



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 03/21

28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Riga, Latvia

### Present

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

### **Abbreviations used**

- BC – Breed Council
- 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 10.00 hours.

The General Secretary, Mr. Eric Reijers, could not attend because of health reasons.

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

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

The Minutes 02/21 had been approved and were sent to the Members in August.

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

- a. The following exceptions regarding the Show Rules are valid until 31.12.2021:
- All Members or their show organising clubs can hold international shows with only domestic judges officiating, no foreign judges needed.
  - For all European FIFe Member countries, the number of certificates needed to obtain the titles IC/IP, GIC/GIP resp. SC/SP is set to 5, 7 resp. 10. These certificates can be obtained in 1 country (for IC/IP) resp. 1 or 2 countries (for GIC/GIP and SC/SP). In each class, at least 1 certificate must be obtained at shows organised after 01.07.2020.
  - For cats born on 16.05.2019 or thereafter, the number of Best in Show Titles in classes 12 and/or 11 to qualify for the title Junior Winner is reduced from 5 to 3, since they do not have the full 6 months period to qualify for his title.
  - For all Winner Shows, World Show included, organised prior to 31.12.2021, no qualifications are needed for cats to participate.
- b. At its next meeting, the Board will decide on the extension of these exceptions after 31.12.2021, depending on the COVID-19 situation mid-November.

## **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. There had been email contact between the Treasurer and the Chinese Member CCU in which CCU promised to pay their debts. However, no payments were received.

### **5.2 Judges Exams**

No applications received.

### **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.  
\* NRR (NO) – new President
- b. FAF-FR (RO) had a query about a pedigree. One of their members imported a red tabby bicolour Maine Coon with blue eyes and wanted this be registered on the pedigree. The FAF-FR registrar decided this was not according to the rules and asked the Board if this was correct. With reference to the standard and the EMS list the Board assured her that her decision was correct. Eye colour codes for bicolours of breeds judged in groups is not registered. It was added that when importing cats from non-FIFe, these had to be registered according to FIFe rules, not according to rules or codes used by these other organizations.#

## **7. Show matters:**

### **7.1 General**

- a. FFM (MX) asked an exception to article 6.1.2.f of the SR. At the shows in Queretaro, on 21+22.08.2021, a TICA judge, Mrs. Ana Maria Sosa, would officiate but only 2 FIFe judges would be there as well, which did not constitute 75%. The Board granted this request.
- b. FRU (RU) informed the GS that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it was almost impossible to invite foreign judges to their shows. They requested an exception to article 4.2 of the Show Rules until 31.12.2021, which would enable cats to obtain a CH or PR title with only 2 judges who had issued the certificates. The Board granted this request.
- c. FB (GB) was informed on Friday afternoon that the veterinarian who was supposed to function at the shows on 14+15.08.2021 was ill and could not come. They tried getting another veterinarian, but this proved impossible. Therefore, they asked for an exception to article 1.8.b of the show rules to have two veterinary nurses checking the cats in the morning. The Board saw no other solution at this late moment in time and granted permission.
- d. FFB (BR) requested an exception to article 1.11 of the Show Rules, to hold a show with 3 certificates on the 13-14 November 2021. They had a same exception in 2020 but also in 2021, they were badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic; FFB would only have one other show in 2021. Last year, the Board already received a positive recommendation from the SC and the Board decided to grant this request for an exception under the same conditions as in 2020.

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

- a. FB (GB) – shows in Werrington, 14+15.08.2021, as International with less than 100 cats.
- b. FFM (MX) – shows in Queretaro, 21+22.08.2021, as International with less than 100 cats.
- c. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in W. Neustadt, 04+05.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. ANFI (IT) – shows in Arezzo, 11+12.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. ASFE (ES) – shows in Ávila, 11+12.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- f. CFCA (LV) – afternoon show in Riga, 11+12.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- g. FFS (SK) – shows in Vinicné, 18+19.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.
- h. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in Vienna, 25+26.09.2021, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

- a. FB (GB) to have Mrs Jane Allen, TICA All Breed Judge from the UK, officiating at the shows in Werrington, on the 14+15.08.2021.
- b. SK (FI) to have Mrs Pam DelaBar, CFA All Breed Judge from Finland, officiating at the shows in Imatra, on the 06+07.11.2021.

#### **7.5 Ratification of permission not granted to FIFe Members to invite non-FIFe Judges:**

FFS (SK) requested permission to invite Mrs. Tomoko Vlach, a TICA and WCF All Breed judge, from Austria to officiate as a judge at the FIFe shows in Vinicné on 18+19.09.2021. The Board decided not to grant permission because of the lack of respect shown by WCF regarding decisions made by FIFe. The Board would not grant permission to WCF judges officiating at FIFe shows nor would it grant permission to FIFe judges officiating at WCF shows and had done so since 2012.

### **7A World Shows**

#### **7A.1. General**

*Nothing to report.*

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

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

### **8. Commission Matters.**

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

*Nothing to report*

#### **8.2 Seminars**

The JSC secretary sent the 2021 GA Judges Seminar agenda, which was uploaded on the website.

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

- a. Mr. Gerardo Fraga y Guzman, member of the JSC, informed the Board that he could not attend the 2021 GA.
- b. Mrs. Lena Vencliková, International BG B, categories 2, 3 and 4 Judge from Czechia, suggested implementing some changes to the training requirements of BG A and D student judges. The Board decided to forward these suggestions to the JSC for their recommendation.
- c. There are still outstanding issues with regard to the implementation of the JSC proposal regarding blue eyes and odd eyes in bicolour EXO/PER/BLH/BSH, as accepted by the 2018 GA. Also, the update of the odd-eyed colour description to include the green/blue eye combination needs to be addressed. The JSC to be reminded on these matters.

#### **8.4 Show Commission**

Mrs. Gøran Vinje (NO), member of the SC, informed the Board that she could not attend the 2021 GA.

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

- a. The BRC sent their recommendation with regard to the question of NRR (NO) to be permitted to re-issue the pedigree of a NEM a 09 21, imported from Poland, which was shown in class 13b, and judged to be NEM as 09 21. The Board decided to ask the BRC for a clarification of their recommendation.
- b. Mrs. Cecilia Wennergren, member of the BRC, could not attend the 2021 GA.

##### **8.5.1 Breeding & Registration Statistics 2020**

The BRC will inform the 2021 GA on these statistics.

## **8.6 Health & Welfare Commission**

- a. SVERAK (SE) sent a question about appendix II of the BRR regarding patellar luxation and suggested an alternative way to find patellar luxation in cats. The Board decided to send this matter to the HWC for a recommendation and also allowed the HWC to contact SVERAK directly in case it was needed.
- b. Mr. Martin Urban (CZ), member of the HWC, informed the Board that he could not attend the 2021 GA.

## **8.7 Disciplinary Commission**

- a. Mrs. Paula van de Wijngaart (NL), chairman of the DC, informed the Board that she could not attend the 2021 GA.
- b. Mrs. Anne Paloluoma (FI), member of the DC, informed the Board that she could not attend the 2021 GA.

## **9. Judges' Matters**

- a. Mrs. Ksenia Karpinska, categories 3 and 4 Judge from Sweden, informed the GS that she had changed her membership from FPL to SVERAK. The Judges Lists were amended.
- b. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen, All Breed Judge from Finland, informed the GS that the non-FIFe (CFA) show, for which she had permission to judge at on the 25.09.2021 in Tel-Aviv was cancelled due to the worsened COVID situation in Israel.
- c. Mrs. Anne Veland, All Breed Judge from Norway, changed her membership from KKÖ (AT) to Jærkatten, one of the clubs belonging to NRR (NO). KKÖ had no objections. The membership change was reflected in the Judges lists. However, NRR required more information and Jærkatten asked NRR of which nature these were. Since Mrs. Veland was invited to judge at shows, she asked the Board for an exception with regard to article 1.7 of the Judges Rules until the issue to join a NRR club was settled. This exception was granted. Soon after, NRR informed that the membership change is in order and apologised that this matter was not solved as soon as the problem did arise.
- d. Several International Judges asked the Board for advice. They were contacted by various clubs belonging to Suomen Kissaliitto (FI). These clubs had invited them to judge at their shows, which invitation they had accepted. Now they were requested by the clubs to provide very sensitive private information. The Board understood their predicament and had the opinion that such conditions need to be communicated by the clubs at the moment of invitation, so the judge can decide whether to accept or decline the invitation. The Board also understands that already invited judges are not willing to share certain private information and therefore cancel their participation as a judge. SK was asked for a clarification. The answer sent was considered not satisfactory, as no solution to the issue was shown. Since FIFe grants show dates to its Members, it should be clear that Members always remain responsible towards FIFe for the shows organised by their clubs, and this includes the way clubs act and communicate towards judges.

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

### **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:**

Mrs. Annukka Rintakumpu (FI) in category 1, at the show in Kuopio (FI) on the 25.09.2021 in English with Mrs. Marina Vinkel (EE) and Mrs. Kristiina Rautio (FI).

## **9.4 Judges Appointments – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> categories**

After passing the required stage at the show in Warsaw (PL) on 11.09.2021, Mrs. Małgorzata Prus (PL) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 2.

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

## **9.6 Mentor Judge applications**

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

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

*For the above items there was nothing to report*

## **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 two sessions in 2022: on Friday 14.01.2022 in Vienna (AT) and on Friday 27.05.2022 in Plzeň (CZ).

## **11. Cattery Name Business**

Mundikat (NL) informed the GS that one of their individual members was expelled for not observing and respecting various FIFe rules. With reference to article 5.2.6 of the BRR they requested for the deletion of her cattery name, which was done.

## **12. General Assemblies**

The proposals on the 2021 GA agenda were discussed and the preparations for the meeting were finalised.

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

*For the above item there was nothing to report*

## **14. World Cat Congress**

A letter from the WCC Secretary was received informing the WCC members that no meeting will be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that she hoped to meet next year again.

## **15. FIFe Breed Councils**

- a. The BCA sent the GS a request from the LYO non BC Secretary, Mr. Maximiliano Spanholi, who wished to get direct contact with the JSC to work on the standard. This direct contact was established.
- b. The BCA informed the GS that Mrs. Mary Hellman, the BOM non BC Secretary had resigned. Mr. Bernd Pollesche would be the new BC Secretary. In order to make this official, the Board decided to grant a retroactive exception to BC rule 2, the last paragraph, to Mr. Pollesche's membership of a BC of a breed not fully recognised.

## **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**

*For the above item there was nothing to report*

## **18. Any Other Business**

*Nothing to report*

## **19. Next Board meetings**

- Saturday 13.11.2021 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 15.01.2022 Vienna (AT)
- Saturday 26.03.2022 Vienna (AT)
- Tuesday 24.05.2022 Plzeň (CZ)

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

The meeting closed at 16.00 hours.

Annette Sjödin – President

Charles Spijker – Vice-Secretary