

(58) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING.

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Kallmeyer: Good morning everybody. Welcome to the ID Committee meeting. We welcome everyone here and would like to start off with introductions. I'm Dick Kallmeyer, the ID Chair. We have two other board members on the Committee. **Colilla:** My name is John Colilla. I'm a board member and also director of the Great Lakes Region. **Calhoun:** I'm Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer and committee members. **Kallmeyer:** We have two members here, representing Israel and Kuwait, Ellyn Honey and Ken Curre. At this time we would like to have the ID club members introduce themselves. Do you want to start off, Chrissie? I am **Chrissie Chan** from Hong Kong. I am **Ree Siuhin Yip** from Hong Kong. I am **Frankie Chan** from China. **Danny Tai** from Hong Kong. **Matthew Wong** from Hong Kong. **Suki Lee**, Hong Kong. **Allen Shi** from China. **De Ke Wang** from China. **Danny Zhang** from China. **Chris Lee**, China. [inaudible] **Kit Fung**, Hong Kong. **Wasabi Luo**, China. **Pattama Weeranon** from Thailand. **Chate Ruengruglikit** from Thailand. **Adilah Roose** from Malaysia. Joining the meeting later were **Russell Law** from Hong Kong, **Carrie Fung** from China, **Edmund Tang** from Hong Kong, **Christine Shek** from Hong Kong.

Kallmeyer: I saw in the back of the show hall, in case you don't know them, we have Teresa Barry, the Executive Director of CFA, and Verna Dobbins. Could both of you stand up so they can see? These are the people that you talk to quite a bit. In the back we also have Tim Schreck. Tim, please stand. Tim put together the entry program. We really want to encourage that everyone uses the CFA entry program. Most of the ID-International does. We still have some shows in China using the other programs and we have severe problems with that. This program gives us the information we really need. Now, one problem we have in Asia is that we don't have an email address for the exhibitor, or a way to contact them. The reason that's important is, when it comes down to award times, that's where we look. It's not always in the CFA records, so it's critical if nothing else to have that information as a way to contact them. Sometimes their mailing address is OK but in China it gets lost, so at least if we have an email contact or maybe there's a way you can identify it as a WeChat contact, but just some way to provide that information.

3. *Israel report*

Kallmeyer: Thank you everyone. We want to change the agenda around. It seems like every year we come to the end and we never get the smaller countries to give their report, so at this time we would like to start off with Israel and Ellyn Honey, newly appointed. **Honey:** I'm newly appointed to represent Israel. They only have one club, but they are trying to develop a second club. I didn't think it would be a big deal, but they have had some major issues in not following the rules and not understanding them. The members there are all Russian, which I found really interesting. If you have never been to Israel you should go. Yes, it is safe. It's a beautiful country. The people are very enthusiastic and again, just like in our other areas, they are young – very young. Eden Ostrovsky, who is the show manager and works hard in the clubs, is my contact person. I've gotten her to now do things in a timely manner. They used to hire guest judges that we never heard of and they don't do that anymore. I think they are now kind of on the road. They want to grow Israel. We could probably support four clubs there, I think. They

do four shows a year and our biggest competition is WCF. It's a very strong competition. Many times the WCF clubs will put on shows against the CFA shows. She is pretty dogged. She is real hard headed and she really does want to grow CFA. We have a person over there also that is really interested in becoming a CFA. I think, Rachel, you're his mentor? **Anger:** For now.

Honey: He has been breeding for quite some time. He is also involved in helping the club. I'm very pleased with what we have been able to do in the last six months or so. They are doing what they are supposed to do, applying for licenses on time and so forth. Any questions? Thank you.

Kallmeyer: Thank you Ellyn.

4. *Kuwait report*

Kallmeyer: Kenny Currle, talking about Kuwait. **Currle:** Good morning everyone. I'm Kenny Currle. I'm the oldest judge ever to go to Kuwait. Kuwait started out about 5 years ago. Actually, it was a dream of Jerry [Hamza] and Noel Newton to get a club going there. Noel was good friends with their founder, Sandra Al-Sumait, who is also my partner in crime over there. Let me just read her report. I'm good at plagiarizing. I had her send me one. *On February 3/4, K-Cats held a two-show weekend in Kuwait City, reminding you all that their weekend is Friday and Saturday. Each show was 6 allbreed and Household Pets. All 12 judges came from the USA – an impressive panel of some of our best. The show pulled in 137 entries, with a high count in championship, which led to many new grand champion titles, as everyone entered both shows. The two-show weekend was very successful in terms of points and titles earned. The shows attracted exhibitors from neighboring countries such as Qatar and Saudi Arabia, where the cat fancy is also growing steadily. It was the first time that Kuwait had hosted two shows in one season. Unfortunately, the tent was torn down and now it's just a blank space, so they found a spacious new show hall which allowed the club to expand to six rings. There was a noticeable increase in shorthairs and more variety, which shows the cat fancy in the region is slowly expanding into different breeds. It's still heavily dominated by Persians. The strongest competition was in the bi-color and calico division, which alone accounted for 32 of the 137 entries. For the first time, a Bengal made an appearance in Miscellaneous class. The show attracted TV coverage and new breeds made their first appearance there, like the American Curl, the Maine Coon and Abyssinian. Another success was the TRN situation where all 12 cats entered as TRNs were successfully transferred to CFA. All came over from WCF. The weekend went very smoothly, everyone had a lot of fun, and thanks to our wonderful judges who made judging informative and interesting. It's still a new and growing region for CFA but each year the show has expanded. In six years, considerable progress has been made. The club is very happy with a variety of cats entered and hopes that in coming years more breeds will make their debut in Kuwait.* Sandra wanted me to thank the CFA Board of Directors for your support, and I hope that we continue to do just that. Thank you very much. **Kallmeyer:** Thank you Ken. Point out that registrations in the Middle East have probably doubled in the past year or two. We're seeing more from Saudi Arabia, from Qatar, from UAE that we ever saw before.

7. *DNA test program*

Kallmeyer: We would also like Roger Brown to give an ad for the DNA program right now, if you would Roger. **Brown:** I think most of you got hand-outs. If anybody is missing anything, I have extra hand-outs for you. CFA's DNA program is run by the world's largest DNA laboratory. They also have a subsidiary laboratory in China. Whether or not we're going to

be able to use that laboratory for samples, I'm still not sure about that yet but basically this testing is like getting a birth certificate for your kitten. It increases the value and not only does it increase the value of your kittens, but it also provides peace of mind for the person that gets that kitten, if you are going to place that kitten in another show home. If any of you are raising or showing Maine Coons, as of yesterday morning we have been able to achieve testing for SMA – spinal musculature atrophy in the Maine Coon – and it will be done as an add-on test for \$15. We've also changed our identity profile. The identity profile that we're using now has recently been approved by ISAG, so it's going to be a universal identity profile that every country in the world will honor. We're also going to be doing parentage, and that's something that's new. So, I would suggest you go over the list of tests and please, if you have any mutations that you have an interest in allowing me to work to see if we can find answers for, please let me know. The platform that we're using for DNA testing now has so many spots, we can add so many different mutations, we're not limited. So, if it's already been discovered and it's going to be available in the worldwide market, I will look into seeing about adding it to CFA's test panel. Does anyone have any questions? **Frankie Chan:** I'm not actually raising a question. Recently I worked with a company in China. They have all kinds of gene tests. I'm thinking about making a corporation with the CFA gene program to this campaign so that all the Chinese breeders can send their info to this lab in China and do the test. It's easier and cheaper. There's now more pedigreed cats in China, and most of them we have no chance to do this kind of gene test. It's actually very important to know the gene type and all these kinds of genetic diseases. It would be good help to all the breeders. I think it is good for all, so I will try to accomplish this. **Brown:** Thank you so much. Particularly the new identity profile will give you absolute proof of ownership, should there ever be a dispute. That in itself is worth the price of the test. What we're going to look into is trying to pool samples in groups and send them in one package, to reduce the lag time. Sometimes mail is very slow, particularly with a biological sample, and with our lab having a satellite in China, we may be able to work something out that way. Any other questions? **Adilah Roose:** Do you need blood or saliva? **Brown:** We can use blood but all we need is a sample from a cheek swab. Also, something else to think about is that you can actually take umbilical blood from a newborn kitten and put it on a blotting paper, and put it in an envelope and send it off. We can do the entire panel from a couple drops of blood from the umbilical. It's hard to do kittens that are nursing, because when they are nursing mother's milk is in their mouth and when we do a cheek swab there can be contamination. So, if we're doing kittens, you almost have to wait until weaning time if you haven't saved umbilical blood. Any other questions? Thank you. **Kallmeyer:** Point out that I was talking to the China Ministry of Agriculture and they provided DNA samples for dogs. It's an extra cost feature but I think they did it for 120,000 dogs in China. It became a very popular additional feature.

1. International (ID-other) report

Kallmeyer: Let's start off now with the ID Reps to give a report. We have Danny Tai to talk about the International group. **Danny Tai:** I'm Danny Tai from Hong Kong. I'm the ID-Other Representative. First of all, I would like to tell you, this year we have had very good growth in ID-Other. This year, we have actually seven areas are very active in our region. In Malaysia, we have now in 2016 five more DW winners than in 2015. In Taiwan, in 2015 we only had three DW winners but this year we have five DW. The DW depends on the number of rings held in that show season. This includes especially Taiwan. In Taiwan we have the first 10 ring shows in 2016. It is very successful. In Korea, we also had more shows last year. We also

increased the number of DW from three to five in 2016. In Hong Kong actually we are growing very stably because Hong Kong is a very well established area in ID-Other. There is one upcoming market and that is India. I think Adilah and Allan Raymond have gone to India to explore this market, but I think now this is a very beginning stage. In India, I think they still don't have the concept regarding pedigreed cats, but I think Adilah does a very good job in this area. We also had a lot of clerking schools held in ID-Other, especially in Malaysia and Indonesia. This year, we plan to have more clerking schools in Taiwan, because Taiwan actually is a very big country, but they have some quarantine issues. We will develop this area more. In Thailand, actually in 2016 we are dropping the entries and the shows than last year, but we hope we will do some more in Thailand this year, because we will hold the Asia Show in 2018. I hope more people and more exhibitors will go to Thailand to attend this Asia Show. I think Thailand actually has a lot of beautiful cats and a lot of breeders in Thailand, but they don't have any channels to know how to go to the CFA shows. There's some TICA and some FIFe shows in Thailand, but we will hope to have more in Thailand. Also Singapore, we are very glad that we have the Youth Feline Program in that area. Singapore has a lot of young children that have keen interest in the CFA program, so that we are very proud to have Singaporeans to help us in these areas. Actually I think children in ID-Other are very important to our future of CFA. I hope we will develop this program to other areas in ID-Other, especially in Hong Kong, because Hong Kong now the breeders and exhibitors see not many newbees to come to the CFA world, so I hope we can explore some more youth program in Hong Kong. OK, and we have another event will be held in August 19th. This is the ID banquet. This year, the ID banquet will be held in Bali. I think all of the exhibitors and the winners will come to Bali to attend this banquet. This year we have 420 awards we need to present. Mita, Indra and Patty is the banquet committee. They help us to do a very good job in Bali banquet. Now, at this moment, we already have 22 tables already reserved. This is one of the biggest ID banquets from the past 11 years in ID areas. OK.

2. *China Report*

Kallmeyer: Frankie, do you want to cover China? **Frankie Chan:** Yes. Last year in China we got a dramatic growth again. There are also some problems. We are now in the last year we have like 2,000 registered catteries. We held 89 shows, taking 25% of all the shows in CFA last year. We also have 110 clubs. 20 clubs were accepted last season, which are the new part. Actually 6 of them already held their shows. Last season we also expanded CFA in China to several new cities, like [several Chinese cities named]. Maybe we can see a lot of new exhibitors from different cities getting more and more passionate about CFA, which is actually good for us. Also, last year there are a lot of problems, like stuffing and the high entry fees. We also talked with the ID Committee and we think there are several proposals that will maybe work for this, like the Central Office entry clerk program, which is isolated and independent from all the players in China now, so that they can keep the independent work and have all the China shows do the entry work which, in large part, can reduce all these kind of stuffing things from happening. At a proposal made yesterday at the annual meeting, we addressed the high level of the entry fee. One thing in that proposal is that we didn't set an effective date, right? I heard about it being effective next season but I think that's too late. We should make it effective right now, immediately. So, me and Danny, we think we should propose to adjust the effective date of this rule so that all the shows in China can get benefit from it, because for the past three months – April, May and June – all the shows in China have gone to this kind of level, so it's very dear to all of us, OK? But I did find one show planned July 22/23 where the entry fee is \$700US plus.

That's crazy. We need to set it right now. It's a benefit for all. Other things happening in China from last season, we have seen several new breeds coming to China, like Egyptian Mau and Bombay and European Burmese, which is great because we need more and more new breeds showing up in the show to get more competition. That's it for me for now, thank you. **Newkirk:** Can you repeat how many clubs are in China? **Frankie Chan:** 128. **Newkirk:** So, you have 128 clubs in China? We don't have a region in CFA that has that many clubs, do we? <no> So why do you not apply to be a region? You've got more clubs than any other region. **Newkirk:** Darrell, he's wrong. **Frankie Chan:** Maybe I took a wrong number, sorry. **Kallmeyer:** It's nowhere near there. I'm trying to find it. I think the ID is only like 60 or 70. I don't have it yet. **Frankie Chan:** This season the ID banquet is being held for both the International Division and China. We are holding it together, and we actually worked together quite well for the committee. When the committee needed help, we found 10 sponsorships. Each of them is \$500 US and actually relieved a lot of pressure off them. I think in the future we still plan to make it together. We're a big family. Thank you. **Kallmeyer:** There's only 87 clubs in the whole ID. I'm trying to count them right now. It looks like around 60 [in China] as a rough estimate. It's not identified by country.

Kallmeyer: OK, any comments from the board to what was said so far? **Black:** When the flyer is created and sent to Central Office – and I know it's posted on the website – the prices per entry are listed at that time, correct? Because I've gone out and tried to find a flyer for a show I'm judging and I can't find a flyer. **Danny Tai:** Actually, the show flyer we all send to the Central Office, because this is the show rule requirement. Then we put in the Chinese website – actually in cfa.com we have a Chinese version where the show flyer actually posts to the Chinese.org with show entry fees already included in the show flyer. Frankly it happens a lot because in every month we will post all the show flyers in that month in WeChat because WeChat is the efficient channel in PRC. Frankie does a very good job to post all the show flyers in WeChat every month and also weekly, but because WeChat is not the club platform. Only the friends who belong to Frankie can see, but it will help to forward it because this is not similar to FaceBook. This channel is not similar to FaceBook. **Black:** But there's an English version that's sent to Central Office? **Danny Tai:** Yes. **Hannon:** Isn't Gavin posting stuff? **Frankie Chan:** Yes, but there are several mistakes. **Kallmeyer:** Point out that any flyer that comes to Central Office is issued to Gavin, to Frankie and is posted on the CFA-China website, besides the additional website. Some flyers are only Chinese. **Calhoun:** Can we just let the Central Office maybe verify? Are we really getting the flyers that we were speaking of? **Barry:** Not necessarily all of them. We are receiving some. **Calhoun:** So, if we could make an effort to make sure that Central Office is getting the flyers so that they can do the job they need to do, that would be great. **Frankie Chan:** Actually, we don't get show applications and show licenses. We need to get all the contracts of judges and the flyer, so if one club is trying to get show without a flyer, we should not approve it. **Kallmeyer:** Point out that Melissa and I have been talking and she is really enforcing the flyer rule, especially when the show license comes 30 days and there's no flyer, she has been doing it. Darrell, in response to your question it's 51 Chinese clubs plus the two we just accepted, so 53 I think. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

5. *Asia Show*

Kallmeyer: Do you want to talk a little bit about the Asia International Show? **Danny Tai:** We plan to have the Asia Show in March 17/18. This will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. At

first we planned to have 12 rings but I think the venue for the show hall is not big enough to occupy 12 rings and also 500 cats. There is some conflicts with the show rules and everything, so we reduced the rings to 10 rings and then we will have the show limit is 450. We already have Royal Canin as the main sponsor. We will also introduce one of the main sponsors from Hong Kong whose name is Kakato. This is a very good brand in Hong Kong and the food actually is from New Zealand. They want to have more cooperation with CFA. We also have a very large group in Thailand, Central Group. Central Group is a public developer in Thailand. They are also the main sponsor of this Asia show. We already have a list from the judges' list. We invited 10 judges and I hope we will invite more Asia judges in this show. Moreover, this show will be held in Central in the city of Bangkok. This is Chatuchak Market. Chatuchak Market is a very big wholesale market in Thailand. Moreover, we plan if this show is successful, I hope every year we will also have an Asia Show. We are now planning in 2019 we will have an Asia Show in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Why we chose Thailand as the Asia Show this year, 2018, because two years ago there was some rabies happening in Malaysia. Hong Kong cats cannot go to Malaysia for showing, but half a year ago Hong Kong government already relaxed this issue so that Hong Kong cats can go to Malaysia to show. Unluckily we already chose Thailand as our venue, so in 2018 we will go to Thailand. I hope in KL we can attract more exhibitors from different countries to go to Malaysia. Actually, in Thailand, a lot of exhibitors can go to Thailand. We welcome also US exhibitors to go to Thailand to attend this big event in 2018. **Kallmeyer:** Thank you Danny.

6. *New entry program*

Kallmeyer: One thing of interest people are concerned about is obviously rejection of entries. Let's talk about the centralized entry clerk. Is that good for China clubs? **Danny Tai:** Actually, first of all, Pam Moser has proposed something. I think the board approved the concept of this solution. I think this concept is very good, but first of all to my point of view we need to make some investment. Actually, I'm an accountant. I'm very concerned with figures. You need to recruit an inspector to China to do some audit or fraud investigation or something. For this we need to have a huge investment, but all the problems, all the issues, actually I think everyone already knows. I have already made an audit report I will send you after this meeting. I already pointed out all the issues and all the cost. I will send the proposal to the board after this meeting. I have some suggestions for the China proposals. This proposal I also have some solutions to the board. These kinds of solutions can help China to grow healthily in the future. First of all I think is the centralized online entry. Why did we suggest this proposal? Because I want to have an independent person to be the centralized entry clerk. This person cannot be a Chinese exhibitor, cannot be a judge. I think we need to find a very experienced entry clerk outside of China to input, to enter all the entries in the China shows. First of all, what can the function of this centralized entry clerk do? First of all, we can make sure all of the records are correct, and then we can make sure all the color classes and everything can be entered correctly. Because I am also a judge, we found a lot of color class transfers in the China shows. Why? Because the entry clerk, they don't have any training for the entry clerking program. They entered a lot of wrong information into the entry program, especially the Exotic longhair. The Exotic longhair was input into the Exotic shorthair so we had a lot of color class transfers during our shows. OK, and then this can also help to reduce the stuffing, because if an independent centralized entry clerk can do this kind of job, all of the Chinese exhibitors will be more careful to send the information to this centralized entry clerk. The entry clerk will question why these, for example, a lot of entries

don't have the registration number, and then the sire and dam is quite strange sometimes. Sometimes for the sire they just put "father" and they put for the name of the dam "mother" but nowadays the Chinese entry clerks cannot validate or maybe they don't know how to solve it, but if we have the independent entry clerk, this will help a lot. I suggest to the board to have a Hong Kong entry clerk to be the centralized entry clerk, because they already have a lot of experience and they have a lot of training in entering the entry clerk program. I suggest Chrissie Chan to be the centralized entry clerk. OK, this is one of my suggestions. Other suggestions, I think the most important is the show rules, because all the show rules now are in English. The show rules were translated I think 10 years ago. Show rules nowadays compared to 10 years ago already changed a lot. 10 years ago we only had how many shows in China? Two or Three. Nowadays how many? [89] I think this is very, very crucial. Why do we not invest some money to translate the show rules into Chinese? Why do we need to appoint the inspector? I hope the board can invest some money to translate the secure.org. That is the registration program in China. We have a lot of brokers, we have a lot of agents to help people to register Chinese cat registrations in China, and then they gain a lot of money to do this kind of business. Because why? Because Chinese people don't know how to register a cat, because this kind of program is in English. We don't have any training, because USA and Hong Kong or ID-Other is easy for us because this is English and we can explore it ourselves, but in China, the Chinese don't have the training, they don't have the proper guidance, they don't know how to read English. How can they do the registrations? **Kallmeyer:** One question. Since Tim is in the audience, Tim if there was a central entry clerk, would it work very well? What benefit would we get from it, from the CFA side? **Schreck:** One of the main advantages with the central entry clerk program is that we can actually check, and if clubs are not making the corrections necessary that come from the show, we can make those corrections so the database will be correct the next time the cat is entered. I think this is one of the very important issues that you are having, is things that are in the wrong class and wrong information, but this I think would be one of the main advantages. We can sort of monitor how things are going on in shows. Since you're taking suggestions, one of the things I have also noticed is that we repeatedly get Thursday night or Friday calls from an entry clerk that's having problems. The show is not even closed. The entries are not in yet. I would be in favor of a uniform closing date for China shows. This would solve a lot of the problems. **Kallmeyer:** Let's bring that up. How would that affect China shows if they had to do that? **Matthew Wong:** I'm just cautious of time. We have had three speakers so far and there are 15 more, so please help with the time. **Kallmeyer:** Right. Just raise your hand so I can see you. Quickly, from some of the China clubs. **Adilah Roose:** I have master clerked a few shows in China. My biggest issue is that there is no email address, there is no confirmation, nobody reads confirmations and the three shows I went to, I don't think anybody sent out confirmations. So, even if you have a centralized entry program, will the exhibitors read the confirmations? **Danny Tai:** Because I also put into the proposal, I think the show confirmation is one of my proposals. And then I think we need to have the centralized entry clerk where you need to amend some rules. We also need to have some more rules in China, especially we need to close the show earlier than one week before the show date. I think we need to have some more rules to put on, to adopt this.

Kuta: This is a general question for anybody who wants to answer it. You don't have to answer it now, but what types of things would be helpful to have to learn, to help people put in their registrations? Is it videos? Is it WeChat? What kind of guide would be the easiest to use? Someone in person to help with registrations? A video that walks through the process in your language, along with showing how to fill out the paper? Written guides on WeChat? All of

them? So please, when you are talking, if you just want to give a sentence or two about what would be the best way to get the word out there. Let us know. **Allen Shi:** Actually, we have several people on our committee that can do this. Like WeChat, almost every Chinese has a WeChat. Even Americans have WeChat, Malaysians have WeChat, Hong Kong people have WeChat. Everybody has WeChat all over the world, so I think that's the best way. What I'm going to talk about is, in China the people [inaudible] to China cat show, like the central entry clerk program, but that's maybe not too easy to do. A lot of things need to confirm. I don't think it's a good time to all the details here. So, first I want to thank you Danny and Frankie for bringing up some problems about China. I think they are doing really good speaking in this meeting. Second, I want to thank everybody who supported yesterday's good proposal about entry fee limits. I think this is a very good step for the cat show in China. So, here I want to tell you something maybe you don't know. I think a lot of board members and all people were interested. I heard from yesterday's annual meeting, Dick said in North America showing cats is just a hobby. In China, it's totally different. It's like a commercial business. So, I want to say that yes, that's part of showing cats is like a commercial business, where you sell some cats from your cattery, that's the commercial part, but it's everywhere today. That's no different. So, three years ago everybody in China knew no other cat association can compete with CFA. That's three years ago, but right now we have TICA, WCF, CCCA, UCF, many, many. TICA and WCF has a great improvement in China. As you know, maybe you all know TICA every week now has one show in China. Like everywhere, they put a show against the CFA show. They will have a show in the same city before a CFA show, and sometimes they enter the same show hall. WCF every month they will have \$10,000 US [inaudible] so what I want to say is, because the problems right now in China gives these association some chance to compete with CFA. We used to have an association called CAA but because he can't compete with CFA, so it disappeared. This year, everything changed. So, I want to bring up actually the problem right now in China, like high entry fees, reject cat entries and some commercial selling of titles, and the stuffing and cheating – everything. Also, we make many proposals to solve these problems, but I think the best way is, we can make an example. I don't know why we still can't do anything on it. We just discuss many of the same details and bring up many other things. I talked to several judges who attended those problem shows. They said they can't do anything but they knew that happened. Like, of course, a judge cannot do any investigation in the show hall because they have their judging job. Actually, that's not their job. They are only there to be a judge and judge cats. That's their job. They can disqualify cats. That's their job, but they can't do anything to investigate. So, we also have our official ID Chair also be several times to their show, but I don't know why I've just seen many problems, so it does not stop. First, I think that's a problem, because in China we are all scared, because CFA agrees with this. Like the ID Chair goes there, officials go there, they don't say anything. Why can't we follow this? So, you can't blame them. Right now, like Frankie said, somebody is going to put a show on for \$700 US entry fee. That's a show in July. Those people learned from some cheating group you all know. As I know, there are other clubs in China that are going to do this, this season. Yesterday's proposal is just a step, but I don't think it can stop every problem, like reject entries, because even [inaudible]. Some board members may still remember I protest the same club two years ago and last year. What I think is, we need better management in ID, especially in China. I totally agree with Pam Moser's proposal to teach and educate the people in China. That's very important, but that job should have been done earlier. I think right now is a little bit late. Like Adilah, you came to China several times for some master clerking and she can tell you what happened there is just

incredible. I think we need more people, we need good people knowing and understanding the Chinese culture to manage China or to be the ID chair. OK, that's what I want to say.

Danny Tai: Thank you Allen. Frankly speaking, I think sometimes the chairman, the ID rep, we do a lot of things behind [the scenes]. Sometimes people, sometimes exhibitors may not know. We know the problems. We know everything. We know something. We also need to think something. We need to put some show rules and suggest some proposals to the board. I think actually Pam Moser's proposal is good. I think it's good, but the problem is everyone actually knows the problems. What we need to invest in CFA, to help CFA, is to lay down some very concrete solutions, but not just to have an inspector. Actually, everyone knows the problems. Also from examples as to British Shorthair, we have 70 in championship. We all know this problem. We want solutions. Why do we need to put so much money into investigate? I want to point out that China culture, who would you appoint in China to be the inspector? We said independent. OK, independent you cannot be a judge, you cannot be an exhibitor, you cannot be a Chinese, bla, bla, bla. So, you appoint new people. They don't know the CFA show rules. They don't know the China culture. Even they don't know how to go to the show hall. Also, you need to appoint a translator. Also, this is an investment, but why don't we put that money to some other areas? I think this is a more efficient and direct method. **Frankie Chan:** Thank you about the proposal, the concept. Thanks Pam. I really appreciate it, because it's trying to find the roots and get the problems, but I still think there are some issues maybe happening before the investigator goes to China, because I know better about the Chinese culture. We have all kinds of investigators for all cultures. When you start to do it, people will show perfect to you. That is the Chinese culture. So, my question is, what and where and who would be the investigator, and which show would they be invited? It's like no name. People would not know this kind of information if the investigator goes there directly. If not, the club would hold a perfect show from you and cannot get any problems there. One thing; if any exhibitors in the show try to report this kind of problem, it's hard for them. In Chinese culture, basically we don't like to resolve conflicts face to face. They actually have a lot of problems. They would prefer to tell the officers after the show, not there. I can bet you there will be a lot of fights. I think a lot of judges who have been there have already mediated this kind of situation. I think this proposal is very good, but in the execution process it will be hard. So, I think we need to think about a bigger picture [inaudible] in the investigator program, it is supposed to be a bigger picture that might systematically work, including all the education part and all the investigating part and all the legal part under this framework. I think it's a bigger project that needs a lot of small projects combined together.

Moser: I'm a little bit confused, because Danny said that he kind of would like an inspector. Is that what you were saying, Danny? I'm a little confused. You said that the Chinese would like somebody that was an inspector and Frankie said no. **Danny Tai:** No, no. I did not say that. I said that your proposal is good, but it's difficult. And then I think the investment to put money on the inspector is no good. We need to think of some other solutions. We need to think of more direct to put the money to other areas. For example, why do we not recruit some lawyer to translate the show rules into Chinese? Who do we not develop the online entry program? We do we not do more education? Why do we not do some more training? These are areas we need, but not the inspector. **Moser:** OK, I misunderstood you then. The other thing is that I said that we could have a judge do this. A judge could do this, but they would have to give up all their judging assignments in China. They cannot be judging and be doing this job, or anybody in their

household, because you have to be impartial. If you're not impartial, it's not going to work. You guys have to realize that the person that's in charge of this is going to treat everybody fairly on all sides. You can't just have one person on one side or the other. We can do this. I worked in management. I liked a lot of people that I had working for me but they didn't do a good job, so if they don't do a good job, you don't punish them but you say, "you've got to get with the program." So, I think the person can be impartial. You can't take sides. That's what's happening here. We are taking sides, so we have to come together and we have to work on this, because we need China to get going here. You're part of our organization and you guys have a lot invested in us, so we need to give back to you guys, and I want this to work, so maybe what I propose you don't like, give us some input. Tell us how else you would like it to be. That's what we want to do. Everybody, not just one.

Newkirk: When I was 20 years old, I joined the military. When I was 21 I got sent to Thailand – the best year of my life. One of the things that really struck me was, we used to have outside theaters and we would go. They had Chinese movies with English subtitles. Probably a lot of you have seen those. Those guys jump through the air and do flips and come down with a sword and whack off somebody's head, and you would see it roll across the sand. I don't want to see us get to that point in China. Every year, you guys come to this meeting, as John and I were talking. We hear the same problems repeated every year. You guys tell us what's going on over there. Those of us that go over there and judge, we see all this stuff. Yet, nothing gets done. So, we can reappoint the same committee, which is on the plans that I saw from Mark. Dick, you do a great job with statistics and a lot of other things, but I don't see you working with the clubs and helping them and addressing the problems. Last year, we asked Gavin Cao to put up a website for the flyers. Gavin did that, and then all hell broke loose on WeChat. You would have thought Gavin was one of the worst criminals on the planet, and he only did what the board asked him to do. I took Danny and Frankie to task over it, because Dick didn't defend Gavin for doing something for the board. We had a chat and they said that some of the translation was incorrect, because the translation software said that Gavin's website was fraudulent. That's what the translation software was, so Gavin sent me several of the screen shots of his program. We talked about this a little bit. It's still up. It's still there. When the flyer goes to Central Office, there's an app that that entry information gets into and it gets uploaded. Every midnight it's updated, so our flyers, if the data is entered correctly in Central Office, all that stuff should be up to date. If it's not, then we need to work on making sure the app is correct. Gavin's office just moved. His IT business just moved so he didn't come. I'm sure he could address this further. So, I won't be on the board after today, so you can silence my voice at the board table, but I have a big mouth as you have seen, and I am not going to shut my mouth. I will defend you guys and I will call out people when they don't help you, but a lot of us we go over there and judge. We see the issues, we see the problems, we bring it back, and maybe it doesn't fall on deaf ears but it appears to me that people aren't listening because corrective action is not being taken. Everybody sitting at this board table received a PowerPoint presentation that Gavin put together. It outlines all the problems that you just brought to us – stuffing, double entering, all this cheating with the prices – so the board is charged with fixing some of this stuff. If the board doesn't fix it, TICA, CCA, UCF will snap up all of our good people that want to support CFA. We were the first people in there. You guys like our system. I know you do because I hear you talk about it, but there's a lot of issues. The entry thing is a big thing. Adilah was master clerking in Anshan. I've never seen a bigger mess in all my life. 225, it was full. There were at least 10 people there that had paid to come to the show and they weren't in the catalog, so whoever entry clerked that took about 235

or 240 entries for a 225 show. It took over 3 hours to get that cleaned up. **Danny Tai:** May I know who was the entry clerk in Anshan? **Newkirk:** I don't know. **Danny Tai:** I heard in Anshan the entry clerk, is it Adilah? **Adilah Roose:** No, no. **Newkirk:** No, she was the master clerk. **Danny Tai:** I heard in Anshan we had a lot of penalties regarding the entry clerk and the master clerk problem, especially those TRN, no registration number, bla, bla, bla. We heard a lot of problems in Anshan. In Anshan, this is the first show. No guidance, no training. OK, what can they do? **Newkirk:** Why don't we have a committee that assists new clubs to advise them and to help them? Let me finish. Let me finish please. We may not need that in America, because everybody is friends with one another, but when you go to China or ID-Other, they may not have a friend that's put on a show, so there needs to be some type of guidelines. You guys give us a ton of money. We have to spend a little of it to help you, to make sure you are on the right track. It's only a couple people that are messing this whole system up, so the rules have to be laid out. You can't charge somebody \$5,000 to be a "sponsor" in a show and then take that \$5,000 and then run up to a pet shop and get 40 or 50 cats so you can stuff the show full. That's wrong, so that's got to stop. What rules you come up with, those things have to be addressed. Now, I think Mark was the one that pointed out in our show rules, you can't charge anything that's not on there, but it's behind the back. Somebody is doing it, so somebody has to witness it. So, come forward, tell us who is doing it and then the board can take care of that person. But, there has to be somebody taking charge and in my opinion no one has taken charge. I'm disliked because I get up here and I open my mouth and I call people out for not doing their job, and that's just the way it will be. I won't be at this meeting next year, but I will guarantee you – and I've got friends still on the board, a few of them anyway, so I'm sure they will report back to me that these same questions are going to be brought up again. That's all I've got to say. I wish you good luck guys, because I think you're our future. **Kallmeyer:** Darrell, I would like to point out you are incorrect. I didn't defend Gavin in that case. I did. I explained that he had the right to post that. **Newkirk:** Hold on. **DelaBar:** No. **Newkirk:** I'm answering his question. **DelaBar:** No. He answered your statement. Chill, Darrell. I want to let you guys know one thing. When things happen, in the past they may have been ignored. That's not happening anymore. I can guarantee you there's serious investigation by serious trained investigators on the blatant infractions to the show rules. I'm also going to ask you, you have several dialects of Chinese. You have Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghai-ese, etc. In Europe, before they became a region, they had their people translate Russian, German, Spanish, French, to get these shows going. Japan translated show rules, clerking manuals. There's nothing to stop you guys from doing the same to help your clubs and to help the exhibitors in learning how to function within CFA ethically and morally, according to the show rules. So, some of this is back on you to get done. Europe used to be the International Division. It was the first International Division, and now it's a region. So, I know you've got the intellect, I know you've got the ability to do this. Guys, the two of you – Frankie and Danny – it's on your shoulders to form these committees. You are the elected representatives. You can do your job, as well. **Kallmeyer:** Point out too, we did have a guide put together for clerking for Chinese. Bob Zenda is actually working with Jason Yang for a Chinese guide to putting on shows. I don't know the status, but that is already being worked on. **Bob Zenda:** I talked to him this morning, as a matter of fact. He promises now the first draft of the show manager's guide and how to put on a show. Listening here, I hear more things that we have to incorporate into that, but he has promised us a first draft by the end of this year. He has been taking on some additional responsibilities and doing a lot more travel, and so that has slowed it down a bit, but the clerking checklist has been a success. It's being used in some of the clerking

schools, as well. Most folks who read it and use it are performing a lot better. **Kallmeyer:** There is Google translate. Is that any good for the Chinese? <no> OK.

Suki Lee: I'm a judge and I travel to China many times. Richard said, now we have the data that we have 53 clubs in China, so only one ID rep, is that enough? I don't think so. Please, help to appoint or please help China to get maybe two more, maybe three more. You can have north side and south side. Also, I talked many years ago and said, "come on, we need the board to help us appoint a person." The person can definitely help China reform. For example, the show rules. I did the first time translate to Chinese, which is 10 years ago, but I cannot do it anymore. Why? Because that's traditional Chinese. That's the difference. So, we need to appoint a person to work on this. Otherwise, they will have so many different version. In China, the people are like children. They are kids, and you give them so many chances. It's OK, but another thing I can see, so many protests not come through. You give them so many chances. This is what's going on. This is a good example. I bring a friend, no problem. When they come again, it has gotten worse. So, this is what I think maybe they are not very good in English, but if we can find a person to help them to translate, and that person needs to be appointed by the board. This will help us. I believe that will be better. Thank you. **Matthew Wong:** I'm always cautious of time. Just as an example, I come with her to some of these shows. She always has to run through security reasons whether to go to a show or not. What Allen and a lot of people here said is absolutely true. A lot of the issues have been said at these meetings many years in a row, so I think the board is very understanding, but at the same time they prefer Frankie and also probably Danny to put in a bit more time and authority into fixing things. For example, the 2017-2018 show season, we already know a syndicate has cornered the February, March and April shows. Totally. If I can get Madison Square Garden for free, I would book it every weekend for an entire year. If you want to run the concert, you pay me half a million. You want to run a basketball game, you pay me \$200,000. So, this is happening right now. These new clubs, of the 53 clubs, on paper you cannot read and diagnose that these are connected parties, but as an insider we know they are. As you have all seen, last season how many kittens got wiped out in the last month and new kittens came up? So, they can engineer, manipulate and fix the results, and sell it for money. Now, at the same time, why do we allow this to happen? Why? You knew about it. There are so many judges going to China, some people obviously put their heads in the sand and just say, "thanks for the meal, thanks for the sightseeing, I hang ribbons and alright I'm off." We have seen worse, but we're not here to make anyone feel bad, but I'm just thinking, fine, in reality there's always a crime rate but when it gets too high into our order, then enforcement has to happen with discipline. We have the show rules, right? There's no cancelled cats in any show I've been to before the show starts. That's a simple thing, right? How hard is that? With the flyers, we can be very disciplined. Now we have more demand than supply. Another thing I want to bring up is, now we know 2018 the same history is going to repeat. Maybe you penalized a certain person for 6 months, 9 months or 12 months, but he or she will have a friend, husband, cousin who can front the show. You will see history repeat. I've seen friends and clubs who put on shows last year that couldn't even get one slot this year. Why is that? Not even one slot. It's all taken. Then, because of the distance rules, if there's a show in Beijing, you can go to almost the Russian border and you still can't hold a show. In each of these cities, we are talking about 10 million people cities, so I think the same distance in US does not quite apply. That's something the board can do on its own. So, just as an observation, obviously we are all passionate about the shows. I think everyone is right. We've got the resources and the passion and the willingness to fix it, but please use discipline and enforce the rules. Thank you.

Frankie Chan: First of all, thanks Pam and Darrell. I quite agree that we all need to work together. The only thing I'm trying to get clear is that we are not denying the investigating program. We're trying to put something into it to make it better work. Another thing I need to suggest here, I think since we already have our board meeting every season, right? So, for the season now, why don't we have a few [inaudible] from both China and ID-Others? I can be the one who collects all the advice, proposals, even protests and report to the board every season. It is more like a routine job, but it would cover more new exhibitors, new clubs, new catteries. They didn't have any chance to come here for this meeting. We have more and more new clubs. They need help. For the past year, I have 5 new clubs to set up all their shows. I believe some judges know what I have done, but I am only one person. I spend every minute dealing with all these problems, and most of them are due to the language. Language is the biggest issue. If they don't understand, how can they obey the rules? It is impossible. So now, I think there is a special program. We have already started to make all these files translated to Chinese versions. I think this first step is very important and I really wish for next season we can get all these file works done. Thank you. **DelaBar:** Frankie, just one thing. There are two separate – the investigation I told you about is separate from Pam Moser's proposal.

Allen Shi: Last speak, just for very short information. Like Frankie said, I want to make up the information about the cheating group. Last show bring how many new kittens to national winner line? That's 11. For a total we have 25 and they bring up 11. So, that's OK. Right now the clubs in China, we face very big pressure from other associations' cat shows. I tell you a very funny thing. In one TICA show, on their show flyer, they said, "our show has no high entry fee, no stuffing, no rejecting entry, and no short fat lady." You probably know who is that short fat lady, so that's very ridiculous that she is already the example of the cat show. That's a very serious situation to us. You know CFA right now approved the Bengal for a new breed. Maybe you all know Bengal has a big, big amount in China. We all want Bengals. Maybe Bengals join our cat shows in the future. That's our last way to make the show count to benefit the show cost. That's very important. Also, TICA wants our British Shorthair and Exotics to go to their show, so the TICA board made a very smart decision last month. They suspended a cheating show in TICA. I can give you some information. That TICA club's secretary is a very good friend to that short fat lady. I trust that she learned a lot from her. So, what I want to say is, please, please help us. That's not very hard. No need to do too many things. Just make it effective. Thank you everyone.

Danny Tai: Actually, I think China is still developing very rapidly, but the problem is of course in the developing stage there are many problems. I think one comment of Allen, we need to know that. We don't need to blame anyone, because every has a past record. We are not to blame, but we want to help them to improve something in the future. What we can suggest, I think the centralized entry clerk program is a very good way to help reduce the stuffing count, and then also to reduce the problems regarding the wrong color class, bla, bla, bla, everything. I think everyone has done something bad in the past. I think me also. Allen also. Not only you said the short fat lady. We cannot focus on someone, but everyone has fault before. Before we can know we need to do some resolution to rectify the problems, history is already passed. What we can help is to do something. If we do the centralized entry clerk program, I think is a very good way to help reduce the problem.

Kallmeyer: OK, we've got to break because of the breed meeting. We would like to thank everyone for coming. **Russell Law:** Just one comment, and it's not China related. **Adilah Roose:** Thank God. **Russell Law:** It's about that international show in Thailand. I think it's going to be in March next year. Because it's too much the end of the season, so with the count that Danny talked about – 450 – I think it's going to be quite game changing for the exhibitors in the International Division. Since we have some very severe quarantine control issues in certain countries in Asia, I know that I personally have dealt with AFCD – that's like the Hong Kong equivalent of USDA – do we have some timetable to sort of liaise with the various governments, like Hong Kong and Singapore, in order to get the quarantine waived or something like that, to get access to Thailand. **Kallmeyer:** The answer is yes. I think we have to do some research over the next couple of weeks. If Hong Kong cannot get there, what can they do instead? We got the Thai government to agree, but Hong Kong is going to be difficult. **Russell Law:** There will be countries like Singapore and Taiwan that have very strict control over the border on animals. **Danny Tai:** Taiwan can already come. **Russell Law:** Then I envy them. **Danny Tai:** It will be in September. **Kallmeyer:** We'll have a private discussion to talk about this. Thanks everyone.

(59) BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING.

Saturday, July 1, 2017

Bizzell: I would like to welcome everyone to the meeting today. We're going to discuss a few things concerning breed councils, and breeds in general.

1. *Royal Canin – Breed-Specific Nutrition*

Bizzell: The first thing I wanted to mention, I had this great news flash. We were going to have Royal Canin speak for the first few minutes and they have now been unable to come, due to some emergency, so we're sorry for that. I will tell you that they won't be here this morning.

2. *Welcome and Introductions*

The first thing I want to do is some introductions, so that we know who we've got out here. There are a few breeds that have a representative that is not the Breed Council Secretary, so just say your name and what breed you are representing. We'll start with you Mary K. **Mary Kolencik:** This summer when I watched the political conventions, I thought it was cool when they did the roll call, how the states said something about their states, so I'm doing that. So, I'm Mary Kolencik. I'm the Breed Council Secretary for the Siamese breed, home of the very first lilac point national winning kitten, *Chocolado's "Chances Are" of Sherona* [B: Ralph & Cindy Yanez/Liz Armitage; O: R&C Yanez/ L Armitage/L Barefoot (5)]. **Linda Peterson:** Hi, I'm Linda Peterson, Devon Rex Breed Council Secretary. Devons are just really, really cool. **Kathryn Brady:** Kathryn Brady, Colorpoint Shorthair Breed Council Secretary. This is my first meeting, so I'm just along for the ride. **Dennis Ganoe:** Dennis Ganoe, LaPerms. Thank God for Japan. **Trudie Allen:** Trudie Allen, Maine Coon Cats. Colorado is the host of the National Maine Coon Cat Club show every September. We hope you all come. **Carissa Altschul:** Carissa Altschul, Persian breed council. Largest breed council in CFA. **Marianne Clark:** Marianne Clark, Japanese Bobtails. I'm from Oregon, so I echo what Dennis said – thank God for Japan. Also, come to the International in November in Portland. **Bob Zenda:** Bob Zenda, and guess what breed I'm representing? American Shorthairs. **Sherrie Phelps:** Sherrie Phelps, with Siberians. I'm from Missouri. **Ikuyo Takase** [via translator Shino Wiley]: She is the very first Japanese Breed Council Secretary in CFA, representing the Singapura. She is very excited. Also, she as a Singapura breeder got the Best Cat in Japan Region. **Kitty Barrie:** Kitty Barrie, Breed Council Secretary for the Norwegian Forest Cats, the big, fluffy, dumb ones, and also representing the Burmilla, since Keith [Kimberlin] was unable to attend. They are not as fluffy but just as dumb. **Jim Flanik:** Jim Flanik, representing Ragdolls. **Shelby Friemoth:** Shelby Friemoth, representing American Bobtail for the first time. **Martha Auspitz:** Martha Auspitz from Kentucky. I'm Abyssinian Breed Council Secretary, home of fast horses, beautiful women and breeder of the Bombay. **Donna Andrews:** Donna Andrews, representing the Manx. Susan couldn't be here. She misses you all, and we'll see you in Atlanta next year. **Laura Barber:** Laura Barber, I'm Selkirk Rex. There's only been two national winning Selkirk Rexes. I was honored to co-own and show one, and I'm the only cattery that has both pedigrees currently. **Jan Rogers:** Jan Rogers from Texas, American Wirehair. There aren't many of us left, so if anybody out there from the other breed councils or other board members that would like to start breeding American Wirehairs, you are more than welcome and we would be happy to get you started. **Judy Bemis:** Judy Bemis. Last year was my year of firsts. It was my first national winner of my

own breeding, and I represent the European Burmese. **Penni Richter:** Penni Richter, now from Region 2 instead of Region 5, living in Washington State, Exotic Breed Council Secretary. **Cyndy Byrd:** Cyndy Byrd, British Shorthairs. I have nothing clever to say. **Alene Shafnisky:** Alene Shafnisky, Turkish Angoras. First longhair breed and sort of a native of Chicago. **Cheryl Coleman:** Cheryl Coleman, Korat Breed Council Secretary, also representing the Havana Brown Breed Council Secretary. She could not make it. And, Nashville rules! **Claire Dubit:** Claire Dubit, representing the Tonkinese. I'm from Region 7 in Baltimore. **Jeri Zottoli:** Jeri Zottoli, representing the Bombay and the Birman, and proud owner of my very first national winner with a Bombay. **Nancy Dodds:** I'm Nancy Dodds, I'm the Breed Council Secretary for the Cornish Rex. I've been at it for over 40 years and I finally may be getting a red. **Howard Webster:** Howard Webster, Balinese/Javanese Breed Council Secretary. **Sonja Moscoffian:** Sonja Moscoffian. This is my first year as Breed Council Secretary and I'm really proud that Ocicats made all three categories – championship, kitten and premiership national wins this year. Don't anybody be shocked who is sitting next to me. This is a friend of mine. **Sami Kerr:** I'm Sami Kerr. I'm representing the Bengals, standing in for Marie Vodicka, who is our breed secretary. I'm super excited to be here and super excited to compete in agility, since I can't get a title in championship class yet. **Melanie Morgan:** Melanie Morgan, Egyptian Mau. We're pretty much spot on. **Eigenhauser:** George Eigenhauser, Director at Large. That means I represent everybody. **Dugger:** I'm Jean Dugger, the Southern Regional Director. **DelaBar:** Pam DelaBar, Regional Director for Europe. **Brown:** Roger Brown, CFA Scientific Advisor, Director at Large. **Anger:** Rachel Anger, Secretary, and after a 25 year break, Oriental Breed Council Secretary. Pick a color, we've got it. Not to discourage anyone, Jan, but I bred three different litters of American Wirehairs to two different COTY, and never produced a wired kitten. But, do I qualify? **Rogers:** Oh yeah. **Black:** Kathy Black, I've been a Breed Council Secretary before – not this current year. I'm the Gulf Shore Regional Director. **Hannon:** I'm Mark Hannon, CFA President and past Persian Breed Council Secretary. **Mastin:** Rich Mastin, Director at Large. **Randolph:** John Randolph, CFA counsel. **Colilla:** John Colilla, Great Lakes Regional Director. We won the Family Feud last night. **Kuta:** Lisa Kuta, Southwest Regional Director. **Calhoun:** Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer, back here counting money. **Kallmeyer:** Dick Kallmeyer, CFA Vice President. **Wilson:** Annette Wilson, Director at Large for just a few more hours, and Russian Blue Breed Council Secretary. Russian Blues are most famous for having the shortest and most concise standard in CFA. **Krzanowski:** Carol Krzanowski, Director at Large. **Adelhoch:** John Adelhoch, North Atlantic Regional Director. **Newkirk:** Darrell Newkirk, DAL. **Bizzell:** OK, I think that's everybody. [Joining later was **Bruce Russell**, Scottish Fold] We're going to go ahead and get started with the agenda, and if I put your name beside an item, that doesn't necessarily mean you have to spearhead the discussion, but you may provide input.

3. *Issues with Year-End Reports (Timing and Formats)-B. Russell (and others)*

Bizzell: The first item, and this was provided to Central Office as well, there were some issues or perceived issues with year-end reporting, the timing and formatting. I've gotten some individual input from various people. Terri, if you are prepared to speak to the timing, and then you can solicit formatting requests. **Barry:** What we did in an attempt to answer the question appropriately, because some of my answer will be "just because it ran right last year didn't mean it was going to run right this year." That's not the answer to this question. It was perceived that reports were later getting out. Keep in mind the show season went a week later this year. We ended the Sunday before and, according to the show rules, it's the last full weekend in April.

This year we had the last full weekend. The other thing is, I know it's not just the Breed Council Secretaries, because starting May 2nd we were receiving phone calls into the office as to why things were not posted. We had 12 shows the last weekend of the show season and on Tuesday I think we had received one in the office. We did go back and check dates as to when everything went out, and you all, actually your reports went out the exact same day this year as they did last year, which was May 19/20. You should expect the reports approximately a week after they get out to the regions. I do know that there was a problem with your DWs. This is where I say the issue was with CompuTan. They were having problems pulling the data for one reason or another. As I told Carla and a couple of other people, this was one day that we tried very hard to put our big girl and big boy pants on, when CompuTan said, "oh, it's time for us to go home, we'll work on this tomorrow," and we said we need it now. Just because we request it doesn't mean it happens, but it did happen a little quicker than we anticipated it, but they were still late to you. I was told all the files were sent in Excel format, so I would like comments as to what was the problem with formatting. I don't know how many questions you all have today. You know my email address so we can certainly use that to reach out to me at any point in time.

Zenda: I would like to thank James the IT guy. Everything I asked for, he came through. **Barry:** Thank you very much. We appreciate hearing some good news. **Clark:** I wanted to add that the documents came in in an xls document, not just Excel. It's the advanced version of Excel and I don't have that on my computer. James very kindly converted it for me and sent me the document so I could open it up. **Webster:** Could we start sending them in just regular Excel? **Barry:** I can certainly ask him. I'm not IT, so all I can say is, I'm more than happy to look into it. I don't see why we couldn't. **Kallmeyer:** He can. **Ganoe:** It's a different format when you save the file in Excel advanced, versus Excel. I can show you how. **Barry:** OK, thank you.

Morgan: In terms of the formatting issues, things as simple as, one column is April 21, 2017 and the next column is 4-21 and perhaps another column where perhaps the cat's name is all in caps and the next column it's upper and lower case. So, we end up having to, if we're trying to upload to a website or something like that, reformat things that are already there. **Barry:** OK, thank you all. I'll have James look into that. **Hannon:** So they want it to be consistent. **Barry:** Right. I don't blame you. I want consistency, too. **Morgan:** It's simple. It's not the end of the world. We can obviously do it, but every time we have to retype something, there's a chance for error.

Barry: Exactly. I agree. **Auspitz:** I have a question. For those that have a larger breed council, instead of having all of the R1-9 plus International plus China all mixed up in the format, because the just list highest points down to lowest points, can they just do three files. Like say, R1-9 and then highest to lowest? It's easiest to separate out. And then China and then International? **Barry:** I'll look into it. I honestly cannot answer that but I will try. [unidentified speaker]: I asked about that and you said you were going to track me down next year to make sure we got three files for each of the areas. **Ganoe:** One thing you can do with Excel, if you open it is, on the right hand column way on the right is the country. You open the data tab in Excel, filter by the country or filter by the area. Excel has a lot of ability there. We can do it on our end. It doesn't have to come that way. **Altschul:** One thing we got I think two years ago that was really helpful for me because of the amount of Persians that are shown is, I was able to get an actual file of all the regional winners and divisional winners, and the rank that they got. I like to be able to showcase the particular cats and the award that they won. I wasn't able to get that the last two years. It came to me as a tab-delineated text file which is just fine. I can import that into Excel, but it was very helpful for me, instead of trying to root through all the different regional websites and the divisional websites to try to find exactly what placement and what

Persians were ranked, because not all the regional websites even differentiate whether or not it was a Persian or an Exotic longhair, and I have to kind of search through all the different stuff, or they don't even put their cats up so I don't know who won what. I would like to be able to highlight those cats and I have not been able to do so because I can't get that report. **Bizzell:** Any other questions or comments on this? If not, we're going on.

4. *Ad hoc reports-M. Clark*

Bizzell: You might want to stay up there, Terri. The next question has to do with ad hoc reporting. I know we had a request for a particular set of data. First it was unclear to the Breed Council Secretaries whether or not they would need to pay for this information. What we need from Central Office is an understanding of what is reasonable to ask for, what types of data is reasonable to ask for, how far back the data goes. So, for instance, if Carissa wanted a list of all DMs from the beginning of the Persian breed, you would not be able to get that out of the current system, as I understand it. **Barry:** And probably not the HP either. **Bizzell:** That's what I mean. It's not automated. **Barry:** That's correct. There are a number of things that one, are not in the HP that when this CompuTan system was completed and we migrated over, even if it were migrated over correctly, if it's in the CompuTan system, we can pull it out. I think it's almost an item by item issue that we would have to answer. What I would request is that any email you have requesting information and it's in the White Pages would be forwarded to the gatekeeper for breeds, and that would be Judy Minich. It's just jminich@cfa.org and again her information is on the web page and it's on the first page of the White Pages. The other thing is, if you send it to an individual and we don't have a gatekeeper, there's no way either myself or Verna know that it comes in, so that's one of the reasons I'm asking you to go this direction. I know sometimes you might ask Shirley or you might ask James – that type of thing, so for consistency if it could go to Judy at this point in time. Should the staff person change, we will let you know. **Bizzell:** Any other questions or comments on this? **Clark:** Will it be in the White Pages, who we contact for reports, so we have an idea who to talk to? **Barry:** It's not going to be in the White Pages. Judy is the one handling these questions. She's the gatekeeper, so she would be the one you would send your questions to or contact, and then she would go to Verna to make sure that if it's not her that needs to supply the information, she gets it from the correct staff person back to you. **Clark:** I understand that, but as a new Breed Council Secretary, I wouldn't know that. Is there a way we can access who to contact? Is there a place we're going to be able to find out who we need to go to? **Barry:** When the new White Pages come out it will be listed, OK? Under each staff person, we have what area they are responsible for. **Brady:** She didn't address fees. **Bizzell:** No. As far as I understand, this should be at no expense to the Breed Council Secretaries. **Barry:** As far as I'm aware, we haven't had a question asked that we've charged a fee, at least not since I've been there. Verna? **Dobbins:** No for the breed councils, no. **Morgan:** 12 or 14 years ago, whatever it was I became Breed Council Secretary, I did the same thing that Marianne is doing in contacting Central Office and was told that they were there to help us as best they could; i.e., exactly what you just said. They would pull whatever reports I needed in order to update my historical summary, up to the point that they had it in the system, and that's what they gave me free of charge. They were wonderful. The rest of it I gleaned from yearbooks, etc., but it was only as far as what you guys can pull without significant manpower hours. **Barry:** Exactly. We have a card catalog in the basement that rivals I would have to say New York City's museums or libraries, and that's where that information – they do go down and they attempt to pull from there

what information they can, but if it's extensive like the Persians, it would be very difficult for us to recreate that. **Bizzell:** Any other questions or comments? Thank you Terri.

5. *Breed Council Membership for Breed Council Secretaries-R. Anger*

Bizzell: The next one is item #5 where it was brought to our attention that may Breed Council Secretaries did not realize that their membership in the breed council for which they are Breed Council Secretary is free for the length of their term. As such, they should be entered in the system as a current member, effective the first date of their being secretary. I don't believe that happened this year. I know we've had a change of personnel. **Clark:** I sent money in.

Bizzell: As did I when I was Breed Council Secretary, but yes, thank you for the donation.

Anyway, for any other breed councils that you are members of, you pay just the \$10. We will need for Judy to make sure that this happens. I believe we addressed this earlier before the meeting. **Altschul:** I'm probably the only one this affects, but for point of clarification, like for the Persian with the 7 divisions, do I need to tell Judy which one to apply it to? I don't

automatically go into all 7 divisions as Breed Council Secretary. **Hannon:** She should go into the ones where she qualifies for free. **Altschul:** I would go into all of those, or pay for the others?

Hannon: All the ones that you qualify for should be free. **Altschul:** I've been giving a lot of donations the last couple years. **Hannon:** For example, you may not be in the Silver and Golden

division, in which case you're not going to be automatically enrolled in that. **Altschul:** OK, thank you. **Bizzell:** Any other questions or comments on this item?

6. *Breed Summit-M. Morgan*

Bizzell: Next is breed summit, and that would be Melanie Morgan. **Morgan:** Alright.

Some of you may or may not be aware that the Egyptian Mau breed has been beta testing a concept I had a number of years ago, and I've been lucky enough to have the support of the CFA Board of Directors. For that we thank you. For the last 3 years, the Egyptian Mau breed has put on a breed show. At that breed show, we put on what we call a breed summit. That summit includes a number of different things. Specifically, we have all the cats for that breed – in this instance, Egyptian Mau – judged simultaneously. For example, all the kittens, all the championship cats and all the premiership cats go into each ring at the same time, if there are enough cages, or cage after cage, ring after ring. The judge would then judge all the kittens, hang their top kittens the normal way; championship and premiership, as well. In our instance, we then award our top awards overall. That's what happens during the show, but the breed summit is more than that. After the show we have a seminar. Every year so far has been slightly different. This year we're proposing to test a concept that I have that I think is very important for bringing our focus back around to education and breed focus. So, after the show on July 29th, Saturday night, we're going to have a seminar actually in the show hall where there will be a ring set up and the Egyptian Maus that are entered in the show will be put into those rings and the people who basically are participating in the summit and workshop will have, for lack of a better word, a little workshop on each individual cat. You will have almost like a mini color class that you might do with a new judge. These will generally be breeders who are participating in this, although I think we may have a few judges who attend. They will go over each and every one of those cats, and then the moderator will go over each one of the results on their worksheets that will be handed out with each one of the individuals. There may or may not be a group discussion afterwards. This is the kind of concept I think that is putting the focus back on the breed. We've

had great success with this. We have people now coming from all over the world, with and without cats, to attend the breed summit for the Egyptian Mau because the workshops have been something that has been garnering interest and enthusiasm. I think it puts our focus back on the breed. My hope is that other breeds are going to start picking this idea up. It's a great way for people to learn throughout the show from each other, to sit down and network, and it's a great way for, during the seminar people sit down and actually get some in depth knowledge from experienced breeders and for new people to actually get the input they need, to become better breeders and better exhibitors. So, I'm urging all of you to consider thinking about this for your breeds. Devon Heaven, great idea for that. The Birmans already do a great job for breed shows, and so that would be one certainly you would think would lend itself easily to that, but not just that. Breeds that don't get representation and we don't see a lot of, like the LaPerms. Wouldn't it be great to have 10, 11, 12, 13 LaPerms at a show? But anyway, there's just something – an idea, a concept out there. I didn't want to get really too in depth about it before we actually run it through a couple times. We've done a couple different ideas each year. If it continues to evolve and get better and better, I'm looking forward to trying this new system out this year and I'll let you know how it goes. Questions? Input? My challenge is laid down. Let's see some other breeds maybe pick it up. **Allen:** What are the requirements for getting approval to do something like that from the board? **Hannon:** Tell us what you want to do and ask us for approval. **Allen:** How much in advance? **Hannon:** Enough in advance where you can advertise it. If it's the week before the show, you can't get the word out to your people. You set the timeline. You know when the board meetings are, so far enough in advance that you can put it in your flyer or send out notices to the Maine Coon people. **Morgan:** Trudie, what I did is, we asked for approval before we licensed our show and I sent the letter that Rachel sent to us along with our show license, so that it was actually listed. "Special breed awards" I think is the way that Central Office put it down which was nice and then we put it on the flyer. **Peterson:** When we have Devon Heaven, we piggyback on another club's show, so as long as we can get the club to agree, which usually is not a problem because we get a lot of entries for Devon Heavens, when you get through this next one at the end of this month, is it possible for you to kind of put a little outline of what the different steps are and send it to us so that we can look at that? I know it's evolving but I know you guys have done this three times and it has been very successful, but I think it would be great if after this one when you have time, to send us an outline kind of like a step-by-step of what had to happen, including communicating with the board and it can either be with your club's show or a piggyback show if the club agrees, that would be great. **Allen:** Melanie, could you make that "us" the Breed Council Secretaries? **Morgan:** Absolutely. Just as an aside, the Egyptians Maus have to come after those damn cute Devons. **Kuta:** Yes, that's exactly what I wanted to ask. I wonder if you can share it with the regional directors, as well? I know we like to encourage some of our clubs to maybe partner with a breed council. Any little hints. I don't want to make you have to spend too much effort putting this together, but any list of just like a list of things that worked and things that didn't work, best practices, things to avoid or things you tried that maybe you thought weren't optimal, that would be great. **Morgan:** Excellent ideas. I will certainly do that. Anyone who knows me knows that if you ask me what time it is, I'll give you how to work the clock. **Dugger:** I just want to mention one thing. Years ago – you may remember, I don't know if you were down there or not Carla, but they used to have this veterinary seminar for breeders at the University of Florida. I attended several times just because it was really interesting. It wasn't directed towards CFA, but I know at our International Show we've had the veterinarian seminar or whatever for breeders. I was just thinking that might be

another interesting aspect. I know the University of Florida just got too expensive for them to do it, but maybe we could find a university that had a vet school that might want to throw some input or help us out or whatever, especially some of the breeds. Roger probably might have some ideas about that, too. Just a thought. **Morgan:** Any other input, comments? Thank you all for your attention on this. I think it's important to put our focus on our breeds.

7. *Timeline for Ballot Development and Submission-C. Bizzell*

Bizzell: OK, the next item on the agenda is the timeline for breed council membership and balloting. This year, as always, the breed council membership deadline is August 1st. If you have members who are like me whose little stack of green slips is sitting by their computer unexecuted, you might want to give them a reminder. August 1st is a hard and fast deadline, so make sure and encourage your members to join or re-join. Also, if you have a new breed coming up for initial application, August 1st is the deadline. For a new color, if your breed wants a new color, we suggest that on August 1st all the breed council members who want to suggest that ballot item, get that ballot item to your Breed Council Secretary because the Breed Council Secretary needs to get that to the Breeds and Standards Committee by August 15th. At that point, Breeds and Standards will work with the Breed Council Secretaries to make sure it meets all the requirements for the ballot, and formatting and all that stuff. September 14th is when we need to get all those ballot items to Central Office. Central Office needs to format that into ClassMarker, get the items printed for those people who don't have internet capabilities or who don't want to do ClassMarker. We need to give them ample time, particularly since we have new personnel in that position now, to give them ample time to get that done. October 27th is when, by that time the ballots will be sent out and ClassMarker will be made available for voting. The breed ballots will be due back to Central Office on December 19th. Then, once those come into Central Office, they're all verified, they are tabulated, they'll come to Breeds and Standards, and the results can be issued within a day or two – probably not the same day. It takes probably a day for them to tabulate the results, so please don't expect the results to be made December 19th, because once Central Office does their job on it, I go through and verify what they've done to make sure there are no glitches, and then I inform the board and the Breed Council Secretaries. You can put that on your breed web pages or whatever. Any questions about this timeline or the requirements? We'll be sending out more information on the Breed Council Secretary list.

8. *Other Items as time permits*

Bizzell: I see no one shooting their hands up. This is going on to another topic, correct? [unidentified speaker]: Hi. One thing I would like to get from Central Office is, after the August 1st deadline we don't receive a contact list of breed council members, so you have to go in and look. That's not a problem, but there's no contact information. I probably like several other Breed Council Secretaries have a Yahoo group, so I have to go and search out for email addresses and things like that. It's not always easy, especially trying to find email addresses that are working for members that are in other countries, and also in Regions 1-7 and 9. Is it possible – I guess this is for Terri and James – if we could get a contact list of the names of the members and their email address, address and phone number so that we don't have to go searching everywhere for that information. I keep thinking this every year and I don't bring it up, but I just think that would be part of a good business process for us, because we're the keepers of our breed council. Also, I want to say one other thing. I want to thank Carla and Melanie. They do an

excellent job of communicating with all of us. I love the fact that I'll be thinking something and boom, there it is on my email, and it's very clear and very concise, and they always, always immediately respond to any questions that I might have. So, I would just like to say thank you very much. **Bizzell:** Thank you. On the question that she had, Terri do you want to address that real quick? **Barry:** We need to do a test with you just to see if it works, because most of your information is still on the HP, on the old system that hasn't migrated over yet. So, if we could attempt a test to see if we could pull this information off of there. We cannot do it – we will be unable to do it for the Bengals because they are not in the HP system, but we could attempt by hand for that. **Brady:** It can be done, because as soon as I became the Breed Council Secretary I requested it and got it that day. **Barry:** That is provided we're having minor issues with the HP. Like I said, we will attempt to get you anything to support you. **Bizzell:** Any other questions or comments? **Kolencik:** Can I just make a quick comment before we give her the microphone? **Bizzell:** While she is searching for a microphone, yes Mary K. **Kolencik:** We wanted the list automatically. We didn't want to have to ask for the list, so yeah, if you want to do a test for how you can do it automatically. **Barry:** We're having to enter it in differently now. **Richter:** On that note, I have a big problem too with not being able to get a hold of a lot of my breed council members, especially since half of them are now new and from a different country. I also have another issue with, lately I'm getting a lot of breed council applications sent to me because people are from different countries a lot of them and they don't know where to go on the website, so I pretended I didn't know anything, which I kind of don't, and went on the website and thought, OK, I want to join the breed council and I'm a breeder of Exotics, so I look under breeds. There is a link underneath my breed on the right hand side, a little link to breed council. I go there, there's a page that I've never even seen. Peter Vanwongerghem wrote it in 2007. There's supposed to be a link there to an application, so being pretend new I thought I would go there. It doesn't go to anyplace, so I went back to the regular index and thought OK, I'm a breeder, I'm going to go under breeder. There's no breed council information there on the main page under breeder, so I went to exhibitor and it's all there. That's kind of the last place I would go, but when I get there, then I find all the information that I need and there's a breed council application. There's no place on that application electronically where to send it. There's only a mailing address at the bottom for where to send it, so from different countries they're just scanning it and sending it to me and saying, do something with this. I wonder if there's any way that any of that information, where it would be easy for someone new, to be able to send it to a generic place. **Hannon:** Why don't you contact Kathy Durdick? She's in charge of the website. Explain the problem to her and let her resolve the problem. **Richter:** Will do, thank you. **Webster:** It might increase the number of people we get on the breed councils. **Richter:** I agree. Some of my people are so confused they just drop it.

Russell: As the Breed Council Secretary, I'm getting a lot of requests for how people can pay their breed council fees and where they go and that kind of thing. They don't always want to pay by Visa, so I don't know if there's a PayPal link there or what, but just making it easier for them to pay. The options for them to pay, so that we're aware of how CFA can handle that and we can pass that along to the breed council members. **Hannon:** Terri can answer that. They're working on PayPal. Do you want to tell them what you're doing? **Barry:** We currently do have a PayPal account but it's a private one. Verna knows the address off the top of her head, but what we are doing is developing a new one on the CompuTan system. Hopefully it's completed next week that will be just a drop down and you will be able to pay for most anything through PayPal that way. **Hannon:** Currently you can pay for anything with PayPal but nobody knows that. You

have to put in the comments section what you're paying for so that when they get this payment they know that it's for breed council dues or it's the annual banquet or whatever. I told Terri that when I go to eBay and I click on a tie and I pay for it, it tells them it's for this tie, so that's what CompuTan is setting up for us, so that when you go to eBay and go to PayPal, it will tell the Central Office exactly what it is you are paying for. They don't rely on you putting it in the comment column. The problem is, nobody currently knows that you can pay for everything on PayPal. It's a secret that they haven't let out. **Barry:** I was told when I left the office on Monday that it should be in the test phase this week.

Kolencik: New topic. OK, so I don't know who passed these out but thank you for these stats. This is interesting because I discussed these with my breed council this morning. Every year I see the rankings in January for all the breeds and every year the Siamese keeps going down and down. This year my heart was breaking because we were 13th, behind the Household Pets. I was just mortified by that, but then when I look at these stats – actually I saw this in February – I'm like, wait a minute, in Regions 1-7 the Siamese is 4th behind the Maine Coons, Persians and Exotics, but it's the rest of the world where we're not growing, so I talked about this this morning with my breed council to try to figure out how can we grow outside of this country. The problem is, we don't know how to reach those people. So, I know that the board discussed this on Thursday about having a special liaison for China. I'm hoping that when you do this, that when people in China express any interest in working with a particular breed, can you please come to the Breed Council Secretaries and we can try to facilitate putting people together to work on this, to get our cats out there outside of this country. We have no idea how to market our cats outside of the country. **Kallmeyer:** First of all, this is show season registrations, not cats shown. Just so you are aware. Second of all is that frequently they come up to judges or me trying to find a person. We can start bending it back to the breed councils for different breeds. What you will see in China is that certain breeds dominate – Americans, Brits, Ragdolls – and people don't like losing to them so they're much more interested in other breeds. You will start to see an opening up of different breeds. But yes, I think we can have the Judging Program, if they come to the judges, bend it back to the breed council or other people involve. **Hannon:** You should be talking to the Judging Program Chair. **Kolencik:** Who is the new Judging Program Chair? **Hannon:** Come to the board meeting tomorrow and find out.

Altschul: This was brought up at my breed council meeting this morning. Recently, Central Office addressed my concerns about prefixes. We have ancestral prefixes that were getting messed up. I was assured in February that's been addressed. Yes Mark? **Hannon:** Yes. **Altschul:** I haven't had a chance to review to see if any more have occurred, but they were asking if, with the new computer program – I don't know if Tim Schreck is here – if we can put some hard stops in for obvious non-produce-able colors. For example, we shouldn't be registering dominants out of dilutes, we shouldn't be registering a solid white with neither parent being a solid white. Things like that that we're starting to see more often. Central Office staff can't understand every genetic permutation, especially with some of the breeds that have so many colors. We know we can't program every possible combination, but there should be a few hard set rules that would apply to all breeds that could be put in there as a hard stop, that if someone tries to register a particular color. Right now, Central Office only brings colors to me when somebody either says, "I don't know the color of my cat," or they make up a color that's not currently there. They don't really come to me with, "hey, I've got a solid white and the parents are a seal point and a blue." So, they just register it. **Hannon:** Dick? **Kallmeyer:** The

answer is, I don't know. **Hannon:** But you will look into it. **Kallmeyer:** I'll find out. Send me an email. **Hannon:** Did you hear that? Send him an email and he'll follow up. **Kuta:** Dick, would it be helpful to collect, anytime one of these examples come up, that we have a place to collect them all? I've had couple, too, of my own cats. I would hope that something like that is already happening. **Kallmeyer:** [inaudible]

Newkirk: I have a question about colors and breeds that are impossible to get. I did the Burmilla presentation. The Burmilla is the only one that has a dilute modifier gene in it. It only affects the dilute cats. When they talk about those colors, they talk about lilac dilute-modified and fawn dilute-modified. In order to get fawn, you have to have cinnamon and there are no cinnamon colors accepted, so that is an error. How do you go about fixing a breed standard that needs 60% approval from the breed council to get something changed? That can't happen because there's no cinnamon gene there, so there can be no fawn dilute modifying cats. **Richter:** I have the same problem with getting a lot of colors people are trying to register that are not genetically possible. As Breed Council Secretaries, should we be the ones that send Central Office – they're really trying to learn. They really are desperate for information and trying to learn and do the right thing. I think they're doing a great job, but they need help because how would they know about the genetics of each breed in detail? So, is that the Breed Council Secretary's job to make up a generic thing, like you cannot breed a black and white to a brown tabby and white and get a calico. That's what's happening. Is that something we should be doing? **Bizzell:** Do you want to address that, Terri? **Barry:** You guys are our only resource. As for the stops, I know Central Office would like to have the stops put in there too, because it would make our life a whole lot easier. **Richter:** I feel bad for them. They are really trying. With my particular breed, they're getting stuff every week that is bizarre. **Barry:** I'm glad you're asking. **Richter:** Me too, because I kind of have this little bit of a fear that in my breed – and I know Carissa also is getting messed up because of our different countries we're now working with and what they're trying to register. **Newkirk:** Didn't we used to have somebody review these breed standard changes that had some genetic knowledge? Do we not have that anymore? **Ganoe:** We did. Marilee did that. Everything went across her desk in New Jersey. Also on the old Bertha system there was a large piece of charitably-called spaghetti code that somehow did some of these checks when we put in colors. No one has ever been able to decipher that code. I tried, CompuTan has tried. The best we could do was to say, we need to start restructuring how colors are identified in our registration system and then, like Carissa said, start programming the ones we know really can't happen. You cannot have a red female when red isn't shown on both parents. You cannot get red on a cat when both of the parents don't have red at all. **Richter:** Is that some kind of sheet that we make up and give to the registration department? **Ganoe:** In my opinion, when I was working on IT, the best we could do was provide some education to Central Office personnel where they could see these things. When we instituted eCats and started doing things electronically, we knew we had to put in some kind of electronic check on what they were entering, based on the prefixes of the parents. That has not yet been designed, and if it hasn't been designed it cannot be built. Now I'm taking off my IT hat. **Bizzell:** OK, Darrell, first let me mention historically the ballots are reviewed by Breeds and Standards, and the new applications are reviewed by Breeds and Standards. I would invite you to be on the Breeds and Standards Committee to help with that exact thing. **Newkirk:** I would be happy to. **Bizzell:** Done. Did you have another comment? **Newkirk:** I basically was trying to say we're talking apples and oranges here. I was basically referring to the new colors that come to the breed council level, and then Dennis was sort of talking about what registrations breeders put on a sheet that goes to Central

Office. It's two completely different things. One can be easily picked up. If a breed council says, "I want to put these colors in our breed," well then you can look to see, are those colors possible? If they're not possible then they have to go and modify the proposal. I'm not sure how you address breeders registering kittens with something like breeding red in a cat that doesn't have a red parent, or registering a silver where there's no silver in the line. Those are dominant genes. They're not carried. Red tabby is a whole different story. Solid red cats are going to have tabby markings because of the way the non-agouti gene is affected by the red gene. That makes them all tabbies, basically. So, it's two different things. I'm not sure how it's addressed. It would seem to me that the computer could be programmed to say, these two cats can't produce that color. But, it takes a programming change. **Bizzell:** I'm not on the IT committee and I'm not an IT person, but I know these are all keyed off our BCS codes. The BCS codes are unique to each breed. That makes it very difficult to do a program that deals with – an ebony Oriental code is different than a black American Shorthair code. It's still black. Dick isn't that part of the problem here? **Kallmeyer:** Tim has actually started looking at it and the answer is not to use our current computer vendor but maybe having a subroutine to go out and do it, and do the easy things first. That's actually being looked at, but unfortunately we have some things we have to do right away. But, Tim is looking at possibly a vendor to take that external, so it would be basically I'll call it subroutine to help eliminate it, but the answer is yes. **Hannon:** The easy answer to the whole thing is computerize it. The more difficult is implementing it. With the Oriental Shorthairs, for example, or the Devon Rex where you've got hundreds and hundreds of possible colors and you breed them together, and the potential allowable colors out of that, you are talking about millions of colors for one breed, so we did talk to a geneticist and got a price from her on what it would cost for her to lay on the table of, if you breed this color to this color, these are the possible colors you can get. If you want to register some other color it gets bounced and somebody is going to have to manually review it. But, that's very time consuming and very, very costly, but it's something that we're doing. As Dick said, we're starting with the simpler ones – if you breed a Havana Brown to a Havana Brown, what are the possible outcomes? – and putting off the Orientals and the Devons and those that have so many colors that it's a much more difficult task. Get the computer company used to what we want to do, starting off with the simpler things. As they gain knowledge, you can expand it. Like I say, it's expensive and time consuming, but it's necessary. We can't rely on human beings in the Central Office to know every possible color that can come out of these cats. **Brady:** Until that happens, would it not make sense for Central Office to send a list, let's say at the end of the month, to the Breed Council Secretary of all the cats that were registered and they could go over it? **Bizzell:** What do you think, Terri? **Brady:** Penni has some real concerns. **Hannon:** But Penni, you're also talking about the Persians and the Exotics and some of these other breeds. A lot of cats are involved. **Brady:** If the Breed Council Secretary really cares about what's going on, then they can make the time. **Hannon:** They've got some charts that they refer to. I think it was the Southwest Region that developed them initially, but they're not always following it. **Richter:** What about in some of the stuff, like where I'm working with one particular thing right now with a registration. Somebody tried to register a kitten as a blue-eyed white that was out of a black and white and they said a brown patched tabby and white, so to try to help educate the registration department, I asked them for the registration number and possibly pictures of the parents. It was a black and white, and a brown tabby and white. The picture of the kitten was a brown patched tabby and white, copper eyed. Then I explained that and said, "we've got a bigger problem, you can't have a red factor kitten out of these two parents," so they gave me the pictures of the grandparents also, and it's messed

up two generations back. Are we fixing that? What do we do to go forward correctly? **Rogers:** Those are good questions, Penni, and I agree with you. I'm going to give it back to you to have them answer, but two things that I'm seeing is, we have a brand new, from scratch basically, computer program for the entry clerks, correct? All of that data comes back to Central Office on a data disk. In there should be catalog corrections, so that should tell you that that cat has been corrected either correctly or incorrectly, and is somebody picking those manual corrections up and putting them in our master database? That's part one. Part two, are you picking up when a judge corrects a color, no catalog correction is found and it would be incumbent upon the judges to provide – I know it's a little extra work – but to send our Breeds and Standards group the corrections that we make. That pretty much happens overseas, not so much in the United States, but I know that I made 7 corrections to colors and I saw those same cats about 6 weeks later and they weren't corrected, and I did it again with those same cats. They were Persians and Exotics, and it was in China. **Bizzell:** As I understand it, the owner needs to actually make a registration change before it's going to be in Central Office's database. That's I think what you want as an owner. **Rogers:** I know, but they don't do that. **Hannon:** The new entry clerk program is supposed to pick up those changes so that 6 weeks later they can't make that same mistake. **Bizzell:** It won't change their registration unless the owner requests it. **Kallmeyer:** The answer, Jan, is no. They don't put the correction slips into the computer. I think we should but we don't. Part of the problem too is that the registration number would be out of sync with the color, which is an additional problem. The judge correction doesn't happen, as well. Talking about giving the registrations at the end of the month, the answer is, it's painful but it could be done. Exotics though, does Penni want to go through about 800 a month? That's also painful, but again it would be a possible thing with additional effort. I agree with you Jan. The slips should go in but do not. **Richter:** We might only have to do it for a few months before Central Office gets up to speed because most of these problems are fairly new since the growth in China. **Kuta:** A really quick note. Even though this doesn't impact registrations, as an entry clerk when I either enter something incorrectly and it's my mistake and there's a catalog correction slip, or get something changed at a show and there's a catalog correction slip, I go back and talk to the master clerk for every show I entry clerk and I look through the catalog correction slips and take photos and then go back into the entry software and change it, but I can't stop another entry clerk from changing it if the exhibitor enters the cat correctly again and the entry clerk doesn't question that it's different from what's in the system. **Brown:** I think what we have to understand is that the genetics of color is fluid and constantly changing. Many of these colors have modifier genes that either turn them up or turn them down. For instance, in the Ocicat we can have the chocolate gene that can look almost tawny. It's a neither/nor. Recently, the DNA program has changed the mutation that they are looking for in chocolate from a linked gene to a direct gene. All of these colors are constantly changing, and what we're forgetting is that there are modifier genes in all of these colors, and they are going to change. We have to decide if the color is what it looks like or what it is genetically. That's a question that I don't think anybody can answer at this point. Another thing that I would like to report is that there is an excellent article on the genetics of color on the DNA website, so anybody that has questions about color can get sort of a primary understanding by reading this article on the website. **Newkirk:** I'm just on the internet trying to do a search here. Has anyone ever tried to develop an algorithm to determine cat color? **Newkirk:** The answer is yes. There's a company out of England that actually had one. We went to them to see if we could purchase it. The answer was no at the time. Maybe it's something we ought to pursue again. **Newkirk:** Because that would be the easiest way to do it. You just start

out, is your cat red or black, is it a female or a male, and just go down a series of steps that are yes/no and you just follow the arrows until you get to what your cat's color is. **Kallmeyer:** Just as a follow-up, we looked at it, too. The initial thing when we hired the geneticist was just to match our color codes to those codes. To give you an example, even for Abyssinians we ended up with about 20,000 codes – not Somalis. You get all the Aby variants. When you get out to Orientals, we would have had to map out about 10 million codes. The simpler way is to do the easier stuff and easy color codes, and then gradually do the more involved. **Altschul:** I think when it comes down to it, I understand what Roger was saying with the modifier genes, where we get all kinds of fun and interesting colors, especially when you get up into the Siberians, but I think we can tackle some of the simpler things at first, like some of these very obvious things, and we need to address it because when it comes down to it, what is CFA's main thing? It's pedigrees and registrations. Our Central Office staff is fluid. They keep changing, and as far as I understand they're not going to stay. We don't have the Central Office staff like we used to have in New Jersey where they had been there for years and years, and they really understood some of the colors over time. There's advantages to where we are and there are disadvantages to where we are in Alliance, and one of them is, we don't have a Central Office staff that stays all the time. I don't think we're going to be able to educate them to learn all these colors. We have breeders that have been breeding for 20 years and they still don't know their genetics, so I think what we need to do is – not all Breed Council Secretaries are comfortable with color genetics. I am, Penni probably is, and I'm more than happy to review I don't care how many registrations, because to me my breed is that important. I didn't volunteer for this job just for the glory, such as it is. I volunteered because I wanted to promote my breed. I wanted to ensure the future of my breed. Part of that is ensuring the integrity of pedigrees, and that should be the main focus of the board, as well. What happens at the shows, what happens with the awards, none of that matters if our pedigrees are wrong. Like Penni said, a couple of the cats that I have had come to me for color question, we had to go back a couple of generations because the mistakes were happening over and over again, and in order to correct it you are going to have to go back so-many generations, and Central Office is like, "well, they've already been registered." I don't think that's an acceptable answer when we find a huge mistake, like what Penni said with the red gene; if it's not there they can't throw it, unless it's a white. But, when you've got two blacks bred to each other and you've got a red kitten, that's not going to work. These simple things I think we really do need to address. When it comes to printing a report – I've asked for this for several years – I have yet to get one. I realize there are some privacy issues with actually letting the Breed Council Secretaries see every single green slip that gets printed. I don't think we need to see the green slips. We don't even need to see the full registration number. All we need to see are the registration prefixes of the parents and the registration prefixes of the offspring. That protects everyone's privacy and also creates a little bit less data that has to be generated for us. Hopefully they can do that. One of the things that we need to address, like within my breed is, we don't have unique prefixes for all the colors. There's a couple of colors we found recently that don't have any prefixes. Once we fix that, the coding aspect becomes a lot easier; it becomes an if/then/and/or. If the sire's color is from one of these prefixes – 0106, 0114, the dilutes – and the mother is from one of this group of prefixes – 0107, 0115, the dilutes – then the offspring must come from one of these. We just need to use our prefixes to write this code. **Allen:** With the Maine Coons I don't get as many questions as Penni and Carissa are indicating, with the Exotics and the Persians, but I do get quite a few, as well. Just to add another wrinkle to it, just a couple weeks ago I got a question about two cats and the parents and the color of the kitten. I was sent

pictures of the kitten and pictures of the parents. We got through it all and sorted out color. The bottom line was, both parents are classic tabby, the kitten was being registered as a mackerel. We got that straightened out. It did not get registered as a mackerel, but there are even a few things like that, that maybe should be considered as part of that, too. There are certain things that you aren't going to have and it should be easy to include those. **Anger:** Thank you for bringing forward all those problems and individual issues, to which there is already a solution. I don't know if this will fit our culture, but several of the other major associations in the world use something called EMS codes ("Easy Mind System"), which is a system used to identify cats by codes. The code for a specific color, pattern or other trait is always the same, no matter the breed. It is not a genetically based system, but such a system could be used as a basis for a possible solution to genetic screening. If you are not familiar with the EMS system, I hope you google it to find out more about it. In CFA we have our own culture and our own names that we like to call colors, so I don't know if this would translate to us, or it could translate seamlessly. It's something to consider. **DelaBar:** GCCF is going to EMS also. **Bizzell:** Anything else on this topic? **Barrie:** Looking at what Darrell had said earlier and what Rachel just said, that brings up other problems as far as Burmillas go. He is looking at fawn as an Abyssinian color or Somali color, which it traditionally is. When you translate it to a different breed, that color is slightly different, so if you happen to have a brown tabby, a brown tabby is a brown tabby. But there are Orientals I look at and say, "oh, it's a brown tabby" but they call it an ebony tabby because there's a little bit of black on the end of the tail. So, we don't have ebony tabbies in any of the other breeds. Until you have something that is common, I'm pretty certain if I say I've got a white cat, everyone knows what color it is. If you start saying, I have an ebony tabby versus a black tabby versus a brown tabby, how different are those three cats? **Bizzell:** In some organizations they call brown tabby "black tabby." I think genetically it's the same thing. **Newkirk:** I was not referring to Abyssinian colors. There are two variants to the black color gene; that's chocolate and cinnamon. If you dilute chocolate you get lilac. If you dilute cinnamon you get fawn. It has nothing to do with the breed. Those are common genetic color descriptions for those genes, so if you have, as in the Burmilla, you have dilute-modified lilac and dilute-modified fawn. You can't have fawn if you don't have cinnamon. You have chocolate and diluted to lilac, the dilute-modifying gene makes that taupe. There's no cinnamon to dilute because you don't have the cinnamon gene. You have the chocolate gene, so if you don't have the cinnamon gene you can't have a dilute-modifying fawn, because you have to have the cinnamon gene to dilute it to fawn to begin with. So, you've got two dilute-modifying colors. No other breed, by the way, has a dilute modifier gene except the Burmilla. There's an error in your color descriptions when you put dilute-modified fawn, because there's no cinnamon gene in your gene pool. I don't know that there's not, but we don't accept it is what I'm trying to say. **Bizzell:** We can take this offline and we can have a discussion. It may just be a terminology issue. I think it's probably just a terminology issue. **Newkirk:** It's a gene issue, not a terminology issue. **Bizzell:** If it's really not cinnamon, then it's a different color being modified that is an acceptable color. I don't know, but we can investigate that later. Any other discussion on that topic? **Morgan:** Before we move on from that, I think one of the things that was brought up was the request to have Central Office to send registrations for review to the Breed Council Secretaries. I would like to take a straw vote on who thinks that is something that's necessary yeah or nay. Breed specific. **Hannon:** Why don't you just have the secretaries that are interested contact the Central Office? **Morgan:** That's what we will do then.

Morgan: One last thing, for those of you that weren't at the board meeting earlier this week, I think Roger has been doing a lot of work with our DNA program and I hate to put you on the spot, Roger, but would you just give the Breed Council Secretaries a quick update on what's going on with our DNA program, which is progressing quite rapidly and I think is very important for the future of our breeds. **Brown:** As of next week, we will have a new identity profile and we will also have parentage testing. The new identity profile is a profile that's been adopted by ISAG just recently, within the last month, and it will be universally accepted worldwide. We're also adding the spinal muscular atrophy for the Maine Coon. That will be an add-on test for \$15. We're looking at five different other mutations that we hope to have by the end of the summer. That will be Gangliosidosis1 (GLB1), Gangliosidosis 2 (GM2), Mannosidosis and Myasthenia in the Cornish Rex. I believe that's presently being validated. We're looking at the white spotting gene as a possibility. That would be later, probably in the fall, and we're also looking at some of the masking colors. So, if anybody has any mutations that you would like me to explore to see if we can add to our program, please let me know either personally or by email and I will be glad to investigate it for you. There are some new mutations that are showing up. There is a Progressive Retinal Atrophy mutation that at this point is isolated to one or two catteries in Europe. We need to be sure that if we're going to add a mutation that it's going to be one that's going to be important enough in terms of its spread throughout the world to make us add it to our program. We recently changed our platform to an Illumina platform from a smaller platform that we were using before that gives us almost an unlimited space to add other mutations. So, they are coming, they're coming soon, and I am very excited about the program that we're going to be able to offer everybody in CFA. **Bizzell:** Thank you Roger.

Bizzell: We are out of time, unfortunately. I'm sure we could go on for a while on some other issues, but thank you everyone for coming and providing your opinions and requests and information. If you need anything specific, please let me know or Terri know if it's something Central Office can do for you.

Breed Council Significant Dates

Breed Standard Timeline for changes, advancement, and membership:

August 1: Breed Council membership deadline (rec'd in CO)

August 1: New Breed/Color and Advancement notification deadline (in CO)

August 1: BCS should have all proposed standard changes from BC members.

August 15: BCS must be notified of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect them (see below**)

August 15: Proposed breed standard questions to Breeds & Standards Committee for review.

September 14: BCS proposed standard changes must be received by Central Office via B & S Committee

October 27: Breed ballots will be available electronically/sent out upon request by Central Office

December 19: Breed ballots due back to Central Office

** If a question dealing with the merging of two breeds for registration and/or show purposes or the disallowance of one breed as an outcross for another breed or the disallowance of the right to show one breed in the classes of another is to appear on one breed's ballot, the first secretary must submit the proposed change to the secretary of the affected breed(s) by certified mail postmarked or by email date-stamped by August 15 (copy the B&S Committee).

All deadlines reflect date that application, advancement material, or ballots must be RECEIVED.

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