



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 01/21

1st February 2021 – Video Conference Meeting

Present

Mrs. Annette Sjödin	-	President	Mr. Dietmar Sagurski	-	Vice-President
Mr. Leo v/d Haterd	-	Treasurer	Mr. Karl Preiss	-	Vice-Treasurer
Mr. Charles Spijker	-	Vice-Secretary	Mr. Eric Reijers	-	General-Secretary

Abbreviations used

- BCA – Breed Council Administrator
- BRC – Breeding & Registration Commission
- BRR – Breeding & Registration Rules
- CNA – Cattery Names Administrator
- DC – Disciplinary Commission
- GA – General Assembly
- GS – General-Secretary
- HWC – Health & Welfare Commission
- JSC – Judges & Standard Commission
- SC – Show Commission
- SCA – Show Calendar Administrator
- VCM – Video Conference Meeting
- WCC – World Cat Congress

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting started at 13.00 hours.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of previous Minutes

The Minutes 04/20 were approved and sent to the Members.

4.1 Matters arising from the COVID-19 pandemic – decisions of the Board

- a. The Board decided to change the date of the 2021 GA to Thursday 30th of September and Friday the 1st of October 2021; the Judges seminar would be held on Saturday 2nd of October. See item 12 for more details.
- b. All exceptions regarding the Show Rules, which were granted until the end of May 2021 would now be valid until 31.12.2021. To refresh your memories, these were:
 - All Members or their show organising clubs can hold international shows with only domestic judges officiating, no foreign judges needed.
 - For all European FIFe Member countries, the number of certificates needed to obtain the titles IC/IP, GIC/GIP resp. SC/SP is set to 5, 7 resp. 10. These certificates can be obtained in 1 country (for IC/IP) resp. 1 or 2 countries (for GIC/GIP and SC/SP). In each class, at least 1 certificate must be obtained at shows organised after 01.07.2020.
 - For cats born on 16.05.2019 or thereafter, the number of Best in Show Titles in classes 12 and/or 11 to qualify for the title Junior Winner is reduced from 5 to 3, since they do not have the full 6 months period to qualify for his title.
 - For all Winner Shows, organised prior to 31.12.2021, no qualifications are needed for cats to participate.

4.2 Matters arising from or omitted in previous Minutes

Nothing to report

5. Financial

5.1 Members' and Patronage Members' Payments

The Treasurer presented the list of outstanding payments. Some Members still had not fully paid the 2020 invoices. The Treasurer would remind them.

5.2 Judges Exams

Nothing to report

5.3 Other Financial Matters

The bank of FIFe, BIL, sent a form in French and German that needed to be completed, which was compulsory for entities registered in Luxemburg. This form was the self-disclosure of a company or legal entity and collected data in connection with the automatic exchange on information on financial accounts (FATCA, CRS) and on beneficial beneficiaries.

6. Members' Matters

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
 - * Aristocat (LI) – new interim President
 - * FH (HU) – new secretary and new address
 - * FB (GB) – new secretary and new address
- b. SVERAK (SE) sent a letter, asking why there had not be any send-out this year. They also wondered how many proposals could be brought to the next GA and if it was realistic to hold the meeting in June. The GS answered that SVERAK was correct and that normally a send out was done at the end of the year or the beginning of the next year. He explained that he was still struggling to compose this email because there were so very few certainties to communicate, and he apologised for the delay. He informed SVERAK that the send out would take place, with information to all Members at the latest in the last week of January. Regarding the number of proposals, he informed SVERAK that the Board decided that all Members could submit 5 proposals. Lastly, he stated that the Board was still discussing the feasibility of holding a physical GA (which the Board preferred to an electronic meeting) and that this would be decided at this meeting.
- c. Suomen Kissaliitto (FI) sent an email, assuming that judges fees would not be charged since there were so few shows in 2020 and now also in 2021. They also asked if the GA would take place as a physical meeting or as a video conference meeting. The GS sent a reply that regarding the judges' fees, for now these would be charged but if in the course of the year there would be a reason to revisit this decision the Members and the Judges would be informed. Regarding the date and organisation of this year's GA, the GS referred to the email sent to all Members informing them about the new date set for September 2021.

7. Show matters:

7.1 Official FIFe Show Calendar

The Members were urgently reminded to delete shows, which were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, using the reserved area of the website before the actual date of the show.

7.2 General

- a. FRU (RU) informed the GS that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, 2 foreign judges had to cancel their participation at the shows on 12+13.12.2020. For these shows, they requested an exception to article 4.2 of the Show Rules, allowing that cats could obtain a CH or PR title with only 2 judges having issued the CAC/CAP. The Board granted this request.
- b. As requested by the GS, CPF (PT) sent copies of the judges reports of a BEN ns 24, judged at the shows in Aveiro on 26+27.09.2020 (see item 7.2.n Minutes 04/20). This cat belonged to a preliminary recognised variety, but it was exhibited and judged in class 5. The two judges, Mr. Gerardo Fraga y Guzman and Mr. Yan Roca Folch, granted this cat a CAGCIB and nominated it as well. Article 5.5.4 of the Show Rules clearly indicated that preliminary recognised varieties could be shown in classes 12 to 7 and after that only "out of competition" and it was not allowed to nominate them. The Board discussed this matter and decided to send a warning to CPF, Mr. Fraga y Guzman and Mr. Roca Folch, to pay better attention to the standards and rules. CPF was also instructed to invalidate the CAGCIBs for this cat.

- c. CPF (PT) informed the Board that the MWS, which was planned to be held on 30+31.01.2021, was cancelled.
- d. FFB (BR) requested permission to extend the exception to obtain the Junior Winner title (2 BIS titles for JW instead of 3) to a later date. The Board decided to extend this exception until 31.12.2021.

7.3 Ratification of dispensation to the Show Rules regarding the number of cats.

EKL-Felix (EE) – shows in Tallinn, 14.11.2020, as International with less than 150 cats.

7.4 Ratification of permission granted to a FIFe Member to invite a non-FIFe Judge:

FFB (BR) to have Mr. Carlos Lopez, TICA All Breed Judge from Argentina, officiating at the shows in Salvador, on the 12+13.12.2020. Two weeks before the show FFB informed the GS that Mr. Lopez had cancelled his participation and they had invited a 4th FIFe judge.

7A World Shows

7A.1. General

Nothing to report

7A.2. The complete World Show List (only the first 10 years are published on the Show List):

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| • 2021 - Milan - ANFI (IT) | • 2029 - tba - SVERAK (SE) |
| • 2022 - tba - FBE (BE) | • 2030 - tba - SFDH (HR) |
| • 2023 - tba - FFF (FR) | • 2031 - tba - FD (DK) |
| • 2024 - tba - NRR (NO) | • 2032 - tba - KKÖ (AT) |
| • 2025 - St.Petersburg- FRU (RU) | • 2033 - tba - Suomen K. (FI) |
| • 2026 - tba - Mundikat (NL) | • 2034 - Bucharest - FAF-FR (RO) |
| • 2027 - Prague - ČSCH (CZ) | • 2035 - tba - FFH (CH) |
| • 2028 - tba - FPL (PL) | |

8. Commission Matters .

8.1 Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS List, lists and forms

There would be no new printed issue of the 2021 Statutes and Rules. All 2020 issues were still valid and available on the website. The only rules that were slightly amended were the Show Rules because Israel was taken away.

8.2 Seminars

Nothing to report

8.3 Judges and Standards Commission

- a. ICA (ID) sent a question on behalf of one of their members who showed a PER n 02 21 (black tabby harlequin) with a white tip on his tail. When this cat was showed (before the pandemic) one judge chose this cat as best kitten, but the next day another judge disqualified this cat because of this white tip. They wondered if this cat could be shown. The Board sent this to the JSC for a recommendation. The JSC referred to pages 76-77 of the General Part of the Standards, which covered the description of the 02, the Harlequin pattern. Nowhere in the written description of the 02 pattern did it say that the whole tail should be coloured, i.e., that a white tip was not allowed. The JSC felt that maybe the illustrations on page 77 could lead to confusion when none of them showed a white tip, unlike the illustrations of the 03, bicolour pattern on page 79. The JSC stated that these illustrations were only meant to show some of the expressions of white spotting of the 02 pattern, but the written description counted. The JSC would consider updating the illustrations on page 77 to remove any confusion. Based on the information supplied by ICA the JSC found that the cat in question was eligible to be shown as a Harlequin (02). The Board agreed with the JSC and ICA was informed.
- b. The GS would contact the JSC with suggestions to finalise the ramifications in the standards of the accepted proposal of the JSC on eye colours in BSH at the 2018 GA.

8.4 Show Commission

Nothing to report

8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission

SK (FI) had a question about registering imported cats. They referred to the sentence in article 4.1 "A printout of the pedigree book regarding an individual cat is the pedigree" and to another sentence in article 4.5 "Pedigrees issued by a FIFe Member must carry the FIFe logo and the name of the FIFe Member and must be signed and authorized by the FIFe Member." They wondered if they could register imported cats based on electronic (PDF) files provided by the original registrant without a printed copy. The reason was that post/mail seemed to get lost very often and it made the process of registering imported cats difficult. If they could use the PDF provided by the original registrant, it would simplify and speed up the registration process. The Board sent this matter to the BRC for a recommendation and then discussed this matter. The GS answered SK that they could register cats as they suggested. A printout was not necessarily on paper; a PDF file was also a printout, albeit electronic.

8.5.1 Breeding & Registration Statistics 2019

KKÖ and ÖVEK (AT) sent the statistics for both 2019 and 2020. The GS would send an updated 2020 version of the Excel file to the Members, but seven Members had already sent their statistics using the 2019 Excel file.

8.6 Health & Welfare Commission

8.7 Disciplinary Commission

Nothing to report

9. Judges' Matters

Obituaries:

Mrs. Elisabeth Steinhauser#

The FIFe Board was informed that the International category 1 & 2 Judge, Mrs. Elisabeth Steinhauser (AT) died after a short, serious illness at the untimely age of 70 years on Sunday the 8th of November. Mrs. Steinhauser joined ÖVEK in 1975 and bred Persians under the cattery name "Borselino's" for many years. Since 1988 she also bred Siamese under this name. Mrs. Steinhauser dedicated her life to the cats, ÖVEK and FIFe and besides her functions in ÖVEK, she was also a member of the Board of FIFe; from 1982 until 1991 she was the FIFe Treasurer.

Mrs. Steinhauser passed her judge's exam in category I in 1981 and in category II in 1982 and was a respected judge, judging all over Europe. The Board of FIFe extended its sincere condolences to her husband, Mr. Herbert Steinhauser, her family and friends and the Austrian FIFe Member ÖVEK.

Mr. Boris Lupan

The FIFe Board was informed that the International category 1, 2, 3 and BG C Judge, Mr. Boris Lupan, died on the 28th of November. Boris was only 53 years old and had spent the last 6 months in hospital with a life-threatening affliction and no hope for recovery. Boris joined the cat fancy in Russia in 1998 and bred Persians under the cattery name "Triumpf Benedikta*RU". In 2006 Boris was appointed as International FIFe Judge in category 1, followed in 2010 with category 2 and in 2015 with the old category 3. Since 2008 Boris was first directly attached to FIFe but in 2009, he joined a CFCA club in Latvia. Boris was extremely active in the cat fancy and developed a FIFe show and pedigree programme, used by several FIFe Members, whom he helped with the organisation of their shows. Besides that, Boris was a popular judge, judging all over the world. We will all remember his broad smile and his kind and friendly behaviour, and he will be sorely missed by colleagues and exhibitors all over the world. The Board of FIFe extended its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Boris and the Latvian FIFe Member CFCA.

Mrs. Gina Grob

The FIFe Board was informed that the International All Breed Judge, Mrs. Gina Grob (LI) died on Monday 1st November 2020 at the untimely age of 70 years. Gina had been bravely fighting cancer since many years but ultimately lost this unfair battle. Since 1989 Gina was President of "Aristocat", the Liechtenstein FIFe Member and she bred Persians, Exotics and later Devon Rex under the cattery name "Of Basted". Gina passed her judge's exam in category I in 2000, in category II in 2001, in category III in 2004 and in category IV in 2005. Since that time, she judged all over the world as an International All Breed Judge. Gina was a popular and colourful judge always immaculately and elegantly dressed who greeted you with a big smile. We will all miss Gina, and the Board of FIFe extended its sincere condolences to her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends and the Liechtenstein FIFe Member Aristocat.

Mr. Trilukito Priosembadha

The FIFe Board was informed that the Non-European Breed Group A judge, Mr. Trilukito Priosembadha (ID) suddenly died on Tuesday 29th December 2020 after suffering a heart attack. Luki was only 52 years old. Luki was a board member of the Indonesian FIFe Member ICA and actively involved in the Indonesian cat fancy. He successfully bred Persians and Exotics under the cattery name "Mitacats" in his hometown, Bandung. Luki passed his judge's exam in category I in 2015 and was appointed a Non-European FIFe Judge in the same year. He was an active student judge and took his education very seriously. The Board of FIFe extended its sincere condolences to his family and friends and the Indonesian FIFe Member ICA

9.1 General

- a. Mrs. Sabine Jakobs, International category 1 and 2 Judge from Austria informed the Board that she wished to resign as a judge at the end of 2020. The GS confirmed her resignation and wished her the best of luck for the future.
- b. Mrs. Irina Aljas, International category 1 Judge from Estonia informed the Board that she wished to resign as a judge and student judge at the end of 2020. The GS confirmed her resignation and wished her the best of luck for the future.
- c. Mundikat (NL) informed the GS that the International All-Breed Judge, Mrs. Lone Lund, from Denmark had changed her membership from an FB club (GB) to Mundikat as of 08.01.2021. The GS confirmed the change and amended the Judges Lists.

9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam

9.2.1 Theoretical Part

9.2.2 Practical Part

9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:

For the above items there was nothing to report

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st and 2nd categories

After passing the last of the required stages at the show in Prague (CZ) on 27.09.2020, Mrs Alena Opatrná (CZ) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 3.

9.5 Judges Appointments – 3rd and 4th categories

9.6 Mentor Judge applications

For the above items there was nothing to report

9.7 Ratification of permission granted to FIFe Judges to officiate at a non-FIFe shows to:

Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Ylöjärvi (FI), 29.11.2020

10. Student Judges' matters

10.1 General

10.2 Request for a preliminary student judges' examination:

10.3 Notification of the pass of a preliminary student judge's exam:

10.4 Notification to include persons as a student judge in an additional category:

10.5 Theoretical Exam sessions:

For the above items there was nothing to report

11. Cattery Name Business

- a. Mrs. Eva Wiéland-Schilla forwarded a request from NRR (NO) asking to change the cattery name for one of their members. The parents of this member registered a cattery name for her when she was a child, but she did not want this name anymore. Only one litter was registered on this name in 2001. The Board felt this was a very good reason and granted permission.
- b. Mrs. Eva Wiéland-Schilla forwarded a request from FD (DK). Two of their members, each with an own separate cattery name, decided to cohabit. Since they bred the same breed, they wanted to continue breeding with only one cattery name. FD was aware that no one could have 2 cattery names and asked if they could remove one member as owner of one cattery name, add her to the other name, but still keep the first cattery name as "reserved" in the BCN. The Board discussed this matter and did not want to give the CNA more work nor did they want to set a precedent with "additions or remarks" to cattery names. The Board was of the opinion that article 5.2.6, 4th bullet, of the BRR, was just as helpful to FD and its member.

- c. FPL (PL) asked if was possible to have 2 cattery names registered in one household, meaning one for a husband and one for a wife. The CNA asked the Board for their opinion and the Board answered that it was. Every individual had the right to have a cattery name, also a husband and wife, or 2 partners in the same household.

12. General Assemblies

The Board discussed the date of this year's GA and decided that it had to be postponed, June was too early in connection with the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk of another short-term cancellation was too big. It was decided to hold the GA on Thursday 30th of September and Friday the 1st of October 2021. The Treasurer would contact the hotel in Riga and also the company arranging the technique and the simultaneous interpretations to get information about video conferencing to provide a remote interpretation set up, if necessary.

The GS would contact all Members asking if they agreed to an electronic GA and to ascertain that they had the technical equipment necessary to participate in an electronic GA if needed. #

13. The FIFe website and Social Media

The Vice-Treasurer informed the Board that the FIFe Facebook site had well over 3000 followers and the FIFe Instagram well over 500.

14. World Cat Congress

Nothing to report

15. FIFe Breed Councils

The BCA sent more information about the elections of the Breed Council Secretaries. Of the 30 Breed Councils, only the MCO, RAG and SIB Breed Council changed secretary.

16. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

17. Membership change

For the above items there was nothing to report

18. Any Other Business

The FIFe Vice-Treasurer, Mr. Karl Preiss sent the Board a lengthy document of 37 pages, which he had downloaded from an EU Platform on Animal Welfare. This document dealt with "Responsible Cat Breeding Guidelines". He asked the board members if they had heard about this.

The next day, the president of Felis Slovakia, Mr. Michal Adamec, sent the link to the same document. He wondered if the Board of FIFe could ask this forum to include more information on pedigrees and the registration of cats and to request membership of this forum.

As far as the Board was aware, this document only contained recommendations and membership was no longer possible but the President, Mrs. Annette Sjödin, asked the Vice-President, Mr. Sagurski to check if FIFe could join as a referral group

19. Next Board meetings

- Monday 26.04.2021 - VCM Meeting

20. Close of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 16.30 hours

Annette Sjödin – President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary