



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 03/22

23rd May 2022 – Plzeň, Czechia

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 14.15 hours.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of previous Minutes

The Minutes 02/22 had been approved and sent to the Members.

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

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.

4.2 Matters arising from or omitted in previous Minutes

The Treasurer and GS would update the information about FIFe in Luxemburg.

5. Financial

5.1 Members' and Patronage Members' Payments

The Treasurer showed a list of outstanding payments; 2021 was completely settled only some outstanding payments for 2022 were being dealt with.

5.2 Judges Exams

Nothing to report

5.3 Other Financial Matters

- a. The Treasurer travelled to Luxemburg to meet with the two controllers. It was decided that the check in 2023 would take place before or after the board meeting in March or April in Vienna.
- b. The number of shows was currently out of budget; until today the number of shows was 50% less than the normal number

6. Members' Matters

6.1 General

Extraordinary situation – Ukraine/Russia do again in line with hand out at GA

The Board discussed the restrictions in place since 01.03.2022, which would end on the 31.05.2022 and discussed how to continue. They also wanted to know if these restrictions should be extended until after the 2023 GA, the 31.05.2023. The Board decided to put these questions to the 2022 GA in line with article 4.8 of the Statutes, as a new item on the agenda. These restrictions were:

- *FIFe Members outside Russia may not import any cat bred in Russia in their pedigree books, regardless of, which organization issued its pedigree.*
- *Exhibitors living in Russia may not enter their cats at any FIFe show outside Russia, regardless of, which organization these exhibitors hold their membership in.*

6.2 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
 - * ZFDS (SI) – new president
 - * FFG (GR) – changed their name to FGR (see below) – new Board and address
 - * NRR (NO) – new board and new president
- b. ICA (ID) asked permission to register a cat from Russia, which had arrived before 01.03.2022, which could be proved with documentation. The Board discussed this request and agreed.#
- c. The secretary of the Greek Member FFG, informed the FIFe Board that they had elected a new board and they decided to rename the organisation to Felis Greece (FGR). The GS sent a confirmation and congratulations and changed the details on the Members lists.
- d. FBE (BE) asked if their member and student judge, Mr. Danijel Iveta could be allowed to lecture at a WCF event to be held in Zagreb on the 25.05.2022. The Board asked the Croatian Member, SFDH, who saw no benefit for FIFe or SFDH and they did not grant permission. The Board agreed with SFDH and FBE was informed.
- e. Bubaste (LT) asked for a confirmation that they could register kittens bred by their individual members living in Russia. They attached a print-screen of item 6.2.i of Minutes 02/22, where the same subject matter was minuted regarding CFCA. The GS answered them in line with the answer sent to CFCA and emphasized that the restriction concerned the IMPORT not the registration of cats. Restricting the registration of kittens would be in conflict with article 4.5 and 5.1.1 of the BRR and would mean promoting the breeding of cats without pedigrees.
- f. FH (HU) asked for guidance regarding the issue of pedigrees for kitten in 2022, sired by a non-white blue-eyed MCO. These kittens were born in the first week of February, so the mating took place in 2021 when breeding with non-white blue-eyed MCO was still permitted. FH was unsure how to deal with the status of the sire on the pedigrees and how to register the kittens that did not have blue eyes. Should they be XLH or MCO since at the time of the mating their father was still MCO.

The Board discussed this matter and concluded that the female was mated in 2021, when the rule restricting breeding with blue eyed MCO with low grade white did not yet exist in the rules and was not valid. Moreover, decisions in FIFe were never retroactive, so it was decided that these kittens should be registered as MCO in their appropriate varieties. The blue-eyed kittens and the sire (MCO male) could not be used for breeding (anymore) in FIFe; as of 01.01.2022, article 6.14 of the BRR applied. The kittens that did not have blue eyes would be normally registered as MCO and could be used in breeding as MCO.

7. Show matters:

7.1 General

- a. SK (FI) informed the Board that one of their clubs had a problem with a show date. They wished to hold their show on the 13-14.08.2022 but there was a show registered in Vyborg (RU), which was only 300 kms away from their venue. SK asked FRU (RU) for permission to hold their show, but FRU did not agree, so SK asked the Board for permission. The Board asked the SC, and the SC agreed to allow the show in Finland. The Board discussed this matter by email and did not agree. SK was informed. It was remarked that normally these matters were handled only by Members not by the Board.
- b. FFM (MX) requested an exception to article 6.1.2.f of the Show Rules. They had invited two FIFe judges, instead of three next to one non-FIFe (CFA) judge to officiate at the shows on the 03+04.12.2022 in Mexico City and hoped this would be allowed. The Board discussed this request and decided to grant this exception.

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

- a. ASFE (ES) – shows in Valladolid, 02-03.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- b. FFF (FR) – shows in Béziers, 02-03.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- c. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in Vienna, 02-03.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. CPF (PT) – shows in Ponte de Lima, 09+10.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. KKÖ (AT) – shows in Bregenz, 16-17.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- f. FFF (FR) – shows in Orange, 16-17.04.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- g. FFH (CH) – shows in Oberglatt, 30.04+01.05.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- h. 1.DEKZVeV (DE) - shows in Ratingen 07-08.05.2022 as International with less than 150 cats.
- i. ZFDS (SI) - shows in Ljubljana, 14-15.05.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- j. FFF (FR) – shows in Braud St. Louis, 21-22.05.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- k. FFH (CH) – shows in Laufen, 21+22.05.2022, as International with less than 150 cats

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

- a. FFB (BR) to have Mr Carlos Lopez, TICA All Breed Judge from Argentina, officiating at the shows in São Paulo, on the 04+05.06.2022.
- b. FB (GB) to have Mrs Helen Marriott-Power, GCCF All Breed Judge from the UK, officiating at the show in Colchester, on the 08.05.2022.
- c. FFM (MX) to have Mr Brian Pearson, CFA All Breed Judge from the US, officiating at the shows in Mexico City, on the 03-04.12.2022.

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

Nothing to report

7A World Shows

7A.1. General

FFF (FR) informed the GS that the venue of the 2023 World Show in France, would be Strasbourg.

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 - Strasbourg - 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

Nothing to report

8.2 Seminars

The secretary of the JSC sent the amended and final agenda for the 2022 FIFe Judges Seminar, which would be held on 28.05.2022.

8.3 Judges and Standards Commission

Nothing to report

8.4 Show Commission

The secretary of the SC sent the GS the draft version of the revamped Show Organisers Guide. This would be uploaded on the website.

8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission

Nothing to report

8.5.1 Breeding & Registration Statistics 2020

Almost all Members had sent the Excel form for the 2021 Breeding & Registration statistics, only the Chinese Member CCU, had not reacted at all.

The increase in registrations was almost 20% compared with 2019.

8.6 Health & Welfare Commission

8.7 Disciplinary Commission

For the above items there was nothing to report

9. Judges' Matters

9.1 General

Mundikat (NL) informed the GS that due to sickness, Mr. Zvezdan Memedov could not act as one of the invigilators for Mrs. Anna Wijbrands exam in category 1 on the 17.04.2022 in Zutphen. His place would be taken by Mr. Leslie van Grebst. See item 9.2.a.

9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam

Mrs. Anna Wijbrands (NL) to sit the exam in category 1, in Zutphen (NL) on the 17.04.2022 in English with Mr. Leslie van Grebst (DK) and Mr. Eric Reijers (CZ).

9.2.1 Theoretical Part

9.2.2 Practical Part

For the above items there was nothing to report

9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:

- a. Mrs. Yulia Skabovska (UA), passed the practical part of the BG D exam, at the show in Wieze (BE) on the 09.04.2022, in English, with Mrs. Stephe Bruin and Mr. Ad de Bruijn (both NL).
- b. Mrs. Anna Wijbrands (NL) passed the category 1 exam, at the show in Zutphen (NL) on the 17.04.2022 in English with Mr. Leslie van Grebst (DK) and Mr. Eric Reijers (CZ).
- c. Mrs. Dominika Halická (SK) passed the category 4 exam, at the show in Prague (CZ) on the 14.05.2022 in English with Mr. Fabio Brambilla (IT) and Mrs. Lena Vencliková (CZ).

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st category

Nothing to report

9.5 Judges Appointments – 2nd, 3rd and 4th categories

- a. After passing the practical part of the BG D exam on the 09.04.2022 at the show in Wieze (BE), Mrs. Yulia Skabovska (UA) was appointed an international category 4 FIFe Judge.
- b. After passing the category 1 exam at the show in Zutphen (NL) on the 17.04.2022, Mrs. Anna Wijbrands (NL) was appointed an international category 1 judge.
- c. After passing the category 4 exam at the show in Prague (CZ) on the 14.05.2022, Mrs. Dominika Halická (SK) was appointed an international category 4 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:

Mrs. Janet Green (GB) – GCCF show in Doncaster (GB), 12.11.2022.

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

Nothing to report

10. Student Judges' matters

10.1 General

FBE (BE) requested an exception to allow one of their student judges, Mr. Danijel Iveta, to sit the theoretical exam during the GA week. This application came only 1 month before the exam date and the Board decided not to grant this exception.

10.2 Request for a preliminary student judges' examination:

ÖVEK (AT) for their member Mrs. Marina Renner in category 2, on 29.09.2022 in Tulln (AT), in English, with Mr. Dietmar Sagurski (DE) and Mr. Herbert Steinhauser (AT).

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

FPL (PL) that Mrs. Agata Wiwczarek passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 1 on the 30.04.2022 in Białystok (PL). Mr. Sebastian Pruchniak would be her mentor.

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

- a. ANFI (IT) to include Mr. Francesco Cinque as a student judge in categories 1 and 2.
- b. FPL (PL) to include Mrs. Agata Wiwczarek as a student judge in category 2

10.5 Theoretical Exam sessions:

Sessions could be planned during the Worldshow in October or the Board meetings in Vienna in November in case there was a request.

11. Cattery Name Business

Mrs. Eva Wiéland-Schilla forwarded a request from SFDH (HR). One of their Italian members had a FIFe cattery name since 2008 when she was a member in ANFI. She had never used this name and changed membership to an IDP organisation where she got another cattery name. Twelve years later, she was a member in FIFe again, now in Croatia and she wanted to have the same name she used in the IDP. However, her old, never used Italian/FIFe cattery name was still registered on her name in the BCN. The Board discussed this request and decided to agree to grant permission for her to register a new cattery name.

12. General Assemblies

All was ready and prepared; the GA could take place.

13. The FIFe website and social media

The Board would participate in a workshop session with the website provider in Vienna on Friday the 12th of August 2022.

14. World Cat Congress

15. FIFe Breed Councils

For the above items there was nothing to report

16. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

FIFe follows the GDPR regulations with regard to the storage of personal data.

17. Membership change

Nothing to report

18. Any Other Business

In the week before the 2022 GA, the president was contacted by someone living in Sweden who asked on behalf of a group of Turkish breeders what they had to do to start up a club, which would be a member of FIFe. The president answered that the GS would send information after the GA

19. Next Board meetings

- Friday 12.08.2022 – website workshop in Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 13.08.2022 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 26.11.2022 Vienna (AT)

20. Close of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 17.30 hours

Annette Sjödin – President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary