



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 04/21

13th November 2021 – Vienna, Austria

Present

Mrs. Annette Sjödin	-	President	Mr. Veikko Saarela	-	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 10.30 hours.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of previous Minutes

The Minutes 03/21 had been approved and were sent to the Members in October.

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

As stated in the last Minutes, the Board discussed the future exceptions to the rules.

The following exceptions concerning the Show Rules are valid until 31.12.2022:

- 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.
- 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.
- Winners Shows may take place in any month in 2022.
- For all Winner Shows, World Show included, organised in 2022, no qualifications are needed for cats to participate.

The exceptions concerning the Judges Rules were discontinued.

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. All invoices for the Chinese Member CCU had been paid.

5.2 Judges Exams

Two judges' exams had taken place.

5.3 Other Financial Matters

Nothing to report.

6. Members' Matters

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
 - * FFM (MX) – new Secretary and website
 - * Aristocat (LI) – new president
- b. FB (GB) informed the Board of a problematic situation in the UK regarding a general shortage of vaccinations. Many veterinarians made breeders wait 3 months for the boosters, others did not even take bookings and were struggling with limited supplies. With reference to article 2.3.3 of the BRR, FB asked what to do. They also asked how this would affect show entries. The Board discussed this problem and established this was a national issue that needed to be solved nationally. It was a clear case of "force majeure". In this case, FB should decide how to handle this situation. Regarding show entries, this was a matter between exhibitor and show organiser and could not be handled by anyone else.
- c. SVERAK (SE) wanted to know if the COVID-19 exemptions for show titles would be extended or not. Exhibitors were asking this because the 2022 shows would open for registration soon and there was no possibility to go abroad before that. The board discussed this request by email and answered SVERAK that as they could read in the last board minutes on page 1, item 4.1.b, the extension of all exceptions would be decided at the next board meeting on the 13 of November, which was only 2.5 weeks away. This matter needed careful consideration since it was a whole package of exceptions and the board preferred to discuss and decide that at a meeting where they would all be present and give their contributions.
- d. ANFI (IT) sent a complaint about the correspondence, which Mrs. Carla Rotini had with the Italian ministry of Agriculture. Since Mrs. Rotini was an individual member of 1.DEKZV e.V. the Board decided to forward this complaint to the German FIFe Member.
- e. FFS (SK) sent a question on article 2.6 of the Statutes. One of their members was active as secretary in a Czech WCF club and FFS wondered if this was an infringement of this article. The GS answered them that it was, and they should inform their member to relinquish this position or resign as a member of FFS.#

7. Show matters:

7.1 General

Nothing to report

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

- a. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) – shows in Ostrava, 02+03.10.2021, as Int. with less than 150 cats.
- b. Bubaste (LT) – shows in Kaunas, 09+10.10.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- c. ZFDS (SI) – shows in Celje, 09+10.11.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. ASFE (ES) – shows in Valladolid, 09+10.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. ANFI (IT) – shows in Bari, 16+17.10.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- f. FFF (FR) – shows in Saint Marcellin, 13+14.11.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- g. CPF (PT) – shows in Braga, 13+14.11.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

- a. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) to have Mr Pascal Rémy, TICA All Breed Judge from France, officiating at the shows in Jaroměř-Josefov, 06+07.10.2021.
- b. FFB (BR) to have Mr. Luis Paulo Faccioli, TICA All Breed Judge from Brazil, officiating at the shows in Salvador on the 13+14.11.2021.
- c. FFB (BR) to have Mr. Carlos Lopez, TICA All Breed Judge from Argentina, officiating at the shows in São Paulo on the 11+12.12.2021.

7.4 Ratification of permission not granted to FIFe Members to invite non-FIFe Judges:

Nothing to report

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

8. Commission Matters.

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

The Vice-Secretary made draft versions of the 2022 Show and Breeding & Registration Rules, including the appendixes, which were modified by the HWC. He sent these versions to the relevant commissions to check. There were no updates or changes to the 2022 Statutes, General Rules and Breed Council Rules. The new Standards and EMS list would also be updated.

8.2 Seminars

Despite the COVID pandemic, there were almost 50 participants present at the GA judges' seminar.

8.3 Judges and Standards Commission

- The secretary of the JSC sent the updated versions of the 2022 Judges Rules to the GS.
- The GS reminded the JSC about the outstanding issue regarding the implementation of the JSC proposal regarding blue eyes and odd eyes in bicolour silver-tabbies BLH/BSH, as accepted by the 2018 GA. The JSC agreed that the modification to the BSH/BLH standard suggested by the Board, met the requirements of their proposal 10 to the 2018 GA. However, they suggested that since this was the only breed/colour variety where 03 was specifically registered by eye colour (62/64), an exception could be made to keep eye colour as part of the EMS code. The board did not agree and decided, in line with the accepted proposal, that all eye-colours should be judged together, and no eye colour codes should be used when registering silver tabby BLH/BSH bicolours.
- The GS reminded the JSC about the outstanding recommendation regarding the suggestions from Mrs. Lena Vencliková, International BG B, categories 2, 3 and 4 judge from Czechia, regarding the training requirements of BG A and D student judges (Minutes 3/21, item 8.3.a).

8.4 Show Commission

Nothing to report

8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission

- Mrs. Maria Myrland informed the GS that she would be chairman and Mrs. Sarah Johnson, secretary of the BRC.
- ICA (ID) sent 6 questions on the breeding and registration of BEN and BLH/BSH:
 - If BEN n * LO registered cats produce BEN x nt * kittens, these kittens will be registered in the RIEG register. If these BEN x nt * kittens are mated with BEN n * (LO) and BEN n * kittens are born, will these kittens be registered as LO or as RIEG?
 - If members import a BEN n *, with blue or cinnamon tabby colours in the ancestry, can we still register this cat in the RIEG registry?
 - Can blue tabby kittens born from BEN n parents be registered as BEN x a *? And are they allowed to be used in breeding?
 - Can a BSH with EXO in the ancestry be imported in the ICA pedigree book?
 - Only BSH/BLH ny/ay are recognised. If such cats produce cy*, oy* or py* kittens, because many BSH/BLH carry chocolate or cinnamon, can these kittens be registered as BSH/BLH x *y* in the RIEG register and allowed to be used in breeding?

6. Only BSH/BLH ny/ay 03 25 are recognised, while ny/ay 03 22/23/24 and ny/ay 01 21 and 02 21 are not. Can cats of these colours be registered as BSH/BLH x ny/ay 03 22/23/24 and BSH/BLH x ny/ay 01/02 21 and are they all owed to be used in breeding. The Board asked the BRC for their recommendation. The BRC sent their recommendation and explained how to register x-colours in the pedigree book. They stated that BEN and BLH/BSH had no forbidden/illegal colours but there were non-recognized colours/varieties. X-colours in breeds, which are not forbidden in the breed description or standard, can be used in breeding without restrictions. Cats with x-colours must, of course, be registered in the RIEX register. The BRC sent the following answers to ICA's questions:

- 1) Kittens of x-colour parents will be registered in the RIEX-pedigree book.
- 2) You can import cats with x-colours in the pedigree or the cat itself can be an x-colour but they must be registered as x-colours in the RIEX-register.
- 3) That is correct; they should be registered as BEN x a 24 in the RIEX-register.
- 4) Yes, it can; cross breeding is allowed if the breed used for cross breeding is not forbidden in FIFe. The breed used must be a fully recognized FIFe breed.
- 5) Yes
- 6) Yes

The BRC recommended ICA to join the Facebook group for FIFe registrars for questions which dealt with understanding how to register cats and kittens according to our FIFe rules. The Board agreed with the BRC, and ICA was informed of the above.

- c. The BRC sent the clarification of their recommendation concerning silver kittens from non-silver parents in a NEM pedigree (see Minutes 03/21 item 8.5.a). This recommendation was not supported by a majority in the BRC. In cases where silver was clear like in this case the FIFe member could change the cat's colour and inform the original FIFe member of the cat of the colour change, in this case Felis Polonia. This NEM female was silver, documented by judge's report and offspring. However, the silver line was broken in this cat's pedigree, so the BRC suggested to add the text "genetic impossible colour in the pedigree" for this cat and her offspring and to register these cats in the RIEX-register. The Board discussed this matter and established that the reason why in the NEM silver and non-silver cats were judged together in the same class, was because it was in many or most cases impossible to see the actual, correct colour in (silver) pointed semi-longhair cats with coat textures like the NEM. The Board considered it undesirable to mention on an official FIFe pedigree that "a colour is genetically impossible." The Board decided that the only possible solution was to use article 5.1.1. of the BRR regarding geno- and phenotype and to indicate on 4 ancestors of the cat in question that the genotype was silver. If this was done, the pedigree could remain in the LO register. NRR should inform FPL of this correction in line with article 4.6.1.

8.5.1 Breeding & Registration Statistics 2020

These statistics and those of 2019 had been presented to the FIFe Members at the 2021 GA.

8.6 Health & Welfare Commission

- a. The "old" HWC sent the Minutes of a Zoom meeting in July and their meeting in Riga during the GA week. They also sent updates on Appendices I & II of the BRR regarding Genetic tests and Health examinations in September 2021.#
- b. The HWC sent an answer to SVERAK's question regarding appendix II of the BRR on patellar luxation (PL). Due to the hip dysplasia rule for MCO accepted in 2019 the health examination list was updated but recommendations for PL in cats was forgotten. This would be corrected in the new issue of the BRR. The HWC explained that PL could result from trauma at any age (kittens and adults) but could also have a polygenic inheritance. They stated that a good age to check for PL was when the cat was adult, and its legs fully grown. A check could also be done earlier, e.g., at the veterinary health check when selling the kitten or whenever there were clinical signs that the cat had problems walking, running or jumping. The GS sent this opinion and the new text in Appendix II to SVERAK.
- c. Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene informed the GS that the new members of the HWC decided in an online meeting that Mrs. Gustaitiene would be the chairman and Mr. Vladimir Isakov, the secretary. This information was published on the Members Lists.

8.7 Disciplinary Commission

Nothing to report.

9 Judges' Matters

9.1 General

Mr. Mario Ottino (IT), supported by his Spanish FIFe Member ASFE, requested to be reinstated as International FIFe Judge categories 1 & 2. He resigned in December 2019, effective as of the 1st of January 2020 but regretted his decision very much. He wished to be reinstated as a FIFe judge. The Board discussed this request and welcomed Mr. Ottino back as a FIFe judge. His name was added to the judges lists.

9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam

9.2.1 Theoretical Part

For the above items there was nothing to report

9.2.2 Practical Part

Mrs. Linda Knýová (CZ) to sit the practical part of the Breed Group D exam in Barneveld (NL) on the 17.10.2021, in English, with Mrs. Thea Friškovec (CH) and Mr. Ad de Bruijn (NL).

9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:

Mrs. Linda Knýová (CZ) in Breed Group D, at the show in Barneveld (NL) on the 17.10.2021 in English with Mrs. Thea Friškovec (CH) and Mr. Ad de Bruijn (NL).

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st and 2nd categories

- a. After passing the last of the required stages at the show in Riihimäki (FI) on 23.10.2021, Mrs Susanna Piispanen (FI) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 4.
- b. After passing the last of the required stages at the show in Le Perray en Yvelines (FR) on 07.11.2021, Mrs Liz Parry (CH) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 4.

9.5 Judges Appointments – 3rd and 4th categories

After passing the practical part of the Breed Group D exam at the show in Barneveld (NL) on the 17.10.2021, Mrs. Linda Knýová (CZ) was appointed an international category 4 FIFe Judge.

9.6 Mentor Judge applications

Nothing to report

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

- a. Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT) – IDP (ENFI) shows in Prato (IT), 27-28.11.2021
- b. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Bangkok (TH), 26.12.2021

9.8 Permission denied to a FIFe Judge to officiate at non-FIFe shows to:

Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) asked ANFI (IT) for permission to be allowed to judge at CFA shows in San Genesio ed Uniti on 22-23 January 2022 and ANFI agreed. She then asked FIFe for permission, which was refused because at the same weekend a FIFe show was listed in Lucca. She was asked to check all requirements in article 3.7 before sending a request next time.

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:

For the above items there was nothing to report

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

- a. UFU (UA) to include Mrs. Yulia Skabovska as a student judge in categories 1 and 2.
- b. SK (FI) to include Mrs. Susanna Piispanen as a student judge in category 2.
- c. SVERAK (SE) to include Mrs. Lena Björkander as a student judge in category 4.

10.5 Theoretical Exam sessions:

The Board decided to schedule a session in 2022: on Friday 27.05.2022 in Plzeň (CZ).

11. Cattery Name Business

Nothing to report

12. General Assemblies

- a. The Minutes of the 2021 GA were sent to the Members on 04.11.2021, five weeks after the GA in Riga. The Board complimented and thanked the Vice-Secretary and the three supervisors, Mrs. Bette Lind, Mrs. Liz Parry and Mr. Herbert Steinhauser.
- b. The Treasurer contacted the hotel in Plzeň, to arrange meeting and hotel rooms. He also contacted the company taking care of the simultaneous translations and the technique.

13. The FIFe website and social media

- a. The Breeding & Registration Statistics of years 2019 and 2020 were uploaded on the website.
- b. The Board decided that the website needed revamping or a complete overhaul. The Vice-Treasurer and the Vice-President would collect information-

14. World Cat Congress

Nothing to report

15. FIFe Breed Councils

- a. The BCA informed the GS that Mr. Maximiliano Spanholi, tendered his resignation as the LYO non BC Secretary; he would remain a regular member. The Board appointed a new LYO non BC Secretary, Mr. Juan José Martínez Vizcaino.
- b. The BCA sent requests from the BLH/BSH BC, asking for direct contact with the JS and the BR Commissions regarding standard changes. These contacts were allowed and established.

16. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

17. Membership change

For the above items there was nothing to report

18. Any Other Business

- a. The Board had a general discussion about novices in FIFe.
- b. The Vice Treasurer informed the Board about recent Austrian legislation tightening the rules on pedigreed cat breeding in Austria.

19. Next Board meetings

- Saturday 12.02.2022 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 26.03.2022 Vienna (AT)
- Tuesday 24.05.2022 Plzeň (CZ)

20. Close of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 18.00 hours

Annette Sjödin – President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary