



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 05/22

26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Vienna, Austria

### Present

Mr. Veikko Saarela	-	Vice-President and in the chair		
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 09.30 hours.

The President, Mrs. Annette Sjödin, could not attend.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

### **3. Approval of previous Minutes**

The Minutes 04/22 had been approved and were sent to the Members.

### **4.1 Exceptions concerning the Show Rules (COVID-19)**

The below exceptions concerning the Show Rules will end at 01.01.2023. We kindly ask the Members to communicate this to their members:

- 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**

*Nothing to report*

## **5. Financial**

### **5.1 Members' and Patronage Members' Payments**

The Treasurer showed a list of outstanding payments. CCU (CN) had contacted the Treasurer and promised to pay by 20.11.2022 but failed to do so. The GS would contact them.

### **5.2 Judges Exams**

A total of three new judges' exam applications were received.

### **5.3 Other Financial Matters**

In the past, the Treasurer sent all commission members a document with rules for meetings and reimbursements of expenses and a form that needed to be completed. The Treasurer suggested to reinstate that document and the Board agreed. This would be sent to all commission members

## **6. Members' Matters**

### **6.1 General – Extraordinary situation – Ukraine/Russia**

Since the last GA, a lot of correspondence, legal documents and information was received from the Russian Member, FRU. The problem was that there were two sides that were not cooperating and it was impossible to unequivocally establish who was the legal, official representative of FIFe in Russia. The Board would suggest both sides to have a meeting with all parties involved to solve the current predicament and to communicate who was the rightful FIFe representative in Russia. The answer should be sent as soon as possible.

### **6.2 Correspondence**

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
  - \* CFCA (LV) – new president, secretary and address
  - \* NRR (NO) – new secretary and email address
  - \* FB (GB) – new secretary
- b. FBE (BE) informed the Board that new legislation was coming in Flanders, requiring them to provide breeding programs for all breeds. This was compulsory if they wanted to continue issuing pedigrees in the Flanders region. These needed to include breeding guidelines regarding a maximum percentage of inbreeding (allowed – not recommended – not allowed) FBE had 3 questions for the board, the HWC the BRC or breed council secretaries. They had to include guidelines for the Munchkin, though not allowed in FIFe, they were asked to do this by the government because they were present in Flanders and needed a legal breeding program. If FBE would not accept doing this, they would send the government to WCF, which they of course did not want. For these breed programs, they could work with the current rules, where tests were already obligatory and recommended. FBE needed to start with 17 FIFe recognised breeds and asked if any of the commissions had input on these breeds regarding their history, grooming requirements, know health issues and available tests or could they collect this information, so FBE could start working on these breeds. They also asked if the HWC could provide guidelines regarding the maximum percentage of inbreeding. FBE needed to set an inbreeding percentage regarding breeding restrictions per breeds and had 4 months to complete this task, so all the help was welcome.

The Board discussed this request, realising that the new Flemish legislation would seriously impact not only breeders of cats and dogs, but also FBE as a pedigree issuing organisation. # Of course, the Board understood that FBE had to follow and respect this new legislation to be able to continue to issue pedigrees and participate directly with their relevant authorities. To enable FBE to get help in information on various breeds regarding history, grooming, health issues and available tests, direct contact was established between FBE, the BRC, HWC and the BCA (individual BC secretaries). If needed, FBE could also directly contact the JSC. The Vice President pointed out that most of this work had already been done in Suomen Kissaliitto and the GS sent FBE a link, with information on breeds, inbreeding, health challenges, tests, etc These were in Finnish but with the help of Google translate, this could save FBE a lot of work.

The Board wished FBE success dealing with the challenges they were facing.
- c. FB (GB) informed the Board that 2 of their individual members who already had an exception to article 2.6 of the Statutes to also be active in GCCF, now had different functions in GCCF. FB asked for permission to keep these members and the Board agreed.

- d. FB (GB) requested an exception for one of their individual members, to be active as show manager for the new feline organisation LCWW (Loving Cats World Wide). The Board decided not to agree with this request and FB was informed.
- e. FB (GB) sent a query how to register a BUR with cinnamon in its pedigree. They sent a copy of the pedigree and suggested to register the cinnamon BUR and all of their offspring in the pedigree as XSH and asked if this was correct. The Board decided to send this to the BRC for a recommendation. See item 8.5.a.
- f. FB (GB) asked for an exception to be allowed to register a cat imported from Russia. This cat was paid in February 2022 and arrived in the UK after the ban was in place. FB provided a sales contract, which showed the correctness of the details. The Board granted the exception.
- g. FB (GB) asked dispensation for one of their new members, who was a GCCF show manager and now applied to be a GCCF student judge. He hoped to enter the FIFe Winners show if dispensation was granted. The Board discussed this request and decided not to grant permission because they felt that a show manager and a GCCF student judge was someone heavily footed in another organisation.
- h. FD (DK) forwarded a complaint from one of their clubs regarding the behaviour of the international category 1 and 2 judge, Mr. Raymond Alessandro Saetre from Norway at a show in Ølstykke on the 6th and 7th of August 2022. See item 9, Judges Matters.
- i. FPL (PL) asked for a clarification and interpretation of articles 2.2.2 and 2.4 of the BRR. They wondered if these requirements also applied to breeding in a flat or house. If this was not the case, they asked what the minimum space should be per cat, for breeding in a flat. The Board decided to send this matter to the BRC and the HWC, see items 8.5.c and 8.6.
- j. FFH (CH) sent questions on how to register or re-register BLH/BSH \*21 33 to 11 33. The Board decided to send these questions to the BRC for a recommendation (see item 8.5.c).

## **6A. Probational Members' Matters**

FFBg (BG) had organised second 2-day show on the 12+13.11.2022 in Sofia. Almost 150 cats were present and judged and 4 judges officiated. The whole event was excellently organised. Mr. Karl Preiss, one of the officiating judges, would send a report, which would be sent to the SC, FAF-FR as the mentor and the Board.

## **7. Show matters:**

### **7.1 General**

- a. Suomen Kissaliitto (FI) asked for an exception to article 4.9.4, bullet 6 of the SR. They asked to be allowed to hold 2 Breed BIS on the Saturday of a two-day show divided by categories on 10.06.2023. The Board discussed this request and agreed.
- b. FPL (PL) asked permission to hold a second 3-certificates show in December 2022. This constituted 2 exceptions to article 1.11 of the Show Rules, namely the request itself and not respecting the requirement to list this kind of show in the official show calendar 6 months in advance. The Board discussed this matter and established that one FPL club held a 3-certificates show in August 2022 and another club would hold a 3-certificates show in January 2023. FPL had an exception for both of these shows regarding the 6-months requirement. The Board decided not to grant permission.
- c. FFM (MX) asked for advice. They planned to hold a 3-certificates show on 25-26.02.2023, with 2 certificates for all categories on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and a 1 certificate show on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> plus a MCO Breed BIS. They planned to have one final BIS with all nominated cats from the 2 shows on the 25<sup>th</sup>, i.o.w., a cat could be nominated once or twice but would be brought together for one final BIS. They feared holding 2 BIS on one day would be too much. They referred to article 4.9.3 of the Show Rules and concluded that this would be in line with the rules. The Board asked additional questions, discussed this matter and decided to send it to the SC for a recommendation (see item 8.4.b).
- d. FPL (PL) asked for an exception on behalf of one of their clubs to article 4.9.4.1 and 4.9.4.2 of the Show Rules, regarding Breed Best in Shows for MCO and NFO. Currently, they had 19 cats of each breed entered and they asked permission to organize the Breed BIS with 30 cat of the particular breed and 30 cats of the other breeds in category 2. The board discussed this request but was of the opinion that the number of 30+30 cats for a Breed BIS was much too low compared to the 50+40 cats required by the rules and the request was not granted.

- e. FD (DK) had a question. One of their members imported and OLH from GCCF, registered as OLH k 03 and FD was not sure how to register this cat. They suggested registering it as OLH x \*m 03, but assumed that “\*m registration”, was only allowed for SIA. FD asked if the BRC could confirm that this registration would be acceptable in all SIA sister breeds or should it be registered in another way.

The board discussed this matter and decided not to ask the BRC but to send the answer directly because this question had already been asked and answered on the Facebook FIFe registrars’ group, in which all 3 BRC members participated. The GS informed FD that article 5.1.2.3 on Dilute Modifiers, which was included in the BRR as of 01.01.2003, clearly stated: “*In FIFe Siamese e.g. (exempli gratia/for example) can be registered as:*” followed by five examples. It was clear that “e.g.,” signified that the effect of these dilute modifiers on colours was not limited only to SIA, but also for other breeds, most certainly for sister breeds of the SIA like BAL, OSH and OLH. The GS added that these colours were also found in other breeds, like Asians, Burmese and British but not (yet) recognised. Since 2003, GCCF (where the DM principle originated from) recognised more colours influenced by the DM, such as tortie, “caramel tortie” in GCCF, which they gave the G-EMS code “k”.

The Board decided that the FD suggestion registering the cat as OLH x m 03 was the only correct one according to our current rules and informed FD.

- f. FD (DK) informed the Board of transgressions against the Show rules, which happened at the show of one of their clubs on the 22.10.2022. A neutered cat was entered incorrectly by its owner, as an unneutered female in class 5, and not in class 6 where it should have been. The owner had not checked the confirmation or the catalogue nor did she pay attention at the judges table when she was told that her cat got the CAGCIB certificate and would be called back for nomination. She discovered the error when the owner of another neutered female came back from the judge’s ring with a nomination. This owner then caused a fuss for the judge, who maintained her nomination of the other neuter. Unfortunately, the secretariat decided to solve the matter by letting the cat have a second judgment from another judge, who then nominated this cat. FD believed this should never have been allowed and was a violation of § 6.13 that judges’ decisions cannot be disputed. FD informed their club that this was a transgression against the show rules, and she apologized in the name of the club and Felis Danica. The GS answered FD, thanking them for this information and their vigilance. He stated this demonstrated that it was of the utmost importance that exhibitors should be informed to check their data in the catalogue before they had their cats judged and the clubs should communicate this in an effective way. The apologies were gratefully accepted.
- g. FD (DK) informed the GS that since many years they participated in a yearly agricultural event, which attracted over 50.000 visitors, planned in June. This year, they expected to get less cats, but rather than cancelling the participation they planned to organize a 1 certificate show, divided by categories spread over 3 days, and asked permission. The Board discussed this request and agreed.
- h. FFH (CH) forwarded a complaint but stated in their email: “The FFH formally distances itself from this complaint but for legal reasons, however, we are obliged to forward this.” Since the Member itself did not support the complaint, the Board sent it back.

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

- a. FPL (PL) – shows in Gdansk, 27+28.08.2022, as International with less than 150 cats
- b. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in W. Neustadt, 03+04.09.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- c. CFCA (LV) – show in Riga, 11.09.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. ANFI (IT) – shows in Boves, 10+11.09.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. FPL (PL) – shows in Lublin, 10+11.09.2022, as International with less than 150 cats
- f. FFH (CH) – shows in Cortaillod, 17+18.09.2022, as International with less than 150 cats
- g. FFS (SK) – shows in Vinicné, 17+18.09.2022 as International with less than 150 cats.
- h. ČSCH (CZ) – shows in Ostrava, 01+02.10.2022 as International with less than 150 cats.
- i. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in Tulln, 01+02.10.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- j. FFH (CH) – show in Burgdorf, 09.10.2022 as International with less than 150 cats.
- k. ASFE (ES) – shows in Ávila, 08+09.10.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- l. FFS (SK) – shows in B. Bystrica, 08+09.10.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- m. Bubaste (LT) – shows in Kaunas, 22+23.10.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- n. EKL-Felix (EE) – shows in Tallinn, 19.11.2022, as International with less than 150 cats.
- o. SFDH (HR) – shows in Zagreb, 03+04.12.2022, 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**

Mundikat (NL) informed the Board that the 2026 World Show venue, would be in Amsterdam.

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

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • 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 - Amsterdam - Mundikat (NL) | • 2033 - tba - Suomen K. (FI)    |
| • 2027 - Prague - ČSCH (CZ)        | • 2034 - Bucharest - FAF-FR (RO) |
| • 2028 - tba - FPL (PL)            | • 2035 - tba - FFH (CH)          |
| • 2029 - tba - SVERAK (SE)         |                                  |

## **8. Commission Matters**

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

The 2023 issues of the Statutes, Rules, the updates to the Standards and the new Preliminary Standards, had been made by the Vice Secretary in consultation with the commissions and sent to the Treasurer. The Treasurer handed out copies to many Members and Judges present at the World Show in Belgium and sent the rest by post to the other Members and Judges.

As stated earlier, a full new printed issue of the Standards will be made next year.

### **8.2 Seminars**

*Nothing to report*

### **8.3 Judges and Standards Commission**

- a. The JSC secretary sent minutes of the VCM, held on the 19.07.2022.
- b. Mr. Aliosha Romero, member of the JSC since the 2022 GA, informed the GS that changes in his personal and professional life prevented him from fully contributing to the work required in the JSC. Since he could not foresee changes in the coming years, he decided to resign as a member of the JSC, effective at the 2023 GA. He felt that this position should be taken by someone who had enough time to contribute to the commission's work in a meaningful way. The Board regretted his resignation but fully respected it and thanked Aliosha for the timely announcement and the work he did in the and for the JSC since May 2022.

### **8.4 Show Commission**

- a. The SC secretary sent the minutes of 3 VCM meetings, held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, the 27<sup>th</sup> of May and the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.
- b. The GS forwarded the question from FFM on combining 2 BIS into one (see item 7.1.c) to the SC for a recommendation. The SC summarized the question, which was to dismiss one BIS and to combine all nominations from 2 shows into only one BIS at the end of 2 certificates 2 shows in one day, due to the time shortage to be able to perform both BIS. FFM based this on their interpretation of § 4.9.3, which in their opinion did not violate any FIFe rule. The SC checked this article and concluded that, in this specific case, this article was irrelevant because it only described what a BIS was, how the BIS could be chosen with regards to combining the Categories (not the shows) and how to compose the BIS panel regarding officiating judges. The SC concluded that chapter 4 "*Show titles and certificates*" clearly described how each show had to be organised, which started with achieving certificates towards obtaining the titles (§4.1 to 4.7), BIV (§ 4.8.), nominations for BIS and BIS (§ 4.9 to 4.14.). By achieving BIS titles (except DVM), exhibitors could obtain special prestigious titles, such as DSM, JW, DVM, NW and DSW (articles 4.14. to 4.18.). The SC concluded that the whole chapter 4 clearly described that EACH show had to start with judging to achieve certificates, followed by selecting BIV, nominees for BIS and finished with the choice of BIS winners. The SC stated that the dismissal of one BIS would deny cats participating the possibility to achieve BIS titles, needed to obtain most Winner titles.

Based on the discussion the SC established, that FFM struggled with a difficult geographical and economic situation and that we should continue to help them to the best of our abilities, but with respect of our rules. One could prevent time shortage problems, which significantly shortened the duration of 2 shows, i.e., by having two teams of judges (a team for each show), who could judge and nominate at the same time, which could end with two BIS. Finally, the SC did not want to set a wrong precedent by dismissing one BIS after conducting two shows for whatever reason. Every show must end with a BIS to enable the participating cats all possibilities they are entitled to, by our rules, when they enter the show.

Based on the above, the SC recommended the Board not to allow FFM to have only one final BIS from 2 shows on Saturday, 25th February 2023 and to respect all valid FIFe Show Rules. The Board discussed this recommendation and fully agreed; the GS would inform FFM.

- c. The SC secretary sent the minutes of a VCM meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September and a physical meeting in Switzerland on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.

### **8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission**

- a. The Board decided to send a query received from FB (GB) on the registration of an imported BUR with cinnamon in its pedigree to the BRC for a recommendation (see item 6.2.c). FB had sent a copy of the IDP pedigree and suggested to register all cinnamon BUR and all of their offspring in the pedigree as XSH and asked if this was correct. The BRC answered that cinnamon was not a recognized colour variety in Burmese and should not be recognized according to BRR § 6.5. However, the colour was not prohibited and should be registered as an x-variety. To register the cinnamon Burmese, and all its offspring as XSH <BUR> was not correct. A cinnamon Burmese could be used for breeding in FIFe. If the colour was unwanted by the breeder, it was easy to test breeding cats for the cinnamon gene. The cat in question should be registered as a BUR n in the RX register because one of the grandparents (3<sup>rd</sup> generation) was cinnamon, the non-recognized colour. The Board agreed with this recommendation and informed FB.
- b. The GS forwarded the questions from FPL (PL) regarding articles 2.2.2 and 2.4 of the BRR on the living space of cats and asked the BRC for a recommendation. See item 6.2.i. The BRC considered this request and stated that articles 2.2.2 and 4 of the BRR clearly referred to the minimum space required per cat when the accommodation is not separated, not in a domestic setting (whether that be inside or outside with a restricted space, e.g. cattery). There were no rules pertaining to the space a cat needed when living within a domestic household. There was however a requirement to avoid overcrowding, to which FPL referred, but this was subjective and open to the interpretation of the particular situation considering many contributory factors. The BRC was unable to comment on the specific situation described by FPL because it fell outside our rules, and therefore the remit of the BRC. The BRC suggested that if FPL was concerned about the number of cats in this individual case, it should consult its own domestic laws on the keeping of animals for advice. The Board agreed with this recommendation; see below for the answer.
- c. The GS forwarded questions from FFH (see item 6.2.j ) to the BRC for a recommendation. FFH asked how to register or re-register BLH/BSH \*21 33 to 11 33. FFH also asked if pedigrees of cats older than 10 months could simply be registered to the new code or if they should be checked in class 13c. The next question was that if breeders wanted all 4 generations to be corrected if this were possible, also considering the original pedigree of non-FIFe organisations and the last question was if certificates obtained by the cats as 21 33 could be accepted or if these would lose their validity.

### **8.6 Health & Welfare Commission**

The GS forwarded the questions from FPL (PL) regarding articles 2.2.2 and 2.4 of the BRR on the living space of cats and asked the HWC for a recommendation. See item 6.2.i. The HWC stated that BRR articles 2.2.2 and 2.4 did not apply to domestic environments, but specifically to separated accommodations. Article 2.2.1 states it as mandatory (must) that cats have "adequate space", without details on square meters, because it would be too complicated to consider all the diverse situation of domestic living, to avoid overcrowding. The HWC felt that the situation described seems to be in conflict with article 2.2.1 because this domestic environment appears overcrowded and potential health and welfare issues for the involved cats seem to be ignored. The HWC suggested that FPL consults their national or local Animal Welfare Laws, to evaluate the violations allegedly involved in this case.

The Board agreed with the recommendations from both the BRC and the HWC and advised FPL to consult their national and local authorities to check which regulations, rules or laws were in place in Poland or the city where these people lived on how animals were to be kept responsibly. The Board appreciated the concern of FPL for animal welfare and wished them good luck to solve this matter and asked to be informed about any progress of this case.

## **8.7 Disciplinary Commission**

*Nothing to report*

## **9. Judges' Matters**

### **Obituary: Mrs. Vesna Rižnar-Rešetić**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, the FIFe Board was informed by its Croatian Member, SFDH, that its president, the International All Breed Judge **Mrs. Vesna Rižnar-Rešetić** had died, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Rižnar-Rešetić joined the cat fancy as a member in 1990 and bred Persians and Exotics under the cattery name "Vesna Cat's". She was actively involved in the board of the Croatian club since its inception and became the SFDH president in 2001, a function, which she held until she died.

Vesna was a member of the FIFe Judges & Standards Commission for 3 years, from 2010 until 2013. She passed her judges exam in category I in 1998, II in 2000, III in 2002 and IV in 2004.

The Board of FIFe extends its sincere condolences to Vesna's husband, family and friends and to their Croatian FIFe Member SFDH.

### **Temporary suspension of a judge – Mr. Raymond Alessandro Saetre**

As indicated in item 6.2.h, the Board received a complaint from Felis Danica about the inappropriate behaviour, words, and actions of the International category 1 and 2 Judge, Mr. Raymond Alessandro Saetre from Norway at a show in Denmark in August 2022. The Board had received similar complaints in the past, and in the warning issued then, the Board had clearly warned Mr. Saetre that any future, similar complaints would result in suspension.

Thus, the FIFe Board decided to temporarily suspend Mr. Raymond Alessandro Saetre as a FIFe judge for serious transgressions against article 1.2 of the Judges Rules, the "Code of Ethics." The temporary suspension will commence on the 01.10.2022 and last until the 31.12.2023. The FIFe Board is sad that it had to come to this but is of the opinion that this is the only way to deal with transgressions against our rules.

The Vice Treasurer did not participate in the discussions and decision.#

### **Extension of the validity of Student Judge Certificates for Breed Group Exams**

The Board discussed the validity of the student judge certificates, which could be used for Breed Group exams. Currently it was stated that these could not be older than 7 years. However, at the 2021 GA the Temporary Breed training period had been extended with 5 years, until 31.12.2026 and the Board felt it would only be logical to also extend the validity of the student judge certificates. It was decided that certificates used for the BG exam application, could not be older than 10 years.

#### **9.1 General**

- a. Mr. Martti Peltonen informed the GS that circumstances prevented him from judging at the IDP show in Canada on the 18.09.2022. Refer to Minutes 04/22 item 9.7.b.
- b. Mr. Jörgen Frithiof, international category 2 and BG B judge from Sweden, informed the GS that he concluded that after 25 years as a proud FIFe judge, it was time for him to resign as a FIFe judge, as of the 01.01.2023. He wrote that he experienced some fantastic years of judging had a lot of fun, with a basket full of crazy moments and memories but all good things must end, and now was the time to quit. He conveyed his best wishes to the board and all cat lovers. The board was sad to hear of Jörgen's decision but, of course, respected it. Jörgen was thanked for his contribution of over 25 years as a FIFe judge and the board wished him the best of luck with his future endeavours.
- c. Mr. Raymond A. Saetre sent an email asking to reduce the suspension period. The Board discussed this request but considered it too premature to decide now. The Vice Treasurer did not participate in the discussion and decision.
- d. SK (FI) sent a statement regarding the fact that the GS considered and granted exam permission based on an email sent by one of their student judges, Mrs. Pia Nyman. This

request had not been asked by SK. For information, this email and following 2 replies were sent in copy to the SK secretary. SK stated they wished to meticulously follow the rules. At a meeting, a day after the exam permission was sent, SK discussed this exam request and supported it but hoped if it could be granted, considering that the application had now been sent 8 days too late. The GS explained that because the SK secretary had been included in 3 emails sent on this matter and he had no reaction at all, he assumed all was in order. He stated that he had never accepted exam applications, or correspondence from student judges, except of course, those sent by secretaries or presidents of Members, who were the student judge in question themselves. He stated he would apologise to SK for this oversight. The Board discussed this matter and decided the exam permission would remain valid.

## **9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam**

- a. Mrs. Lena Vencliková (CZ) to sit the exam in Breed Group A, in Olomouc (CZ) on the 03.12.2022 in English with Mrs. Britta Busse (DE) and Mr. Jaroslav Pánek (CZ).
- b. Mrs. Pia Nyman (FI) to sit the exam in Breed Group A, in Karkkila (FI) on the 31.12.2022 in English with Mrs. Kristiina Rautio (FI) and Mr. Henry Hornell (PL).

### **9.2.1 Theoretical Part**

*Nothing to report*

### **9.2.2 Practical Part**

Mrs. Liz Parry (CH) to sit the practical exam in category 3 in Pontchateau (FR) on the 26.11.2022 in English with Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene (LT) and Mr. Vladimir Isakov (BY).

## **9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:**

- a. Mrs. Brigita Guobe (LT) passed the category 4 exam, at the show in Riga (LV) on the 10.09.2022 in English with Mr. Vladimir Isakov (BY) and Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT).
- b. Mrs. Hannah Jensen (SE) passed the category 3 exam, at the show in Västra Frölunda (SE) on the 17.09.2022 in English with Mr. Ad de Bruijn (NL) and Mr. Eric Reijers (CZ).
- c. Mrs. Wioletta Buss (PL) passed the category 2 exam, at the show in Norrköping (SE) on the 08.10.2022 in English with Mr. Michael Edström and Mr. Zvezdan Memedov (both SE).
- d. Mr. Juan J. Martinez Vizcaino (ES) passed the cat. 1 exam, at the show in Avila (ES) on the 08.10.2022 in English with Mrs. Anna Wilczek (PL) and Mr. Gerardo Fraga y Guzman (ES).
- e. Mrs. Nathalie Smits-Peelen (NL) passed the practical part of the category 2 exam, at the show in Middelfart (DK) on the 19.11.2022 in English with Mrs. Britta Busse and Mrs. Helene Reiter (both DE).
- f. Mrs. Liz Parry (CH) passed the practical part of the category 3 exam, at the show in Pontchateau (FR) on the 26.11.2022 in English with Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene (LT) and Mr. Vladimir Isakov (BY).

## **9.4 Judges Appointments – 1<sup>st</sup> category**

After passing the required stage at the show in Beverwijk (NL) on 13.11.2022, Mrs Brigita Guobe (LT) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 4.

## **9.5 Judges Appointments – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> categories**

- a. After passing the category 3 exam at the show in Västra Frölunda (SE) on the 17.09.2022, Mrs. Hannah Jensen (SE) was appointed an international category 3 judge
- b. After passing the category 1 exam at the show in Avila (ES) on the 08.10.2022, Mr. Juan J. Martinez Vizcaino (ES) was appointed an international category 1 and a FIFe All Breed judge.
- c. After passing the practical part of the category 2 exam at the show in Middelfart (DK) on the 19.11.2022, Mrs. Nathalie Smits-Peelen (NL) was appointed an International category 2 and a FIFe All-Breed Judge.
- d. After passing the practical part of the category 3 exam at the show in Pontchateau (FR) on the 26.11.2022, Mrs. Liz Parry (CH) was appointed an International category 3 Judge.

## **9.6 Mentor Judge applications**

The following judges applied to be mentor judges and sent the required application form:

- Mrs. Sarah Johnson (GB) – categories 1 and 2
- Mrs. Aina Hauge (NO) – categories 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Mr. Juan José Martinez Vizcaino (ES) – categories 2, 3 and 4
- Mrs. Dorte Kaae (DK) – category 2



## **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 Verona (IT), 29+30.10.2022
- b. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA shows in Seoul (KR), 03+04.12.2022
- c. Mrs Dorte Kaae (DK) – GCCF show in Bracknell (GB), 10.12.2022
- d. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Bangkok (TH), 17.12.2022
- e. Mrs. Sirpa Lindelöf (SE) – CCC show in Sherbrooke (CN), 20.11.2022
- f. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Cairo (EG), 21.01.2023
- g. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Kuwait City (KW), 04.03.2023
- h. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – WOC show in Paola (MT), 04+05.11.2023.

## **10. Student Judges' matters**

### **10.1 General**

NRR (NO) informed the GS that their student judge in category 2, Mrs Julie Aastorp, had changed mentor from Mr. Anne-Gro Edström to Mr. Steven Jones. The student judges list was amended.

### **10.2 Request for a preliminary student judges' examination:**

- a. FD (DK) for their member Mrs. Anne-Louise Nygaard Sadek in category 2, on 19.11.2022 in Middelfart (DK), in English, with Mrs. Bette Lind and Mrs. Inge Nord (both DK).
- b. NRR (NO) for their member Mrs. Karin Neergaard in category 4, on 13.12.2022 in Bryne (NO), in English, with Mrs. Aina Hauge and Mrs. Anne Veland (both NO).

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

- a. ÖVEK (AT) that Mrs. Marina Renner passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 2 on the 30.09.2022 in Tulln (AT). Mr. Dietmar Sagurski (DE) would be her mentor.
- b. ASFE (ES) that Mr. David Hernandez passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 1 on the 08.10.2022 in Ávila (ES). Mr. Gerardo Fraga would be his mentor.
- c. FD (DK) that Mrs. Anne-Louise Nygaard Sadek passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 2 on the 19.11.2022 in Middelfart (DK). Mrs. Dorte Kaae would be her mentor.

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

- a. ÖVEK (AT) to include Mrs. Marina Renner as a student judge in category 1.
- b. ANFI (IT) to include Mr. Marco Scaglia as a student judge in categories 1 and 2.
- c. FFH (CH) to include Mrs. Liz Parry as a student judge in category 1.
- d. FPL (PL) to include Mrs. Marzena Włodarska as a student judge in categories 1 and 2.
- e. 1.DEKZV e.V. (DE) to include Mrs. Carla Rotini as a student judge in categories 3 and 4.
- f. SK (FI) to include Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen as a student judge in categories 3 and 4.

### **10.5 Theoretical Exam sessions:**

Sessions could be planned in conjunction with the FIFe Board meeting in Vienna on 24-25.03.2022 and the week of the 2023 GA in Monte Gordo (PT).

## **11. Cattery Name Business**

ASFE (ES) asked an exception to article 5.2.2 and 5.2.5 of the BRR, to register a cattery name in the name of another person, not living at the same address. The Board agreed and permission was sent.

## **12. General Assemblies**

The hotel reservation forms for the 2023 GA had been sent to all Members and Judges and will be available for downloading on the website

## **13. The FIFe website and social media**

Seven quotes were received from 6 companies to implement the new website. There were large discrepancies in prices and services and notably regarding running costs. A few companies had not provided all information needed and the Vice Treasurer would contact them to get more clarity.

## **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**

On the 29.09.2022 the initial VCM meeting regarding the Mission Statement, between Board and commissions took place. Mr. Steven Jones would provide minutes of this meeting. A date for a next meeting had not yet been set.

## **19. Next Board meetings**

- Saturday 21.01.2023 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 25.03.2023 Vienna (AT)
- Monday 22.05.2023 Monte Gordo (PT), in connection with the GA
- Saturday 19.08.2023 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 25.11.2023 Vienna (AT)

## **20. Close of the Meeting**

The meeting closed at 17.00 hours

Veikko Saarela – Vice-President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary