



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 02/22

26th March 2022 – Vienna, Austria

Present

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| 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 09.00 hours.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of previous Minutes

The Minutes 01/22 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

SK (FI) informed the GS of the suspension of one of their student judges (see item 10.1.a).

5. Financial

5.1 Members' and Patronage Members' Payments

The Treasurer showed a list of outstanding payments, only 1 invoice from 2021 was still not settled.

5.2 Judges Exams

No new judges' exam applications had come in; a few exam dates had changed.

5.3 Other Financial Matters

In May, the Treasurer would travel to Luxemburg for a meeting with the two controllers.

6. Members' Matters

6.1 General

Extraordinary situation – Ukraine invaded by Russia

After their Video Conference Meeting on Monday 28 February, the FIFe Board issued the following statement following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

“The FIFe Executive Board is shocked and horrified that the army of the Russian Federation invaded the Republic of Ukraine and started a war. Many innocent people died, many more are wounded and hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians are forced to flee their homes to save their lives. We can all witness the destruction and chaos caused by this unprecedented act of aggression.

On top of that our Ukrainian fellow feline fanciers are desperately trying to take care of their cats and other animals in these trying circumstances. We are extremely happy that many members of FIFe clubs bordering Ukraine, such as Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, are lending a helping hand to their Ukrainian breeder friends. The Board of FIFe felt it could not witness these atrocities and do nothing, so it decided that as of 01.03.2022:

- *No cat bred in Russia may be imported and registered in any FIFe pedigree book outside Russia, regardless of, which organization issued its pedigree.*
- *No cat belonging to exhibitors living in Russia may be entered at any FIFe show outside Russia, regardless of, which organization these exhibitors hold their membership in.*

These restrictions are valid until 31.05.2022 and will be reviewed as and when necessary.

The Board of FIFe also decided that it will dedicate a part of its budget to support cat breeders and fanciers in Ukraine who are suffering because of the current situation. We will consult our Ukrainian FIFe Member Ukrainian Felinology Union (UFU), as well as our Members in countries neighbouring Ukraine, as to how this can best be done.

We hope for the sake of our Ukrainian friends that this terrible situation will not last a lot longer and we wish them a lot of courage and good fortune.”

Concretely, the FIFe Treasurer transferred considerable sums of this budget to three neighbouring FIFe Members of Ukraine, which were all providing help. These Members were, FPL (PL), FAF-FR (RO) and a club in Slovakia. FIFe held another amount in reserve, which could be used by the Ukrainian FIFe Member to help rebuilding their organisation when this nightmare was over.

6.2 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
* AFA (AR) – new board, president, secretary and emails
- b. Before the Board issued its statement, on Sunday 27 February, FD (DK), NRR (NO), SK (FI) and SVERAK (SE) sent a joint request to the Board regarding the war in Ukraine. They acknowledged that FIFe usually abstained from political questions. These 4 Members of the Nordic countries strongly condemned the actions taken by the Russian regime to start a war in Ukraine and requested the FIFe Board to immediately ban all international FIFe shows in Russia and not to accept any certificate or titles obtained at shows in this country as long as the current situation in Ukraine lasted. They would welcome any other further actions, which the FIFe Board thought necessary. They expressed that their thoughts were with their friends and members and their cats in Ukraine. This request was also posted on the official Facebook sites of some of these members.
A few hours after receiving this email, the GS sent an answer, thanking these Members for their support and strong solidarity with Ukraine, and informing them that the Board would have a Video Conference Meeting on Monday 28 February regarding this matter to decide what steps to take.
- c. FPL (PL) and FBE (BE) sent their support to the above request the same day.

- d. FRU (RU) sent an email the next day reacting to postings on Facebook asking for restrictions on FRU. FRU had members of different nationalities, also Ukrainians, EU citizens, even some members living in Malaysia and Israel. FRU added that no breeder in Russia, was happy about this situation. Many of their members took part in a demonstration in St-Petersburg and risked being detained. They asked not to believe that all Russians were monsters. After the next show in St-Petersburg, they planned to send all cat food and litter from their sponsors to Rostov and Krasnodar, where more than 50000 people from Ukraine were staying, many of whom with cats, who needed help and care. FRU added that people from Ukraine were temporarily placed, also with cats, at the homes of members of the Krasnodar and Rostov cat clubs. They feared that accepting the request, which was posted on Facebook, would mean dividing breeders in FIFe into "right" and "wrong" instead of supporting the last democratic ties between people. Maybe, they would cancel some of their shows depending on the situation, but this should be their free decision, not the result of a restriction.
- e. UA (UFU) thanked the Board for the actions taken and the help received on 02.03.22.
- f. SVERAK (SE) informed the Board that after the acceptance of proposal 7 of the FIFe SC on DSW (Distinguished Senior Winner) it had been forgotten to add DSW to article 4.9.4, item 5, on the Breed Best in Show. In the rule is stated that all Breed BIS titles have full validity towards the FIFe titles DSM and JW and of course, also DSW should be listed there. The Board discussed this matter and agreed; the electronic version of the Show Rules would be corrected, and the new 2023 issue of the rules would be amended.
- g. Mundikat (NL) reacted to the email answer and the contents of item 6.2.i. of the Minutes 01/22. This regarding item 8.3b of the minutes 04/21. Mundikat emphasized the fact that their questions in their first email were not answered. The Board looked into the matter again and re-confirmed that the 2018 GA proposal was correctly implemented. But, in addition to that conclusion, the Board acknowledged the vested practice of those bicolour BLH/BSH varieties which were already registered including their EMS code for eye colour prior to the acceptance of the proposal and decided this practice could continue. The GS informed Mundikat.
- h. Aristocat (LI) informed the GS that they could not participate at the 2022 General Assembly; they hoped to be able to participate in 2023.
- i. CFCA (LV) informed the Board that they fully supported and understood the decisions taken because of the situation in Ukraine but asked how to handle kittens born in Russia bred by their individual CFCA members. They assumed that these could not be registered during this period. The Board discussed this matter and the GS informed CFCA that this was not the case; the FIFe restriction regarding cats bred in Russia was only applicable to those cats which were *IMPORTED* and consequently registered in FIFe pedigree books outside Russia. The crucial word was IMPORT, he referred to articles 5.1.1 and 4.5 of the BRR. Ergo, all cats bred in Russia by any individual member of whichever FIFe Member should always be registered by that FIFe Member, but if such cats would be sold abroad, no other FIFe Member could IMPORT the cat in their pedigree book until this restriction was valid.
- j. FFS (SK) asked for a clarification on the ban on importing cats from Russia; they wondered how to explain this. They had 4 questions:
1. Could they register cats from Russia imported before the 01.03.2022 but registered (or pending registration) after 01.03.2022?
 2. Could they register cats from Russia imported before the 01.03.2022 and asked to be registered before 01.03.2022, but not registered yet (registration in progress due to incomplete pedigree or similar)?
 3. Could they issue a transfer document for a cat exported to Russia after 01.03.2022?
 4. If a breeder imports a cat from Russia before 31.05.2022 (or later if this ban will be lifted), but requests the registration after this date?
- The Board discussed the questions and did not see the need to ask the BRC because the answers were straightforward. The answer to all questions was "yes" with only one remark regarding question 4, where the first registration date should either be the 01.06.2022 or the day after the end of the ban. The GS informed FFS.
- k. EKL-Felix (EE) asked for advice. They had received a request to register a cat with an original SACC pedigree and a nostrification certificate from CFCA in their pedigree book. It was their understanding that only an original pedigree was needed for registration, but they did not have this pedigree from CFCA. They wondered if they could register the cat based on the original pedigree from SACC and the nostrification certificate. The Board discussed this question and gave two options. Felix could either nostrificate the cat with an own nostrification (based on the SACC pedigree) or issue a full Felix pedigree based on the SACC pedigree.

- l. NRR (NO) sent a question about a new national supplement to BRR § 3.3, which they had accepted. This was that queens could have a maximum of 2 litters in 12 months, in addition to the FIFe rule of 3 litters in 24 months. They wondered if this was in violation with article 3.1 of the BRR. The Board decided to send this question to the BRC and HWC for their opinions.
- m. 1.DEKZV e.V. (DE) asked the Board for a temporary exception to the issue of pedigrees to non-members, due to the special situation of the Russia/Ukraine conflict. Many Ukrainian breeders had taken the dangerous journey to escape the war zone and were in Germany with their cats. Some cats had kittens; others were pregnant. 1. DEKZV e.V. would like to issue pedigrees for these kittens, free of charge, as long as the papers were in order. They suggested that the Ukrainian Member could later reissue pedigrees. The Board contacted the Ukrainian Member UFU and UFU thankfully accepted and so did the Board. The GS wrote to 1.DEKZV e.V. to grant the exception to article 4.5 of the BRR regarding cats bred and owned by Ukrainian refugees and thanked them for their help.
- n. FPL (PL) informed the Board that at their last General Meeting, the decision was taken to request the FIFe Board, with reference to article 2.8 of the FIFe Statutes, to propose the expulsion of the Russian FIFe Member, Felis Russica, to the next GA. The Board discussed this suggestion and concluded this could not be done because it was not aware that any of the offences described in article 2.8 had been committed by FRU.

7. Show matters:

7.1 General

- a. Mundikat (NL) asked for an exception to article 2.6.2 of the Show Rules. They wished to hold the NSW in 2023 but had not succeeded in respecting the 2-year time-frame. The Board granted the exception.
- b. CPF (PT) asked for an exception to article 2.6.2 of the Show Rules. They wanted to hold the MWS in September 2022 but had not succeeded in respecting the 2-year time frame. The other members of the MWS group agreed and the Board granted the exception.

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

- a. EKL-Felix (EE) – show in Tallinn, 19.02.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- b. FFF (FR) – shows in Charly, 26+27.02.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- c. ČSCH (CZ) – shows in Budějovice, 19+20.03.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. SFDH (HR) – shows in Zagreb, 26+27.03.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. ČSCH (CZ) – shows in Bojkovice, 26+27.03.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

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

For the above items there was 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

Nothing to report

8.2 Seminars

The secretary of the JSC sent the draft agenda for the 2022 FIFe Judges Seminar to be held on 28.05.2022. He pointed out that the process for preliminary recognition of BOM and LYO was ongoing and presentation of these two breeds was included on the draft agenda to meet the requirements of FIFe BRR article 10.2.3. Of course, this preliminary recognition depended on the GA accepting the proposals. Therefore, he suggested adding a rider to these 2 lectures stating "dependent on preliminary recognition" in the draft agenda. The JSC would come later with an updated agenda with substitute lecture(s) if required.

8.3 Judges and Standards Commission

- a. The secretary of the JSC reminded his colleagues of the BRC and HWC to send the needed reports for the preliminary recognition of the BOM non and LYO non to the GS to be included in the Agenda of the GA 2022. The JSC needed some more planning because they needed to arrange cats of these breeds to be present at the seminar. He wondered if there was any information or lack of information supplied by the two Breed Councils that would prevent any commission from supporting a joint preliminary recognition proposal. Both the BRC and the HWC confirmed that they would fully cooperate on these requests for preliminary recognition.
- b. The secretary of the JSC sent the 2022 issues of the Final Judges Exam questionnaires in English for all 4 categories and the general part.

8.4 Show Commission

The secretary of the SC sent the minutes of their web-meeting, held on the 10.03.2022.

8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission

- a. FD (DK) sent a question about the registration, or not, of the blue eye colour in bicolour MCO. The Board decided to forward this question to the BRC. The BRC answered that the registration of cats according to the FIFe EMS list, was based on trust that breeders provide correct information. Blue eyes are not allowed in MCO without white and with 09 white. Eye colour is not a part of these varieties. The same applies to the EMS code 03, no eye colour requirements here for MCO. The BRC appreciated the question, which highlighted a problem that we missed when 03 was added to the proposal at the GA last year. The BRC felt this problem needed to be addressed and would bring proposals to the 2022 GA to rectify this. The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed; FD was duly informed.
- b. The BRC sent their recommendation on the question from Bubaste (LT) about the registration of BSH kittens that had a sire with 3 Scottish Straight ancestors in its ancestry (see item 8.5.b Minutes 01/22). The BRC, referring to article 3.6.2 of the BRR stated that it was forbidden to register and/or breed with any cat, which has Scottish Fold in its ancestry. The sire had Scottish Fold ancestors in the 3rd and 4th generation and could not be registered in a FIFe pedigree book, nor could his offspring. Whether the cat was registered as a straight or not did not matter, it was still a Scottish, a breed forbidden in FIFe. This breed had been excluded from registration on the grounds of poor health, so a serious matter. The BRC concluded that these kittens could not be registered in FIFe, and the sire, if he was already imported, had to be removed from the FIFe pedigree book. The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed. Bubaste was duly informed.
- c. The BRC sent their recommendation on the question from FFH (CH) about a MCO ns 09 male with blue eyes, registered 2 years ago and sire of a litter born in December 2021 (see item 8.5.c Minutes 01/22). The BRC was of the opinion that the sire, now needed to be re-registered as XLH ns 09 61 <MCO> because the cat itself was affected by the new rule, which was not governed by when the cat was registered in a FIFe pedigree. The kittens would be registered in 2022 and should be registered as XLH * <MCO>, regardless of their colour, and the code 61 should be used for the blue eyed kittens, thus complying with article 5.1.1 of the BRR. The sire should not be used for breeding again in FIFe. The Board had a lengthy discussion and decided it could not agree with the recommendation. The queen was mated in September/October 2021 and the kittens were born in December 2021 when the rule on blue eyed MCO with little white was not valid or present in the rules. The Board felt it could not take retroactive decisions. FFH was informed of this decision and also told that, of course, the blue eyed 09 MCO kittens could not be used in breeding and nor could the sire anymore.
- d. SVERAK (SE) asked how sister breed status was determined for RUS and NEB non. They wondered if this was only by a remark that this status would be added to RUS/NEB non and some other breeds if a proposal was carried. SVERAK found this not in line with chapter 10 of

the BRR and thought it strange to add sister breed status without due process. The breeders of a recognized breed in FIFe would have no say about sister breed status in this way. They also wondered why and how the registration rules for JBL non and NEB non were added in BRR 8.3. SVERAK was of the opinion that the only way to include registration rules for a breed in the BRR, was through a proposal or (preliminary) recognition for a breed. SVERAK wondered how sister breed status was granted to a FIFe breed and on what basis (rule) the BRR could be changed without a carried proposal. The Board sent this letter to the BRC. The BRC sent their opinion and stated that the sister breed status for NEB non and JBL non was determined as a consequence of the carried proposal 7 from BRC at the 2021 GA. This proposal was carried with 32 yes to 3 no votes. The proposal gave several breeds, which fitted the description of a sister breed, the status of sister breed. The BRC added that rules in article 8.3 of the BRR for NEB non and JBL non were also the consequence of this carried proposal and since these breeds were given sister breed status the demands of the breed had to be put in the BRR for non-recognised breeds. The result of this carried proposal does not change anything for the breeders of RUS. It is all up to them if they want to breed with NEB non, they do not have to.

The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed; SVERAK was informed.

- e. FD (DK) sent a reaction and request to the recommendation of the BRC and the ensuing decision of the Board regarding the registration of polydactyl MCO. See Minutes 01/22, item 8.5.1. FD stated not to understand how the BRC reached their recommendation. The BRC (and the Board) refer to article 4.6.2 of the BRR dealing with the transfer of pedigrees from non-FIFe organizations and they presumed that the argument was that registering the cats as MCP or POL was considered a "fault" as that is the only thing that would allow us to change the registration with reference to 4.6.2. But FD felt that if a non-FIFe organization decided to create a new breed, based on a congenital abnormality, such as polydactyly, how we could decide that this was a "fault" and decide that we know better what breed it "should" be? Our rules, article 3.6.3, contained a ban on using polydactyl cats for breeding. FD felt this decision would lead us down "a slippery slope," which would allow us the liberty to reinvent cats in a pedigree as we see fit. They considered the new EMS codes used by other organisations, as a gift that would allow breeders to know if there were polydactyl cats in the pedigree. If we would transform these cats into MCO, we lost that information completely, and we would contribute to keep this deformity alive in the MCO breed. FD suggest that the Board and the BRC reconsidered this decision and could look into the creation of a breed code for the polydactyl MCO (MCP non seems relevant) with an automatic breeding ban imposed. This was not the solution FD would prefer – registering the cats as XLH still seemed to be the correct way – but it would at least maintain the valuable information this new praxis offered us. The Board decided to ask the BRC to comment on this matter.

The BRC answered to be aware of the need of breeders to know and follow polydactyl cats in a MCO pedigree and they would bring a proposal to the next GA to add a notation after the cat's name, which they believed would address this problem for these cats. They stated that to allow polydactyl cats in a cat's ancestry was NOT the same as allowing the kind of cats FD mentioned in its argument concerning those listed in 3.6.3. - the variation we suggest alters nothing from our accepted practice. Fact is that we have known about polydactyl cats in FIFe pedigrees for generations now, and the BRC believed that FD was one of those Members who actively identified those cats in pedigrees by use of a notation - it has never felt the need to de-register those cats to XLH, so we really do not understand why they now think this is the "right thing to do". We had to find a solution to a huge problem suddenly thrust upon us with no warning and our last reply to the Board was the fairest way to do it. We do not believe that we should create an EMS code for a trait that we do not approve of as this really sends the wrong signal. However, if we had suddenly made all these cats with this trait XLH we would have caused irreparable damage to the MCO gene-pool for those breeders who decided to stay with us (knowing that we would have to "clean their pedigrees" and make any cat with the polydactyl trait XLH), and to the membership of FIFe as these breeders left for another organisation. We live in a world where changes that we do not create cause us to compromise, and this is one such situation.

The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed with the BRC; FD was informed.

- f. As indicated in item 6.2.e, the NRR question was sent to the BRC. The BRC saw no conflict with the rules in this case. Members were entitled to create National Rules regarding health issues (3.1 of the BRR). The BRC found the idea of a queen producing more than two litters in a twelve month period incredibly sad. The rule states litters and not pregnancies, so in the

event that a queen lost a litter because of a pyometra for example it would be possible to mate her again quickly after treatments as indicated by best practice. The BRC saw no conflict at all. The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed; NRR was informed.

8.5.1 Breeding & Registration Statistics 2020

Nine Members still had not sent the Excel form for their 2021 Breeding & Registration statistics; they would be reminded. Even without the figures of these 9 Members there was a significant increase in registrations.

8.6 Health & Welfare Commission

a. SVERAK (SE) sent a report on mandatory DNA testing, offering the HWC insight and statistics from SVERAK about the situation of the current mandatory tests in FIFe. These tests concerned the breeds BUR, KOR, NFO and BAL/SIA/OLH/OSH/PEB. For BUR, KOR and NFO, the situation was, that there have been no registered carriers in SVERAK for the last 5 years (and well over in some cases). Regarding the oriental breeds, SVERAK saw a significant decrease in the number of carriers in the last 5 years. The situation with PRA in the BAL/SIA, OSH/OLH, PEB is sadly not where SVERAK would wish and a mandatory test is, as far as the statistics in SVERAK show, still necessary. Besides the situation for PRA in the oriental breeds, SVERAK hoped the situation was the same for their fellow FIFe Members. If so, they suggested removing the mandatory tests for BUR, KOR and NFO. The tests in questions should nevertheless be a recommendation, as long as carriers were still found in the breeds. The Board sent this to the HWC for a recommendation and they suggested to remove the mandatory tests for BUR, KOR and NFO and replace this with recommended tests, but the HWC recommend keeping the PRA tests as obligatory.

The Board did not agree removing mandatory tests and replacing them with recommended tests. Most cats and their ancestors are now tested anyway and need no further tests; new cats imported to this population can be easily tested.

b. As indicated in item 6.2.e, the GS forwarded the question from NRR to the HWC and asked for their recommendation. The HWC discussed the topic and agreed that a queen can have two litters in one year, as long as the overall framework of three litters in two years is respected, as BRR. They felt it made sense to allow two "close" litters if the total of three litters is guaranteed. Maybe the queen was in heat often or had pyometra (or other health issues) so needs to be mated again after treatment, so it can be an option with today's opportunity to control heat, follow pregnancies and to achieve better cat health. The Board discussed this recommendation and agreed; NRR was informed.

8.7 Disciplinary Commission

Nothing to report

9. Judges' Matters

9.1 General

- a. Mundikat (NL) informed the GS that Mrs. Anna Wijbrands (NL) had not been able to sit the exam in category 1, in Kolding (DK) on the 12.03.2022, due to sickness.
- b. On 06.03.2022, SK (FI) sent a complaint about the behaviour and actions of the FIFe International All Breed judge, Mr. Kai Ruonala (FI). The complaint was that Mr. Ruonala acted in an inappropriate way during judging and in the panel at the RUROK show in Karkkila on 18.12.2021. He handled a cat in a rough and provocative way whilst judging and in the panel. The Board discussed this matter and concluded that this complaint was received too late. Article 1.6 of the Judges Rules stated that complaints must be received within two months of the event in question. The wellbeing of cats and exhibitors at shows, when in contact with FIFe Judges, should be self-evident and guaranteed. Even if timeframes were not respected, the GS would inform Mr. Ruonala and instruct him to take good notice of articles 1.1 and 1.2 of the Judges Rules, "Principles of being a FIFe Judge" and the "Code of Ethics."

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. Zvezdan Memedov (SE) and Mr. Eric Reijers (CZ).

9.2.1 Theoretical Part

Nothing to report

9.2.2 Practical Part

Mrs. Yulia Skabovska (UA) to sit the practical part of the Breed Group D exam in Wieze (BE) on the 09.04.2022, in English, with Mrs. Stephe Bruin and Mr. Ad de Bruijn (both NL).

9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:

Nothing to report

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st category

After passing the required stage at the show in Askola (FI) on 06.03.2022, Mrs Annukka Rintakumpu (FI) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 1.

9.5 Judges Appointments – 2nd, 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:

- a. Mr. Mario Ottino (IT) – non-FIFe (ENFI) shows in Rome (IT), 19-20.03.2022.
- b. Mr. Martti Peltonen (SE) – IDP show in St Lin Laurentides-Lanaudière (CA), 03.04.2022.
- c. Mr. Martin Kabina (CZ) – IDP show in St Lin Laurentides-Lanaudière (CA), 03.04.2022.
- d. Mr. Charles Spijker (NL) – TICA shows in Asperen (NL), 30.04+01.05.2022.
- e. Mr. Alexey Shchukin (NL) – TICA shows in Asperen (NL), 30.04+01.05.2022.
- f. Mrs. Laura Scholten (NL) – CCCA show in Armidale (AU), 28-29.05.2022.

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

- a. SK (FI) informed the GS that their student judge, Mrs. Tatyana Moraru-Puranen had been suspended for a period of 12 months as a student judge and exhibitor.
- b. SVERAK (SE) informed the GS that their student judge, Mrs. Ulrika Eriksson, had decided to stop as a student judge in category 1. Her name was removed from the student judges list.

10.2 Request for a preliminary student judges' examination:

Nothing to report

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

ANFI (IT) that Mr. Alessio Schiavon passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 2 on the 11.03.2022 in Pomezia-Roma (IT). Mrs. Thea Friškovec-Keller (CH) would be his mentor.

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

Nothing to report

10.5 Theoretical Exam sessions:

As decided in November, a session would take place on Friday 27.05.2022 in Plzeň (CZ).

11. Cattery Name Business

Nothing to report

12. General Assemblies

- a. The Treasurer had not received information from all commission members about their arrival and departure times for the GA in Plzeň (CZ).
- b. The Board discussed which proposals to bring to the GA.
- c. The Treasurer had been looking at diverse options for the 2023 GA.

13. The FIFe website and social media

The Vice President had sent three offers and quotes from different companies designing websites, the Vice-Treasurer had already sent one and so had the Treasurer. So, a total of 5 offers were on the table. The Board discussed the quotes at length and decided to start the cooperation with an Austrian company. This meant that all 6 Board members would participate in a workshop where demands and wishes for the new website could be discussed and the results would be laid down in a requirement document, which could be used for quote requests to several companies to build the website. The Vice-Treasurer would contact them to meet on the 12th of August 2022 in Vienna.

14. World Cat Congress

The WCC General Secretary had asked all WCC members if they agreed sending financial aid to help cat breeders in Ukraine in their desperate situation. All were in favour.

15. FIFe Breed Councils

- a. The BCA sent a new link for the website of the CRX BC.
- b. The BCA sent the latest list of Breed Councils including information about the number of individual BC members, which was 280 from a total of 30 FIFe Members. In total FIFe had 30 Breed Councils. She also informed the Board that 2 Members were slow to confirm the BC applications of their individual members.

16. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

FIFe follows the GDPR regulations in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic with regard to the storage of personal data.

17. Membership change

18. Any Other Business

For the above items there was nothing to report

19. Next Board meetings

- Monday 23.05.2022 Plzeň (CZ) in connection with the GA
- 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 18.00 hours

Annette Sjödin – President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary