying that's not what you were informed, but I'm saying what you were informed is not what my experience was when I was a regional director and the Central Office was in Ohio. **Barry:** Then what we need to do is rephrase, if that will assist this, how we ask specific questions. **Hannon:** We may want to go even further and ask that the written approvals be submitted to you, but I don't think that affects the current motion. The procedures at Central Office are something we can discuss, but I don't think we should bog down the discussion of this particular motion with it. The motion was to go ahead and let the two licenses stand. Is there any other discussion of letting the two licenses stand? **Colilla:** I have more discussion. The request was for one day, but the show was licensed for two days. **Hannon:** Correct. **Colilla:** I have a real big problem with that. **Hannon:** Jean, do you have a response? **Dugger:** Yes, I do. They originally told me that they were going to have a one day show, but apparently the Fairgrounds offered them a better deal if they would do Saturday and Sunday, which they decided and then told me – didn't ask, but then told me – that, "Oh well, we went ahead and did it that way, but we're still going to do the back-to-back, so it's still going to be a 225 count, it's not going to be any bigger show. We're just going to do Saturday and Sunday." They thought they would get more gate. All along, they emphasized to me that they were doing it for the gate. **Colilla:** How many rings is it? Eight rings? **Dugger:** Yeah, it's 8 rings, 6 AB/2 SP. **Colilla:** A one-day show can't have 6 [AB] rings. **Dugger:** No, I know. A one-day show would have been 6 rings, but it's

a two-day show now. They did it for Saturday and Sunday. **Hannon:** OK, so my understanding is, there will be a 225 limit in Nashville with 8 rings. Parma will have a 225 limit with 12 rings. **DelaBar:** Well, there's an advantage for Parma right there. **McCullough:** Exactly. **Dugger:** Yep. **DelaBar:** Just call the question. **Hannon:** Is there any more discussion on letting the two licenses stand? Alright, I'm going to call for the vote.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla, Schreck, Mastin and Brown voting no. Anger, Wilson, Calhoun and Newkirk abstained.

Hannon: Do you agree with me that it passed, Rachel, based on your count? **Anger:** Yes, it passed. **Hannon:** OK, so the Nashville show can go forward. **Newkirk:** Tell me again when the date of the show is, Rachel. **Anger:** October 10/11, 2015. **Newkirk:** OK, I have to abstain then. **Hannon:** Does that change the vote? **Anger:** No, it's still 11 voting yes.

***RATIONALE:** Several improprieties have occurred in regards to this scheduling conflict – I objected to the original request for a one-day show stating it was too close, it was licensed as a two-day show, and show rules have not been followed on procedure to change a date or location of a show, as per show rule 4.03d.*

I am concerned about jeopardizing another Great Lakes Region Lakes Region club and show. Many of the Region 4 clubs have been forced to cease putting on shows because of scheduling and financial reasons. In 2013, Kittyhawk Feline Fanciers elected to cancel their traditional date in Dayton, OH because of conflicts that were caused with a club in Region 6 changing venues and a club in Region 7 putting on a show in conjunction with a TICA show. The RDs at the time let it happen.

My own club, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, lost its traditional show weekend this year and for the next few years when the CFA Annual was moved into that weekend. I contacted the adjoining RDs and asked for permission to change our date and location for this year only on Labor Day weekend. Our club will be forced to search for weekends and go through the proper procedures to find new dates for the next few years.

North Coast Cat Fanciers in Lorrain, OH could no longer afford to put on shows with declining entries after TGIF Cat Fanciers moved into Indianapolis, IN the first weekend in March BEFORE the 500-mile limit was set.

One of the arguments has been the distance between the two cities. CFA has never defined what "500 miles" is in regards to location. Is it driving miles between two points or is it linear miles? If one elects to take the linear method, then there is 436.69 miles distance from one location to the other. But if one wants to argue for driving distance, then it is barely more than 500 miles between the Parma and Nashville show halls. See Attachment 3.

For 516.5 miles, is it worth risking the future of Cleveland Persian Society?

*John Colilla
GLR Regional Director*

Hannon: The next step is, what do we want to do about the show rule violation?

Eigenhauser: I just want to be clear. If we weren't already in closed session, if we're going to talk about what to do about it, I think it may involve a discussion of discipline, so I think we need to either be in or go into closed session. **McCullough:** I'll second that. **Hannon:** What's your preference? That the whole discussion be in executive session, or from here forward be in executive session? **Eigenhauser:** I'm fine with here forward, because what to do next is going to be probably yelling at somebody, and that's a disciplinary matter, but I don't think show scheduling, per se, is.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Hannon: What do we want to do about the Central Office process? **Colilla:** Can I say something? **Hannon:** Yes, John. **Colilla:** Can we have one person designated as the scheduler, so we don't come across this issue anymore for non-traditional dates? I'm willing to volunteer to do that. I think it would make life a lot easier so we will not have this issue again. **DelaBar:** You mean, one scheduler for all of CFA? **Hannon:** Yes. **McCullough:** Are we out of executive session? **Hannon:** Yes. **McCullough:** OK, thank you. **Hannon:** He is recommending that we have one person designated to be in charge of dealing with clubs that want to hold a show on a different date or a different location than their traditional date or location. **Eigenhauser:** I think we're over-engineering this. All we have to do is tell Central Office, when you ask the regional director, in your letter say, "do you approve and do any affected other regional directors approve?" That's it. Then that person has to make the representation they got the approval. **Newkirk:** Are we talking about in the form of a letter? **Hannon:** An email. **Eigenhauser:** Just have Central Office ask one question more, that's all. **Hannon:** Currently, as I understand what Terri said, when they get an application for a show license and the employee in the Central Office notices it's not their traditional date or traditional location, they contact that club's regional director. So we're saying, now we want to broaden the scope of what they ask the regional director. "Not only do you approve, but have the neighboring regional directors also approved?" Terri, are you listening? **Barry:** Yes I am, and I'm writing it all down. **Calhoun:** I would just take it a step further and ask the regional directors to send in the approvals. We get emails and we probably all save them, for the most part. Just send them in with your comments to Central Office, and everything is buttoned up. **Hannon:** Do we want to modify that in the show rules, so that when Monte comes to us in October, he can include that? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Hannon:** Carol, are you listening to that? You're going to give feed-back to Monte on that? **Krzanowski:** So, you want him to come up with – can somebody please just restate exactly what you want him to do? **Hannon:** When Central Office receives an application for a show license and it's not their traditional date or traditional location, Central Office will obtain in writing the approvals of the regional director and neighboring regional directors. **Eigenhauser:** I still think we are over-engineering it. **Schreck:** I agree with what George said. **Eigenhauser:** If you have to come back with all the other regional directors, it's now getting too cumbersome. **Hannon:** So, what do you want to say? Just have the host regional director verify, "yeah, I got the approvals of the neighboring regional directors"? **Eigenhauser:** Yep. **Hannon:** And if they didn't, then it will come back on them. **DelaBar:** And I would specify Regions 1 through 7. **Eigenhauser:** Right, specifically Regions 1 through 7. **Hannon:** Just so Carol is clear on this, what Pam is saying is, she thinks Regions 8 and 9, and I am assuming the International Division, are exempt from getting neighboring regional director approval. Is that what you're saying, Pam? **DelaBar:** Yes, because I don't have a neighboring regional director and neither does Edward

over in Japan. **Krzanowski:** Is this a moot point though, because if you don't have neighboring regional director, then you don't need approval. **DelaBar:** Whoever is at Central Office is going to follow that to the letter, especially if they are new like April, and then I will have to explain that I don't have a regional director to get approval from. And whoever is falling asleep and breathing in their phone again, stop it. **Hannon:** Pam, are you also asking this to be taken a step further and that we no longer have to send out a CFA News notice about these changes for Regions 8, 9 and the International Division? **DelaBar:** I would think that would be absolutely wonderful. I am sure Lisa would hate not to get my weekly email to her, to ask that these be printed. **Kuta:** I would second that. **Hannon:** OK, so Carol, when Monte re-does the show rules, make sure that the requirement to send out a notice is limited to Regions 1 through 7. **Krzanowski:** OK. **McCullough:** How is this going to affect breed clubs? **Hannon:** It depends on where they are holding their show. **McCullough:** If they don't have a traditional date, they have to have permission, correct? **Hannon:** Yes. **McCullough:** They have to have a traditional date. **Hannon:** Date and location. **McCullough:** They can't move from region to region without everybody's approval. **Hannon:** Unless they've done it as a traditional date. For example, in your region, I believe for a number of years – it's no longer the case, but for a number of years National Birman Fanciers held a show in your region on a traditional date. **McCullough:** Yes, in Texas, until this year. **Hannon:** If it was a traditional date and traditional location, it's immaterial whether it's a breed club or not. **Eigenhauser:** If you hold a show outside your region, you need board approval anyway. **McCullough:** They didn't get it. **Newkirk:** Sounds like somebody went to sleep again. **DelaBar:** Yep, and if I have to be awake, everybody has got to be awake. I just watched the sun come up. **Hannon:** Are we through with show scheduling?

(8) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Committee Co-Chair: Carla Bizzell and Melanie Morgan
*List of Committee Members: Rachel Anger, Susan Cook-Henry, Laurie Coughlan,
Julie Keyer, Sharon Roy, Annette Wilson*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Central Office is in receipt of a completed application for the Bengal breed for consideration by the CFA Board at the February 2016 meeting. Some pertinent information relating to the application is contained in Addendum 1.

All Breed Council Secretaries were notified of the application's receipt and are given the opportunity to poll their Breed Councils if their breed is deemed to be an affected breed. Since we could not find a definitive definition of the word affected for this purpose, we put the following notice on the Breed Council Secretaries' list:

CFA is in receipt of an application for registration status for the Bengal breed. Breeds who are considered affected are welcome to poll their Breed Council in this regular Ballot cycle. Although I was unable to determine a precise definition of "affected" for this purpose, generally an affected breed is one that is a) one of the parent breeds of the prospective new breed, b) a breed that the prospective new breed would mimic, or c) a breed that is being asked to be allowed as an outcross. The Bengal breed is not asking for any outcross in this application.

However you may define "affected", if you feel your breed would be affected by the acceptance of the Bengal breed for registration, please include an item on your ballot that asks for your breed council's opinion on the subject.

Given the controversial nature of this application and the fact that it encompasses issues above and beyond those normally associated with a new breed application we did not want any Breed Council to feel that they were excluded from this process. In fact we recommend that in this instance that any breed that wants to poll their Breed Council should have the opportunity to do so. However, moving forward for future use of the term "Affected Breed", it would be good to have a precise definition of the term for CFA's purposes.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Working with Breed Council Secretaries to prepare ballot items.

Future Projections for Committee:

Provide ballot items to Central Office for preparation of formal ballots.

Action Items:

Motion to define the term Affected Breed as follows:

The definition of affected breed for the purposes of Breed Council comment on potential new breeds is one that is a) one of the parent breeds of the prospective new breed, b) a breed that the prospective new breed would mimic or strongly resemble, or c) a breed that is being asked to be allowed as an outcross for the prospective new breed.

Hannon: Let's move on to the next, which is Breeds and Standards. **Carla Bizzell:** Unless you live under a rock, you at this point know we have received an application from the Bengal breed to come to CFA. As part of their application, a requirement to notify affected breeds arises and you see in front of you, if you're looking at my report, exactly what I told the Breed Council Secretaries, which has now given rise to the need to have a better definition of "affected breed", because what we actually publish is, essentially, one of the parent breeds or one of the breeds used to create the prospective new breed, as affected. So, I defined it, perhaps a little more broadly, to include any breed that is being asked for as an outcross or any breed that the prospective new breed would mimic or strongly resemble. Pam brought up a good point. If it's a parent breed, what if it was a parent breed 30 years ago and there haven't been outcrosses since that time to that breed? So, I'm bringing it to the board to see if we can get a tighter definition of "affected breed" for these purposes. I also saw where Mark wanted to define which breeds in CFA would be affected by this application. **Eigenhauser:** This has to do with giving out notice. This doesn't have to do with having a veto power or having to get a 60% vote or something like that. This is just about giving notice to people so they have a chance to comment. Why not just give notice to everybody? **Hannon:** In the Bengal case or in every case? **Eigenhauser:** In every case. Put it on the Breed Council Secretaries' list, and anybody who wants to make a comment, make a comment. **Hannon:** But the question is, should it be on the ballot? **Eigenhauser:** If you put it on the Breed Council Secretaries' list, they can then decide if they are affected and want to put it on their ballot. If they don't put it on their ballot, they don't think they are affected. **Krzanowski:** Didn't the notice that went out to the Breed Council Secretaries say that they were – basically, Carla and Melanie said that they would be able to put it on their ballot if they felt they were affected, since it is a controversial issue, so I think we've already offered that option, haven't we? **DelaBar:** Excuse me. Carol, I didn't hear a word you are saying because somebody is – **Bizzell:** Snoring. **DelaBar:** Snoring, yes. **Krzanowski:** OK, I'll try again. I believe that the notice that was put out to the Breed Council Secretaries' list by Carla and Melanie did say that anyone was invited to put this on their ballot if they felt they were affected, since this was a rather controversial issue, so I think we've already offered that option. Is that correct? **Bizzell:** Not specifically, although I said the definition is generally (a), (b) or (c), and however you may define affected, if you feel your breed would be affected, please include an item on your ballot. There is some other verbiage down below that in my report that was not on the list. **Newkirk:** I think traditionally haven't we only polled those breeds that were used in the development or those breeds that are being asked for an outcross? **Hannon:** No, I think we've also done mimics. When we did the Ragdolls, we also polled the Birman cats because those people felt that the cats looked alike. **Bizzell:** Actually, defining which cats were used might be problematic. I have what was submitted by the applicant, but an internet search has uncovered other breeds that were also used. So, I'm not sure I could define precisely which breeds might have gone into a program. **Wilson:** I agree with George. I think if a breed feels that its breed was used in establishing a breed, then they can put it on their ballot. Then, when the vote comes up and it comes to the February meeting, the board can say, "how long ago did that happen?" If they say 30 years ago, then we can say, "thank you for that information" and we can choose to ignore it or not. I think that if a parent breed was involved in there somehow, let them ballot it and then

we'll shake it out in February. **Hannon:** But Carla is going beyond whether it was a parent breed. She's got a (b) and a (c). **Wilson:** Right, the parents or an outcross. I agree with her definition. **Hannon:** But that's not what you were saying. You were just saying if they were a parent breed. You are willing to incorporate (a), (b) and (c). **Wilson:** Oh, absolutely, but the question came up about determining – I don't think Breeds and Standards has to determine which breeds were the parent breed. If a breed decides that they were a parent breed or they think that they were or they know that they were, they should just ballot it, and then we can do with those ballot results what we wish, because we can then ask them. If they all say, the American Shorthair was used in the early breeding of Bengals and we have proof that two American Shorthairs were used 35 years ago, and we can say OK, that was 35 years ago, but it wasn't an ongoing outcross, so we'll apportion 2% of our interest in that in making our decision. I don't think Breeds and Standards should have to go and try to determine what breeds were used as a parent breed at some point. I think that applies to any breed, not just Bengals. **Hannon:** In the case of the Bengals, it goes beyond just accepting a new breed. We're talking about for the first time taking a wild hybrid breed. Anyone that's been reading the CFA list knows that there have been calls to have it on every breed council ballot this year so that we can get a feel for what breeders in general feel. They don't think that the 2013 poll that we did at the annual meeting satisfied them. **Wilson:** If we're going to talk about that, I'll speak to that but I thought we were just talking about what is considered affected. **Hannon:** I think what we're really talking about is, who should poll. **Eigenhauser:** Just to add to what Annette said, there's always different myths as to how a breed arose. Some groups say, "this breed was used in creating this breed" and somebody else will say, "no, they weren't". It gets even worse if we try to define what "mimic" means. One breed may think another breed mimics theirs, and Breeds and Standards may not think that way. Breeds and Standards shouldn't be the gate keeper to decide who has the ability to comment. I think everybody should be able to comment, and then the board can sort it out. They're not going to decide on the fly how close do these breeds strongly resemble each other and does it need to be polled or not? Just let anybody who wants to poll, poll. This is a non-binding poll. The board is free to ignore it if we think no, they really don't look alike. **DelaBar:** How do you phrase that question? Is that to be put on the question? Let's go back to the Birman. *Do you feel that the Birman is affected by the possible acceptance of the Bengal because of mimicking or used as a parent breed?* **Newkirk:** Or used for an outcross. **DelaBar:** Outcross, because obviously Birman is not used as an outcross. It has to be tailored to the breed. **Hannon:** I think we need to define an affected breed for future purposes, but I think for the Bengal purpose we shouldn't limit it to affected breeds. We should allow any breed that wants to poll and provide us with their input to do so. **DelaBar:** This is coming to us as a new breed. It's not coming to us as a hybrid breed, it's coming to us as a new breed. I think we should follow the same criteria we do for all new breeds. **Moser:** So, just what Pam is saying, the same criteria. What is the same criteria, Pam? Could you state that for me please first? **Hannon:** Is it the (a), (b) and (c) we got from Carla? **DelaBar:** Yeah, and mine was adding a timeline, that's all. **Moser:** Oh, OK. So, normally it's just the breeds used for outcrossing and a breed used to develop the breed in question, is that correct? **Newkirk:** Or a mimic. **Moser:** Or a mimic, OK. So, question. This is just a question. Have we done this with other new breeds? Have we polled all the breed councils? **Hannon:** No. **Bizzell:** No. **Moser:** So, why are we doing this differently than we have in the past? That's just my question. **Hannon:** At this point we aren't. **Moser:** I thought they are polling all the breed councils. They're not, then? That hasn't been decided? **Hannon:** No. **Moser:** My question was, has this gone out to the breed council or are we just

trying to decide if we want to send this out to all the breed councils? **Hannon:** This has not gone out. All that went out was, Carla sent something to the Breed Council Secretaries' list saying that if you feel you have an affected breed and you want to poll it, you can. Is that correct, Carla?

Bizzell: Correct. **Newkirk:** I wouldn't mind sending it out to all the breed councils if there was like a check-off box. *This is why I feel it affects my breed: it was used in the establishment of the breed; it may be considered to be used as an outcross; or it's a mimic.* I don't think you should just send out, *Does it affect your breed?* carte blanche. If they are going to comment and put it on their ballot, I think they need to establish why they think it affects their breed. **Hannon:** My understanding is, reading the CFA list, they want to tell us they don't think we should be accepting a breed that was bred from a wild cat. It doesn't affect their breed, but they think it affects CFA. **DelaBar:** We have decided that at an annual meeting and decided it at our last telephonic board meeting. Let's not keep at this again. You've got to let the wound heal.

Schreck: My suggestion is a little more definitive than what Darrel said, is that we could send to the Breed Council Secretaries a suggested way of including this in their ballot if they wanted to, so that they are all consistent. Otherwise, some breed council is going to put this and another one that and another one something else. The wording will be so different that you can't really get an across-the-board comparison. **Krzanowski:** I agree with Barb on that. I think if we're going to have a question on all the ballots, it should be consistent. They should all have the same question. **Anger:** They [Breeds and Standards] have already discussed a thought for that, and that is to use the same question we used the last time we accepted a new breed. It was a very simple statement: *Do you feel the acceptance of the Burmilla would be detrimental to the European Burmese?* That was all there was to the question. I don't know why we would do anything different this time. **Hannon:** That just went on the ballot of the breeds that felt they were affected, based on Carla's definition of affected? **Anger:** Right. **Hannon:** If you don't meet the definition of affected, you can't put it on your ballot. **Brown:** I chaired the white paper on the wild hybrids, and I feel that this situation is unique. Never before has CFA accepted wild blood in their cats, and because of that I think that we need to be extremely careful about the document of what we're going to do and when we're going to do it. I think all breed councils should have a voice in this because they are all affected. This is a total change of direction from our past 100 year history. **DelaBar:** CFA has in the past – we have registered Maine Coons and we unregistered Maine Coons and then registered them again. We registered Sphynx, we unregistered Sphynx and then we brought them back again. People seem to continually forget that at one time we registered leopard cats and we registered Bengals. Then they magically came off our registration. This is not new, because we are a registry of cats. We have been through this and every time it comes up, it's like a sore. There are many people now that cannot keep a logical, rational discussion on this. They were talking about, "let's have these cats at our International Show." So we have all these arguments going on, debates, etc., that take away from the purpose and the flavor of our International Show. We need to stick to our protocols. **Wilson:** I'm all for sticking with protocols, but I agree with Roger that this is different. It has been very contentious, and while I hear what Pam is saying about keeping the wound open, but I think that polling every breed council with the same question – affected or not affected – would make breeders feel that they have some individual input into this and that their voice was heard. I don't think that we can come to any conclusion about what those results might be and we can certainly disregard them, but I think there's something to be said for letting people say on the ballot – these are mostly active breeders in the breed council – and letting them have their say. I hear you, Pam. They are saying the same thing over and over again. They are feeling like nobody is

hearing them. This could be a way for every breed council member, should they choose, to say yes they are in favor of [or not] registering F5 Bengals in CFA, and that's all they would be voting on – registering them. I don't know how my breed council would vote, and you know what? Like we talked about before, it doesn't have to make any difference to the board. It would make those folks feel like they were able to have their say. **Hannon:** Is there a motion on the floor? **DelaBar:** Annette, are those remarks in executive session? **Hannon:** Let me find out from Rachel first. Do we have a motion on the floor? **Anger:** We do not. **Hannon:** Go ahead Pam. **DelaBar:** I was going to say, if we're not in executive session, people are going to read what Annette just said and say, "well, they are giving us lip service by putting this on the ballot, but they're not going to consider it." **Wilson:** I'm not saying they would or they wouldn't consider it, I'm saying they don't have to. Just like any breed council vote is advisory. **DelaBar:** What I'm saying is, you want to say that in executive session. I said you should present this in executive session so people don't read it like, "why should we even give a flip about doing this, because the board's not going to pay any attention to it?" They may or may not. That's all I'm saying. Nothing against your abilities, I just wanted to make sure you wanted that verbiage in the public minutes. **Wilson:** I would have to read what I just said. I don't have a problem with what I just said.

Newkirk: I'll make a motion that it go out to all the breed councils, and the secretaries can decide whether they want to put it on their ballot or not put it on their ballot, if they feel like they are affected. **Calhoun:** I second. **Hannon:** Any discussion of the motion? **Anger:** Yes. Darrell moved that *it go out to all the breed councils*. Would you define what "it" is? Do you mean Carla's proposed definition? **Newkirk:** I'm talking about whether the board should basically consider if they are an affected breed, as it refers to Bengals being accepted for miscellaneous registration in CFA. **Hannon:** Darrell, would you agree to putting it on the ballot of those breeds that believe they are affected, the question we generally put on – what was that, Rachel, we put on the Burmillas? **Anger:** It was just, *Do you feel the acceptance of the Burmilla would be detrimental to the European Burmese?* **Hannon:** In this case, Bengal. Would you accept that statement, Darrell, on the ballots for all those breed council secretaries who believe their breed is affected? **Newkirk:** Yes, that's fine. **Moser:** So, I just want to clarify what Darrell is saying, is this is on only affected breeds, not all of the breeds. Is that correct? **Newkirk:** All of the breeds. **Hannon:** You said all of the breeds who believe they are affected. **Newkirk:** I said it should be sent to all the breeds and they can put it on their ballot if they feel like they are affected – if they think they are affected by the acceptance of the Bengal. **Moser:** Which means it's an outcross? **Newkirk:** It doesn't need to mean anything. I wanted to list the three things, which are, *were you involved in the establishment of the breed, are you going to be used as an outcross, are you a mimic?* Those are the three things I think that are important, to define yourself as an affected breed, but other people objected to that. **Hannon:** Are you saying, Darrell, that if the Havana Brown wants to put it on their ballot, even though they don't meet any of those three criteria, they can still put it on? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Schreck:** Can I have the reading of the motion? **Anger:** Sure. Darrell moves that it go out to all the breed councils, and the secretaries can decide if it goes on the ballot, if they feel they are affected. **Hannon:** By "it", Darrell is accepting – **Newkirk:** If they feel like they are affected. **Hannon:** But "it" can go on the ballot. What "it" is going on the ballot? **Newkirk:** Accepting the Bengal for miscellaneous registration. **Hannon:** OK. **Newkirk:** Because that's where they start. **Hannon:** Any more discussion before we vote? **DelaBar:** I just want to make sure it's going to go to the breed councils: *If you feel your breed is affected, please bla, bla, bla.* **Hannon:** Any breed can say, we

feel we're affected, even if it doesn't meet the three criteria that Carla brought to us. **Newkirk:** Exactly, and as Annette said, we can sort that out in the meeting in February, whether we think they are affected or not. **Hannon:** OK. Any more discussion? **DelaBar:** Just one thing. I want the breed councils to know what we feel is affected, which are Carla's three items. **McCullough:** Vote on that for the definition? **Newkirk:** I guess what you could do is, you could put a disclaimer that the board feels these are the criteria that meet "affected" – establishment of the breed, used as an outcross or a mimic. **Wilson:** That's it. **Newkirk:** Could we add that on at the end? *The board feels these are the three items that are typically used for an affected breed.* Does everybody agree to that? **Calhoun:** I couldn't vote for that. I think now we are actually kind of directing them as to what we're asking them to think. Going back to what Roger said, this is broader than your traditional criteria because it is quite a departure, so I couldn't support that. I was in favor of what you said before, Darrell, but once we put this pseudo-qualifier on it, then I'm not in favor. **Newkirk:** All I'm saying, Kathy, is we're just putting on what traditionally has been the definition of an affected breed. **Schreck:** I agree with Kathy. I think that we leave it to the breed councils to decide whether they think that they are affected. From what Annette said, I heard the same thing. People say, "well, you know, they voted on it at the annual but I wasn't there, bla, bla, bla." I think that you make it as broad as possible and then the breed council secretary can decide if they want it on the ballot. If you start limiting it, then they are going to say, "well yeah, we think we're affected but we're not one of these three things, so we didn't put it on the ballot". **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Kathy and Barb. The more we try to define the term, the more it sounds like we're trying to manipulate the results. We don't want to do that. We want to give them the opportunity to express their opinion on this and we can sort it out when we get to February. **Moser:** I want to hear what motion Darrell is bringing forward first. **Newkirk:** Those were just things that I said could be added on. My motion still stands. It's not been amended. **Calhoun:** And I still second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? **McCullough:** Can you repeat the motion? **Anger:** Sure. Darrell moved that that statement goes out to all the breed councils, and the secretaries can decide if it goes on the ballot. **McCullough:** Thank you. **Hannon:** Any other discussion? Let's vote.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser and DelaBar voting no.

[**Note:** The following email was subsequently sent to all Breed Council Secretaries.]

Any Breed Council that believes their breed would be affected by the acceptance of the Bengal for registration will be permitted to include a question on their annual poll asking if the breed should be accepted.

Hannon: Is there any more discussion on Breeds and Standards? **Bizzell:** I did have an action item, to put a stake in the ground on the definition of an affected breed, which essentially is the (a), (b), (c). **Hannon:** Do you want to make that motion? **Bizzell:** Yes, I would like to move to accept that as our formal definition of "affected breed". **Krzanowski:** Second. **Hannon:** Any discussion? This has nothing to do with the motion we just passed. Once we get past the Bengals, for any other new breeds that come in, the definition of "affected" is (a), (b), (c). **Moser:** Are you talking about 1, 2, 3 that you've got here on the affected breeds, with the 25-30 year thing? **Hannon:** This is above where it says action item. The motion is to define the term affected breed. **Bizzell:** I can read it if you like. [reads]. **Newkirk:** Those are all the same things that I was talking about when I made the last motion. **Bizzell:** Right. **Newkirk:** So why didn't

we bring that up before we brought up the affected breeds for the Bengals? **Hannon:** They don't want it to apply to the Bengals, they want it to apply to breeds that come to us after the Bengals. **Newkirk:** Oh, so we're singling out the Bengal? **Hannon:** Yes. **Calhoun:** Why are we doing that now? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** Because they are a wild cat hybrid and other breeds aren't. **Newkirk:** Where is hybrid in our show rules? We took that out, George, in 2013. **Eigenhauser:** They don't meet some definitions of a cat. **Newkirk:** Really? Where is that at? **Eigenhauser:** The CFA list, for one thing. [laughter] **Newkirk:** OK, that's great. **Eigenhauser:** I'm just saying, there is a sizeable contingent in CFA that does not consider those to be domestic cats and – **DelaBar:** That's our February argument, George. **Eigenhauser:** I wasn't quite done yet. We have never defined how many generations you have to be from an Asian Leopard Cat before we consider it no longer to be a wild animal. We haven't even defined that yet. **Newkirk:** And who is going to define that, George? **Eigenhauser:** The board is going to have to, at some point. **Newkirk:** And what are we going to use as criteria to define that? **Eigenhauser:** To start with, input from the fancy. **Newkirk:** That's not scientific. **DelaBar:** The fancy knows "so much" about it, yeah. **Hannon:** We have to at least get buy-in from the fancy. **DelaBar:** I'm trying to get us back to the action item. **Hannon:** The action item, as I read it, does not affect the Bengals. We've already voted on what we're going to do with the Bengals, as far as breed council balloting. We're not going to limit them to (a), (b), (c). **DelaBar:** That motion has already been set. We have another motion here. Carla needs this portion. **Hannon:** Just so everyone is clear, this does not apply to the Bengals. This applies to breeds that apply later, so that we have an understanding we can share with people in the future as to what we define "affected breeds" as. **Calhoun:** It certainly does imply that we are trying to direct the thought, because it will be the very next thing that will come up in the minutes. On one hand you said we're not going to direct breed councils, and in the very next statement we're going to say this is how we're defining it. I don't see why we can't table that until we have additional information and we can make a broader decision. I don't understand why we're having this discussion tonight. **Bizzell:** We currently define affected breed for purposes of new breed applications as cats that are parent breeds, so there is a definition already out there that is more narrow than this one. **Newkirk:** But we didn't apply that to the Bengal. **Bizzell:** Correct. **Newkirk:** So, we singled the Bengal breed out. **Hannon:** Yes. **Newkirk:** I just want everybody in CFA to know that the board singled the Bengal out at this meeting. **Moser:** I didn't. I voted no. **Hannon:** The board did. **Wilson:** It may be true that the definition of "affected" previous to tonight's discussion, as it was written, was the parent breeds. It has been applied much more broadly in the past – to the Burmillas, to the Ragdolls, to the Ragamuffins – to include these other things – a breed that it mimics, a breed that is being allowed as an outcross. So, I think this could wait until February if Carla is willing to wait, because the only time this really applies is August 1st every year when, if a new breed applies, the affected breed has to be notified by August 15th. **Hannon:** Carla, are you willing to table this until February so it doesn't get muddied up with the Bengal situation? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hannon:** OK. **Bizzell:** Withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Any additional information that requires attention prior to the consideration of the Bengal for registration.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Bizzell and Melanie Morgan, Co-Chairs*

(a) Definition of “Affected Breed”

DEFINE THE TERM “AFFECTED” AS IT PERTAINS TO BREED STANDARDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF NEW BREEDS.

On 4 August 2015 I asked Mark Hannon what we now considered an “affected breed”, specifically dealing with the questions arising on the CFA list about the Bengal application for registration. Mark asked to put on the agenda for the August telephonic board meeting.

Is an “affected breed”?:

1. *A breed used for outcrossing.*
2. *A breed used to develop the breed in question.*
3. *If the breed is to have no outcrosses, but used other breeds in its development, how far back, in years, should the board go to consider a breed “affected”? Would we have a “cutoff” of (for example) 25 or 30 years?*
4. *All of the above.*
5. *None of the above.*

I feel the board should give clear guidance to the Breeds and Standards committee as what is considered “an affected breed”.

*Pam DelaBar, Director
CFA Region 9 (Europe)*

Hannon: Are we through with Breeds and Standards then? **Bizzell:** There was the piece that Pam wanted to discuss. I don’t know if that’s now moot. **Hannon:** Pam, is it moot? **DelaBar:** It’s moot until Carla discusses hers. **Hannon:** Hold that off until February as well then? Are you OK with that? **DelaBar:** Yep. **Hannon:** Carla, can we move on? **Bizzell:** Absolutely.

ADDENDUM 1

A complete application package for the Bengal breed was received in Central Office prior to the August 1 due date. They included the Application form, proposed standard, list of 24 active breeders, registration forms/payment for 73 Bengal cats and a copy of a new breed club application.

Notable points:

- 1. They are not asking for any outcross and are proposing registration of F5 (and higher) and exhibition of F6 (and higher) and no further outcross to the ALC. I understand that the USDA has defined such cats as domestic.*
- 2. The proposed standard does contain some differences from other registries' standards regarding structure, but essentially describe the same structure of the cat as in other registries.*
- 3. The proposed standard does contain three additional patterns (not currently accepted for championship competition in other organizations) for consideration as well as some AOV colors. The additional patterns are Melanistic, Smoke and Charcoal. (Charcoal is a fairly newly-identified pattern that was defined by the UC Davis VGL). They are also proposing one additional color (blue) that is accepted for championship competition in one WCC-affiliated registry (so far as I can determine).*
- 4. We have received a number of negative comments from current TICA breeders and/or TICA officials.*
- 5. One individual who submitted five registrations has asked to disassociate themselves from the application and I have asked that their registrations and payment be returned.*
- 6. The Breed Council Secretaries have been notified.*

(9) LOGO USAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER POLITICAL OR NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

There are many CFA supporters that feel the CFA Logo should not be used alongside or with the logo of other organization. Those constituents feel that the CFA log should stand alone and not be used with or combined with another organizations logo.

There are many worthwhile organizations that should be recognized and garner our support. However, there are many Cat Fanciers that feel the logo could be combined with organizations that would not reflect neutrality or support from an organization that could reflect badly on CFA., e.g. KKK, atheists, the Confederate Flag, or the Swastika (which by the way means good fortune or wellbeing, originally, but not so much today!)

I have asked this to be placed on the Agenda for our August 2105 meeting for discussion.

*Darrell Newkirk
CFA DAL*

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Action Item: I move that the CFA Logo cannot be used ~~alongside of or~~ in combination with any other organization's logo.

Hannon: Darrell, you are up. **Newkirk:** There was a lot of discussion about using the CFA logo in conjunction with other associations' logos and ribbons, so I asked Rachel to have this put on the agenda, and she asked that I write up a motion. Basically, in addition to what was on the CFA list, I got a few private emails. They don't like that the CFA logo is being used in combination with other organizations' logos. I should have put logos/ribbons there. I just wanted to bring this up for discussion, and I have a motion. **McCullough:** What other organizations is it being used in conjunction with? Is there a lot of them, or is there just one? **Hannon:** At this point, just the gay pride one. **Newkirk:** Yes, just that one right now. **Eigenhauser:** I think Darrell's motion is broader than the concern. The concern was modifying our logo to include some other cause or organization, but his motion, *That the CFA logo cannot be used alongside of or in combination with any other organization's logo* would mean that we would have been in violation when we did Meet the Breeds, and we had the CFA logo and the AKC logo on the same document. **Newkirk:** But they're not one on top of another, they are separate from one another, aren't they George? **Eigenhauser:** But you didn't say physically combined, you said alongside of. **McCullough:** That's the problem I had with it, too, George. **Eigenhauser:** I think your motion is broader than the problem. The problem is combining them into one entity, not having CFA and some other organization involved in the same event and having them alongside each other. **Newkirk:** I'm willing to amend the motion.

McCullough: Isn't Jodell in charge of branding? **Hannon:** Jodell, do you want to address this? **J. Raymond:** This one I'm going to take the Fifth on. From a marketing perspective, what we did with the CFA logo and the gay pride ribbon was under cause marketing. From a marketing perspective, that is perfectly acceptable. I think the real issue is whether, as an organization, you want to put anything with our CFA logo and, if so, under what conditions. **Hannon:** Is basically the concern that we don't want to imply that we support any cause? **Newkirk:** I think that's the bottom line, that they feel the CFA logo should stand for CFA and not be actually tied with or supporting some other cause. **Hannon:** With an unrelated cause. **Newkirk:** Yes. **J. Raymond:** So Mark, does that mean that we can't put it with the breast cancer logo, but it's OK to put it with an animal-related cause? **Hannon:** That we support. **J. Raymond:** right. **Newkirk:** I don't know how to answer that. **J. Raymond:** That's something for discussion. From a marketing standpoint, like I said, we were OK. I wanted to make sure that was my concern. The broader question, the strategic question as to where you put the logo and how you use it is really up to you all as a board. **DelaBar:** I agree with Jodell. **Newkirk:** I think if the logo is there by itself, that it's fine. It can be used with the AKC or anybody else or any

other thing, as long as the logo itself is not stapled on a ribbon, say. If it's in conjunction with a co-branded show or something like that, and one logo is there and the other logo is there, and after George pointed out what I had written, I understand his concern. **J. Raymond:** What about a symbol? A character such as Garfield? **Newkirk:** That's cat-related, isn't it? **Hannon:** And in this case the board approved having Garfield as part of that logo. **Eigenhauser:** Anytime we write a rule, it's always implied at the end of the rule, "except with board approval" because the board can always make an exception. **J. Raymond:** Sure. You tell me what you need. That's not a problem. I just wanted to make sure, from a cause-related marketing standpoint, we were correct. The first version had the colors inside the CFA logo. That to me was a violation of a copyright. Then Mark had asked Teresa and I to come up with something different.

McCullough: So, you all were asked to come up with this logo and the ribbon, right? **Hannon:** Here's what happened. Here's the history. Brian Tripp attended a gay pride event with a booth from a local cat club, promoting their upcoming show. I suggested that he write an article for the newsletter talking about different ways we can promote CFA, such as what he did with the gay pride event. I suggested that if there is a pet expo and we're attending that, or if there's a county fair and we want to have a booth there promoting CFA, to write an article encouraging people to think outside the box of ways we can promote CFA. Teresa then said, "hey, why don't I come up with" and she came up with this logo. So, I didn't suggest the logo, Jodell didn't suggest the logo. Teresa volunteered to do it as one of our graphic employees who happened to also be in charge of the newsletter. What I was doing was encouraging Brian to write an article for the newsletter on different ways we can market CFA. **Anger:** I think all those things are wonderful, and that's a great concept – to reach out to a segment of an untapped market. The problem people have and the problem I have is in this third clause where it says, *Any use of the logo for any other purpose, to include commercial purposes, other than those previously specified, is prohibited unless written permission is obtained prior to use from the CFA Board of Directors.* We the board found out about it when everyone else did. That's where my problem came in. I received a lot of complaints from people asking how this could have happened – "why did you let this happen?" Well, I didn't. I would have liked to have the opportunity to have input.

Hannon: It happened like a day or two before the newsletter went out. It was very last minute.

Kuta: I just want to support what Jodell was saying about position marketing. As long as we have a plan, I think in this case I personally liked the way that the ribbon was put under the logo or beside it in the second version. I thought that was a good example of position marketing, but I think if we're going to do these position marketing things, they should be planned and part of the marketing schedule, instead of a rushed thing. Especially, there was a zeitgeist at that particular time, too. Even the most conservative of logos were adding the rainbows behind them or around them. **Hannon:** Any more discussion? Darrell, did you actually make the motion that's written in your report?

Newkirk: I know that it's not written well. **Hannon:** I don't think we have to resolve it tonight. Do you want to come back in October with a better written motion? **Newkirk:**

I can do that but I'm not going to be there. I can rewrite it. I'll solicit George's help with that, then given it to Rachel and she can present it if that's OK. **Hannon:** OK. Is everybody satisfied with that? For right now, Jodell, we're not going to do any more of this supporting various causes until the board has a motion passed, OK? **J. Raymond:** Sure, that's find. If you need any rationalization or a plan, I would be happy to provide input. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you Jodell.

McCullough: Since [name omitted] is a big leukemia person and a lot of our proceeds go to support leukemia, will this just cut [name omitted] totally out of the picture since they have that cause? **Hannon:** No, we just won't alter the CFA logo to promote that cause. We can certainly

promote that cause in articles in the Newsletter and the magazine, etc., but we wouldn't alter the logo. Does everybody agree with that? **Mastin:** Darrell, why don't you make a motion that includes not altering the logo, rather than not having it alongside any other logo, because that's kind of what happened with the situation was, the CFA logo was altered in such a way without approval from the board. **Newkirk:** That's what our current rules are. It was supposed to be approved by the board, but this wasn't. **Mastin:** I think it became a little unclear with marketing. They felt that the way the rule was written, that they had permission to go ahead and use it with some promotional event, but by altering the logo by putting a different color, whether it's a ribbon or a box or whatever you want to use, is actually truly altering the logo. **Newkirk:** We're talking semantics here, but the logo itself was not changed, per se; it's just that there was something added to it. **Hannon:** We super-imposed the logo on top of some rainbow colors. **Newkirk:** Or it could be any color. **Mastin:** Right, and that's what happened, but if the logo was included separately with the gay pride organization, whether it be on a poster or something like that, that CFA is a supporter of it, that's completely different than what was done with altering the logo by putting it on top of the ribbon. **Newkirk:** Yes, and that's the point I was trying to make. The logo can be used but it can't be altered or added to something. **McCullough:** So, if we're wearing a Walk for Alzheimer's shirt, we can't wear a button, correct? We cannot wear anything with CFA on it. We cannot wear a hat, a button, carry a briefcase, because that would be showing support for a cause like Alzheimer's, or a t-shirt with breast cancer or anything like that. **Hannon:** That doesn't imply that CFA itself supports that cause, that implies you do because you're wearing a particular pin. What we did with the gay pride thing and superimposed it on top of the rainbow colors, that implies that CFA as an organization supports gay pride and what they stand for. **Kuta:** Brand guidelines are pretty common at most large companies. Maybe we should just gather some different examples of some. This is really, really common every place I've worked at because we've had brand guidelines and I've helped define them. I think we should do a little bit of that. I think that would solve it. **Hannon:** Do you want to volunteer to do that for the October meeting, Lisa? **Kuta:** Sure, that's easy. I have a bunch of them and we can select what best fits CFA. **Eigenhauser:** Lisa, if you need any help with that, I'll help you with it. **Hannon:** OK, so we're going to continue this discussion in October, right? **McCullough:** Correct. **Newkirk:** I don't need to make a motion or anything now? It's going to be taken care of by those guys? **Eigenhauser:** And you'll get a pre-notice of it before the meeting in the package. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

(10) PROPOSAL FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Background: *At the board meeting 5 July 2015, I asked Mark Hannon, president, if he was going to form a committee for strategic planning. He asked me to come up with the criteria for such a committee.*

What does strategic planning accomplish?

Essentially, strategic planning defines where we as an organization are going and how we are going to get there. (What CFA intends to do and how we are going to do it.)

Tasks include (but not limited to):

- *Define objective (s).*
- *State mission (our vision and our values)*
- *Identify programs and services, resources and our market(s).*

Initial committee tasks:

- *Identify committee (cross section of our organization and can include our executive director, officer (s) and board member(s), experienced breeders and exhibitors).*
- *Study history of organization, where we have been and where we are currently. Include all facets (financial, registration, etc.)*
- *Study previous planning sessions and results.*
- *Define customer base.*
- *Review mission, vision, and values and propose changes, if needed.*

Further committee tasks, in conjunction with board of directors:

- *Establish milestones for growth for programs and services. These are short term and long-term goals.*
- *Develop action plan (business plan).*

Discussion:

The above is an abbreviated list of functions and actions. We have accomplished some of what is needed, such as our mission statement. The regional director input for the last planning session would assist in identifying markets, pluses and minuses.

This is not a quick fix committee. I would propose initially starting with a few programs and services and branching out from there.

*Pam DelaBar, Director,
CFA Region 9 (Europe)*

Hannon: Pam DelaBar and the Strategic Planning. **DelaBar:** I asked Mark if he would appoint a Strategic Planning Committee and he asked me to come up with the criteria for such a committee, and that's what I did. So, it's up to Mark to decide whether he wants to do this activity or not. **Hannon:** I am open for comments on what we want to do with what Pam has presented to us. Do we want to accept this as what a strategic planning committee should do and then have me appoint a strategic planning committee? **DelaBar:** It's sort of one of those things to identify where we are now, where we want to go and how we're going to get there, and set milestones for our organization. **Newkirk:** I agree with Pam. I think there needs to be a strategic planning committee. At least they can draw up some guidelines and do some things. It's sort of an examination of where you are and where you're going. **Hannon:** Is that the general consensus, that we agree that there's a need for such a committee, and that what she spelled out here are the things a committee is to do? **Anger:** Yes. **DelaBar:** To give you an example, regional directors gave preparation for our last strategic planning. Many of the things we brought up were, what were the advantages of our area, what were the disadvantages, what can we correct now, and what we don't have control over. This would be the type of thing that the committee could take and look at, and maybe come up with some programs or plans to overcome our problem areas and how to really promote those areas that we have markets to build. That type of thing. **Hannon:** Traditionally what happens is, the President appoints a committee chair and the board ratifies it. So, I would appoint Pam to be the committee chair. Are you accepting, Pam? **DelaBar:** I would, but I think I'm the wrong person because I'm over in Europe. It should be more centralized and in the U.S., but I can start it. Personally, I think the perfect person for it is Pat Jacobberger, but I don't know if she is willing to take that on, as well. **McCullough:** Can we ask Jodell to help with that? Can we ask Jodell to be the chairman? **Hannon:** I don't generally like to have an employee as a chairman. **Eigenhauser:** We generally let the committee chair pick their own committee, so Pam might want to approach Jodell to help or Pat Jacobberger to help or whatever. That would be up to the committee chair. At this point, I would like to make a motion that we ratify Pam as committee chair. **Hannon:** She hasn't accepted yet. Would you agree to accept it, Pam? **DelaBar:** Yeah. I'll start. **Hannon:** There's a motion on the floor to support my appointment of Pam as the committee chair. **Newkirk:** I second. **Hannon:** Any more discussion?

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

Hannon: Pam, you will come back to us at some point with what you're doing?
DelaBar: Yes, and I would ask the regional directors to dig out those pages from when we had strategic planning, and get started from there. **McCullough:** Why are the directors-at-large excluded? **DelaBar:** Because they didn't go through the exercise we did. **McCullough:** Well, now's the time. **DelaBar:** I'll hit them up with something else, Steve.

(11) IT UPDATE.

Committee Chair: Tim Schreck

Liaison to Board: Dick Kallmeyer

List of Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Peg Johnson, Steve Merritt

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

HHP scoring is complete, including show package processing and downloads to ePoints and Scoreboard. Points can also now be accessed via Herman online.

Notifications for Unclaimed CH and PR titles since the beginning of the show season have been sent and notifications are now being processed weekly.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Computan is completing automation of NC notification.

Cattery Offspring report specifications have been completed and sent to Computan.

Genetics Module work is continuing.

Future Projections for Committee:

Committee will begin defining programming specifications for remaining Central Office applications that are still on HP system.

Committee has begun investigating other sources that may be able to assist with programming projects.

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Results of investigation of programming sources.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: Let's move on to the IT update. Dick, do you have anything to say beyond what's already in the written report? **Kallmeyer:** No, this report has it all. **Hannon:** Any questions for Dick? **McCullough:** Are we still going to continue to get weekly reports from Central Office about how the computer system is going, registrations are going, statistics and like that? Or is that a Central Office question? **Kallmeyer:** That's a Central Office question. **Barry:** I've just been doing what the President has asked me to do. **Hannon:** What I'm getting from Terri is, "as of Friday noon we were processing snail mail registrations that came in on such-and-

such a date.” What we used to get from James and we no longer get is, on Mondays we got a report telling us how many different types of registrations were processed, so one report gave us a time frame and another gave us an actual volume. We no longer get the volume from James.

McCullough: That’s the part I miss. **Barry:** Mark, would you like the volume from James? I don’t know why he stopped. **Hannon:** I don’t either. It just happened. Yes, I think those two pieces of information complimented each other. I can share that with the rest of the board. I had done it, but not on a weekly basis. I will do it on a weekly basis. **McCullough:** Thank you, sir.

Kuta: Would it be possible to make it like either in a spreadsheet or something on File Vista, where we could just see each week, so we can compare and see what the trends are? That would be really helpful. I don’t know if anybody else would. **Barry:** For what James was giving? **Hannon:** And that piece of the weekly report that you send me on, “as of noon Friday we were processing such-and-such a date.” **Barry:** Yeah, James and I can probably come up with something, but we’re not part of File Vista. **Hannon:** You can send it to Rachel, and Rachel can put it up on File Vista. **Barry:** OK. **Kuta:** Then we can just see each week, like each line would be a week. **Hannon:** My recommendation, Terri, would be that it’s the same time frame, rather than you do something as of noon Friday and James do something as of Saturday. Both of you do it on Monday morning for the previous week. **Barry:** OK, and just keep it to the registrations? That information? **Hannon:** For that purpose, but I still want the weekly report. **Barry:** OK. **Schreck:** Thought you were getting out of it, hu? **Barry:** It does take time. **Hannon:** The weekly report would no longer include that. That would be a Monday report that you and James send to Rachel, and she puts up on File Vista on Monday morning. **Barry:** OK. **Hannon:** Any other IT questions or comments?

(12) **TREASURER, AUDIT AND BUDGET REPORTS.**

(a) **Treasurer's Report.**

The many challenges for the successful conclusion of the audit have just recently been resolved. The Computan system, the change in both bookkeeper and outside accountants had resulted in the need for more expansive review. Revised financials will be disseminated once the audited statements are issued. It is expected that the bottom line will be better than the unaudited version previously distributed.

Consequently, May and June financials will likewise be delayed until all adjustments are posted and the system can be rolled over to the new year.

However, since gross income is not majorly impacted by these changes I am able to report that piece on a preliminary basis.

May total income is about \$ 9,700 higher than budget. June is about \$ 8,000 less than budget. Year over year figures show May 2015 higher than May 2014 by about \$ 32,000 and June higher by about \$ 30,000. However, since registrations were very far behind for the May and June 2014 period this difference is probably somewhat overstated as between the two years.

Due to the timing of Breed Council renewals, some of this was enjoyed in the May, June time frame rather than the previous year which were primarily in the January to April time frame.

Cattery registrations were up year over year by \$ 7,500 in May and \$ 5,000 in June. This is a good indicator that we have more potential breeders and exhibitors. Household pet recording was up by \$ 1,500 and \$ 600 for May and June respectively.

If anyone has specific questions, please contact me privately so as to avoid lengthy discussions during the teleconference.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Treasurer*

(b) **Audit Report.**

Committee Chair: *Barbara Schreck*

List of Committee Members: *Karen Boyce, Karen Godwin, Carla Bizzell, Ed Raymond*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The auditing firm has been engaged, and began their field work on June 8, and is ongoing.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Ongoing interaction with the auditors continues to address any questions or issues that they have raised.

Future Projections for Committee:

Review of audited statements and tax filings when completed for accuracy. Copies of the final audited statements will be disseminated when completed and signed off by all parties.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Audited statements are expected to be issued shortly.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

N/A

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair*

(c) Budget Report.

Committee Chair: Barbara Schreck

List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Carla Bizzell

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The budget for Fiscal year ending April 30, 2016 has been entered into the Quick Books system by the CFA bookkeeper.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Schreck, Chair*

Hannon: Barb, you are up for Treasurer, Audit and Budget reports. **Schreck:** You have my report. I got late today a draft of the audited financials, so I'll be working through those this week and making sure everything is where it needs to be, so I'm hoping to have audited statements to be distributed in probably a week or so, because by the time I do it and they get all their internal blessings, it will be that long, but we do have at least a draft now to review, so that's progress. Other than that, everything else is in the report. **Hannon:** Any questions for Barb?

(13) ANIMAL WELFARE.

Dear Regional Directors;

We have been trying to find someone to replace John Berrie as the Breeders Assistance Chair since his death. No one wants to take on this much of a time commitment, John was one of a kind!

I hope we have come up with a way to get more people involved and make the work load smaller and I hope that you as Regional Directors will help with this plan. We would like to keep the Regional Coordinators already on board in the state in which they reside. I will list them at the end of the email, this will let you know what states we need to find a representative for. We will help them learn the processes for The Breeders Assistance Program and hopefully no one person should be overwhelmed.

Right now Charlene Campbell is doing most of it from Florida. It has fallen to Charlene because most of the Breeder Assists now are Breed Rescue. You hear the term all the time "The Aging of the Cat Fancy and it is definitely happening and people still are not making arrangements for their cats and then it becomes a time element to remove and place the cats.

This program continues to work very well and I hope by getting a person in each state who can report to the Regional Coordinator we will be able to keep every ones work load easier. Have anyone you find contact the Regional Coordinators and they will take it over from there! Thank you for your help with this.

*Linda Berg,
Acting chair*

- **North Atlantic Region**
Julie Keyer , New Jersey
- **Northwest Region**
Carroll Muck, Oregon
- **Gulf Shore Region**
I know Steve has people set up we just don't know who they are 😊
- **Great Lakes Region**
Mariane Toth, Ohio
- **Southwest Region**
Mari Guernsey, California
- **Midwest Region**
Mary Batterson, Nebraska
- **Southern Region**
Charlene Campbell, Florida

Charlene is the Breed Rescue Chair so it would be good if we could find a Regional Breeders Assist Coordinator to lighten her job.

Hannon: Animal Welfare. We have a report from Linda Berg. She is looking for a replacement for John Berrie for the Breeder Assistance Chair. We pass that along and ask that anyone that's got a suggestion, get in touch with Linda Berg. Pam, do you have anything more you want to add to Linda's report? **DelaBar:** No, just that John Berrie was such a strong person for that position, and we were able to centralize much more material in the Midwest. Now the regional coordinators have become that much more important, but Linda is still looking for a centralized person to be the overall coordinator for the Breeder Assistance Program.

(14) COMMUNITY 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:

- *Shelter staff training on handling cats - I have been working with committee members, Tracy Petty and Lisa-Maria Padilla, on planning a shelter staff training session for Prince William County Animal Services in Manassas Virginia, which will be held the afternoon of October 13th. We are also working on a program for shelter volunteers and the public for that evening. We will need CFA pamphlets and will develop handouts.*
- *"Fix Felines by Five Months" project has been launched – Continued assistance with marketing to encourage veterinarians and pet owners to alter kittens before five months to cut down on the numbers of accidental litters and kittens that flood the U.S. shelters every spring and summer. Peter Keys and I plan to help man the "Fix Felines by Five" booth at the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) conference in San Diego on October 1- 4th.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- ***Webinar project*** - *The Committee is discussing topics related to health interests of the pet owner, novice breeder information, and show production for fanciers. Identify speakers for 1 hour online presentations.*
- ***Lee County Animal Services LCAS, Florida*** – *Work with Charlene Campbell and Linda Alexander to plan for staff training on handling of cats in the shelter environment.*

Board Action Items:

No action items at this time.

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

Hannon: Next would be Education and Outreach. We have a report from Joan Miller with no board action items. Lisa, do you have any comments? **Kuta:** Nothing to add. **Hannon:** Anybody have any questions or comments?

(15) YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham

Liaison to Board: Kathy Calhoun

List of Committee Members: Linda Osborn, Sande Kay, Lorna Friemoth, Carmen Johnson-Lawrence, Debbie Gomez

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Some of our committee member have chosen to move on to other activities and we wish them well in their new endeavors. We want to extend a huge Thank You to Aubrey Anderson, Maureen Clark, Marguerite Epstein, and Donna Trusler for their active support of the youth in the program.

We would like to welcome to the committee - Linda Osborn, Sande Kay, and Carmen Johnson-Lawrence. We look forward to their enthusiasm and input as the program moves forward.

Current Happenings of Committee:

After hearing comments from our board liaison, Kathy Calhoun, and reading the transcripts from the board meeting in June the new committee is in the process of reviewing the entire program. We are starting with the basics of the rules and working through all aspects related to YFEP including the forms used. The program now has a few years under our belt and it is time to look at all the parts to see what is working, what needs kept and updated, and what may need to be removed completely. This review included all written materials, forms, and scoring. Our goal to make sure the program is up to date with current happening in CFA and the cat fancy in general and to make sure the program can be used by all levels of youth who are currently participating and those who will participate in the future. We are thinking about an on-line scoring system that can be posted on your website so the kids can track their points in a similar way as we track our cats points during the show season.

Future Projections for Committee:

Once again, the program will contact and work with the show committee for the International to hopefully again have the YFEP booth in the exhibitor area again.

Continue to work on refinement of program with portions as they are ready to be presented to the board for approval at the October Board meeting and future telephonic board meeting .

Board Action Items:

None.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Program update.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Program Chair*

Hannon: Youth Feline Education. We have a report from Cathy Dunham. No board action items. Kathy Calhoun, do you have any comments? **Calhoun:** No, we're all good unless there's questions. **Hannon:** Any questions or comments about the Youth Feline Education Program?

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Hannon: That's the end of the agenda items. Do we have any new business or something that wasn't there that we need to discuss tonight? OK, I thank everybody for their participation. Good night.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary

(16) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following cases were heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

15-011 ***CFA v. Preece, Linda & Williams, Lora***

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of \$2,000 payable to Complainant to be paid within 30 days and if not paid within that time Respondents shall be suspended from all CFA services until the restitution is paid. [vote sealed]

15-013 ***CFA v. Grechko, Natalya***

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g)

GUILTY. Sentence of restitution of \$5,800 payable to Complainant to be paid within 30 days and if not paid within that time Respondent shall be suspended from all CFA services until the restitution is paid. [vote sealed]