



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 04/24

24th August – Vienna, Austria

Present

Mrs. Annette Sjödin	-	President	Mr. Jürg Keller-Friškovec	-	Treasurer
Mr. Eric Reijers	-	General-Secretary	Mr. Karl Preiss	-	Vice-Treasurer
Mr. Charles Spijker	-	Vice-Secretary			

Abbreviations used

- BCA – Breed Council Administrator
- BRC – Breeding & Reg. Commission
- BRR – Breeding & Registration Rules
- DC – Disciplinary Commission
- FIFeF – FIFe Feline Fund
- GA - General Assembly
- GS – General-Secretary
- HWC – Health & Welfare Commission
- JSC – Judges & Standard Commission
- JR – Judges Rules
- PRC – Public Relations Commission
- SC – Show Commission
- SR – Show Rules
- SCA – Show Calendar Administrator
- VCM – Video Conference Meeting
- WCC – World Cat Congress

1. Opening of the Meeting

The President opened the meeting at 09.15. The Vice-President, Mr. Veikko Saarela, could not attend.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of previous Minutes

The Minutes 03/24 had been approved and were sent to the Members on 05.06.2024.

4. Matters arising from or omitted in previous Minutes

Nothing to report

5. Financial

It had been agreed in Parndorf that Mr. Leopold van de Haterd would continue to take care of the financial matters until the end of August. As of the 1st of September the new Treasurer with the Vice-Treasurer would take over, by jointly signing transfers. This was needed because the changes, which the registration of FIFe and the Luxemburg bank required, took a lot of time. The addition of Mr. Juerg Keller-Friškovec and the deletion of Mr. Leopold van de Haterd was a challenging experience but finally the new registration was successful.

The changes needed to access the bank account were still ongoing and equally challenging.

5.1 Members´ and Patronage Members´ Payments

Mr. Leopold van de Haterd sent several financial matters, also a list of outstanding payments.

5.2 FIFe Feline Fund – FIFeFu

After the GA, generous contributions to the FIFeFu were made by 1.DEKZV e.V. (DE), Mundikat (NL), , KKÖ (AT), FBe (BE). The total amount in the fund was now 19.427,18 €. The Board thanked these Members for their donations.

5.3 Judges Exams

Two new judges' exam applications were received.

5.4 Other Financial Matters

- a. The Board discussed the work involved in the administrative tasks needed for the running of the federation done by board members. This was not a matter of a few hours per week. It was decided that a compensation would be justified.
- b. Mr. Leopold van de Haterd kindly offered to send the FIFe show rosettes for 2025 to the Members. The Board decided to stop the service of selling title rosettes to the Members, effective immediately. Only 5-6 Members used this service and everyone could order them online at the producers website. The GS would contact this company informing them who the FIFe Members were.
- c. The GS would ask the controllers to check the accounts until the end of August done by Mr. van de Haterd. Next year, they should check the accounts done by the new Treasurer from the 01.09.2024 up to and including 31.12.2024.

6. Members' Matters

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
 - * FFB (BR) – new address and new secretary
 - * NRR (NO) – new secretary
- b. CFCA (LV) informed the GS that their official registered name had changed to “Cat Fanciers & Clubs Association Latvija (CFCA)” and sent a new logo. The Members lists were amended.
- c. FRU (RU) sent their new logo, which was inserted on the website.
- d. FPL (PL), stated that questions were raised by FIFe clubs how to interpret the accepted FPL proposal regarding separate nominations and BIS for classes 11/12 in males and females. FPL sent their stance and suggested, if deemed necessary by the Board, to issue this stance. The Board discussed this matter and answered that they agreed FPL's opinion of the intention of their proposal, which would be implemented in the 2025 show rules as it stood. The Board saw no need to issue a statement at this stage because the proposal as it stood, was very clear.
- e. EKL-Felix (EE) sent a question about a litter registration. Out of two non-silver parents, 3 kittens were born, two of which were silver. They asked to send this matter to the BRC and HWC. The GS replied there was no reason to involve the HWC because this did not concern the health of the cats, only their registration. The Board decided to establish a direct contact between EKL-Felix and the FIFe BRC regarding this registration query. The GS added that this could surely be done by pheno- genotype registration (see item 8.5.a).
- f. FRU (RU) filed an official complaint against Mr. Adrian Dragota and Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene as FIFe elected officials. Both were representatives of FIFe and should conduct themselves as such. FRU stated that everyone had the right to express their opinions, but this ought to be done as correctly as possible, in the right place and at the proper time. FRU stated that these two people showed no respect for FIFe Members, Board and GA by contesting its decisions and by tabling irrelevant matters. They asked the Board for an assessment.

The Board discussed this matter by email and decided not to pursue this matter any further. The GS answered FRU that delegates were entitled to question the legitimacy of Members sitting at the GA table. Moreover, Mr. Dragota sat there as delegate of the Romanian Member and held the proxy for the Ukrainian Member. He was not speaking as a member of the DC. The matters raised by him were answered by the Board and FRU remained at the table and voted, so this issue was closed. Mrs. Gustaitiene participated as delegate of the Lithuanian Member, not as a HWC member. When she took the floor, the President stopped her immediately, so again, situation solved and closed. The GS ended by stating that it was the Board's duty to tackle such situations during a GA without involvement and both incidents were handled and closed and later, the Board was discharged of responsibility. In the light of this, the Board did not consider further actions to be necessary or beneficial.
- g. FFH (CH) sent an email stating they received a Russian WCF pedigree to be imported into their pedigree book. Genetically it was impossible for the female in question, to be MCO ns 22 since the sire red smoke. She would have to be fs 22. A paternity test was not possible and a corrected pedigree was not available. FFH asked that since the line of the sire was obviously incorrect, if they could omit this line, with reference to § 4.5 of the BRR and if they could issue a RIEX pedigree. The Board discussed this request by email and suggested that before the BRC would be involved, the owner should perform a genetic colour test on the female MCO ns 22 if

that was truly her colour. Maybe she was genetically a very low grade tortie. If this test proved she was not tortie, FFH should resend this matter.

- h. FM (MD) sent an official complaint against the chairmen of FAF-FR (RO), Bubaste (LT) and UFU (UA). They had, allegedly, recommended FM members to change their Board, so as not to have a Russian chairman because FM took a neutral position and did not publicly show support for Ukraine. FM considered this to be a manifestation of xenophobia and interference in the work of an independent FIFe member. FM also complained that FAF-FR had now planned a show on the same date as a show in Moldova in March 2025, so FM members would not be able to exhibit in Bucharest, and FAF-FR members would not be able to exhibit in Chisinau and it would be difficult for FM to hold an exhibition without participation of Romanian exhibitors. FM believed that such actions were unacceptable and would split and weaken the organization. They asked the Board to take action. The Board discussed this matter and whilst it understood that FM was upset, the people concerned had not acted or spoken as FIFe functionaries but as private persons. As such, they had freedom of speech just as everyone. The fact that two shows would take place on the same date could easily be remedied; March 2025 was still 8 months away and another date could surely be found. The GS answered FM accordingly.
- i. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) received a WCF pedigree of a THA b, which had golden and silver ancestors in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations. They stated that according to BRR, § 6.27, cats of these colours had to be registered as XSH *<THA>. The Board discussed this question by email and did not see the necessity to involve the BRC. The imported cat, the actual cat, was THA b and thus a recognised colour. This cat should be registered in Riex, because of his ancestors with colours, which were not allowed. When this cat would be used in breeding and ČSCH-SCHK should issue pedigrees, they should register the golden and silver (and any other colour listed in BRR 6.27) as XSH*<THA> , as suggested. THA x was not an option because x varieties were not listed for THA in the EMS list.
- j. Mundikat (NL) asked for help. One of their members wanted to exhibit her silver JBS at a show in Denmark but the show organiser answered that the GA minutes had not been issued yet and no announcement had been made about this matter so they could only follow existing rules. The GS sent Mundikat the text that would be minuted in the 2024 GA minutes stating that in JBS only silver/golden chinchilla and shaded (11+12), ticked (25) and pointed (31,32,33) varieties were not allowed. This did not include silver tabbies and smokes.

7. Show matters:

7.1 General

- a. 1.DEKZV e.V. (DE) asked for the show in Karlsruhe on 28+/29.09.2024 permission to allow exhibitors from independent clubs participating in all show classes. This was their most important show of the year held together with a large dog show. The show management expected more than 200 cats, which they were unable to bring last year, Then it was indicated that an IDP club could guarantee over 300 cats per day. For DEKZV it would be a catastrophe to hand over this event to an IDP club. The Board discussed this matter and since the proposal to allow non-FIFe cats in all show classes was carried at the 2024 GA, this request was granted.
- b. FFM (MX) enquired if they could invite a LOOF judge to officiate at one of their shows. The judge they wished to invite was qualified for RAG, SBI, MCO, NFO and SIB. For FFM this was sufficient because only these three category 2 breeds would be present at their shows. The GS answered that this was allowed but FFM should be aware that even if this judge could judge these breeds, she could only vote in the category 1 BIS panel, if here were no EXO/PER present and that she could only vote in the category 2 BIS panel if there were no other breeds present besides MCO, NFO and SIB.
FFM had a second request; they asked an exception to article 6.2.f of the SR. At their show in Querétaro, on the 21.09.2024. Besides this LOOF judge only 2 more FIFe judges would officiate, so they would not respect the rule that 75% of officiating judges must be FIFe judges, but this percentage would now be 66%. The Board agreed to grant this exception.
- c. FRU (RU) asked permission to hold shows on the weekend of the World Show in Vladivostok (RU), about 11.000 kms away from Norway. The GS asked NRR for their opinion and they orally agreed to this at the 2024 GA. Then in July, NRR contacted the GS asking why there was now a show in Pushkin (RU), close to St. Petersburg (RU) on the show calendar. The GS asked FRU and they replied their main sponsor decided to have a multisystem show on the dates of 03+04.11.2024, so on the Sunday of the World Show. The GS sent this to NRR and they did not agree and expressed why they had not been asked first. The GS informed FRU and they replied to change to a 1-day 2-certificate show only on Monday 04.11.2024, which was agreed.

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

ÖVEK (AT) – shows in Tulln, 08+09.06.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

- a. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) to have Mr. Steven Corneille, TICA All Breed Judge from France, officiating at the shows in Hradec Králové, on the 05+06.10.2024.
- b. FFM (MX) to have Mrs. Celine Soucasse, LOOF judge for RAG, SBI, MCO, NFO and SIB from France, officiating at the show in Queretaro, on the 21.09.2024

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

Nothing to report

7A World Shows

7A.1. General

As decided already many years ago, all FIFe Board members would be present at the Worldshow.

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 2024 - Sandefjord - NRR (NO) | • 2030 - tba - SFDH (HR) |
| • 2025 - Bucharest - FAF-FR (RO) | • 2031 - tba - FD (DK) |
| • 2026 - Amsterdam - Mundikat (NL) | • 2032 - tba - KKÖ (AT) |
| • 2027 - Prague - ČSCH (CZ) | • 2033 - tba - Suomen K. (FI) |
| • 2028 - tba - FPL (PL) | • 2034 - tba |
| • 2029 - tba - SVERAK (SE) | • 2035 - tba - FFH (CH) |

8. Commission Matters

General

8.1 Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System and forms

The GS would contact all judges and Members asking if they wanted to receive the standards and rules in a printed or an electronic format.

8.2 Seminars

- a. FPL (PL) informed the GS that the planned lecture on SNO, for the judges seminar in July in Gdansk could not take place. The SNO breeder in question closed his cattery and gave his cats away because of personal reasons. FPL was unable to get any other SNO since they were simply not present in Poland. So they had to decide to replace this lecture with a lecture on RUS. They had a wide selection of catteries in the Tri-city area which was an opportunity to show the participants a lot of RUS and give a comparison of different looks of this breed. FPL hoped that the Board and the JSC would approve this change of the agenda. The GS pointed out that article 2.2.2a of the JR stated, the JSC needed to approve the agenda so he copied the JSC in as recipient of his answer and asked them to contact FPL by sending their opinion on this amended agenda. The GS pointed out one other matter. The same article in the JR also stated that: *“In case when initially expected breeds are not present at a Seminar, the organising FIFe Member must inform the enrolled Student Judges as soon as possible.”* So he urged FPL to contact the student judges who planned to attend the seminar to inform them there would be no SNO but instead a lecture on RUS. The JSC approved the amended agenda, which was published. After the seminar, FPL sent the list of participants. A total of 21 people participated, 15 judges, 4 student judges and 2 guests.
- b. The JSC chairman asked the Board’s approval for the organisation of a Compulsory Student Judge Seminar. This would be an online seminar split in 3 sessions, on Wednesday evening the 2nd, 9th and 16th of October. Participation at all 3 sessions was obligatory to obtain a certificate of attendance. They would send the agenda so it could be published on the website. The Board discussed this request and agreed

8.3 Judges and Standards Commission

- a. The JSC chairman sent the updated Judges Rules in the three languages. The Board thanked the JSC for their work.
- b. The Board discussed the difficulty for student judges to see SNO, so the GS wrote to JSC suggesting adding the SNO to the list of rare breeds. If the JSC agreed, it could be added in the list to be included in the 2025 issue of the rules. The JSC was not in favour. They thought putting SNO on this list would also mean to put KBS and GRX on this list and this list would then be too long. The GS would word a reply.
- c. The JSC secretary sent the minutes of their VCM held on 19.06.2024.

8.4 Show Commission

The GS would ask the SC about the class “Out of Competition”. Even if this was not an official FIFe show class, the way cats were shown in this class were very different from Member to Member.

8.5 Breeding & Registration Commission

a. The GS forwarded the question of EKL-Felix (see item 6.1.e) to the BRC and a direct contact was established between EKL-Felix and the BRC to solve this matter. The BRC sent their recommendation, which the Board fully supported and this was in the fact the only way to register these silver kittens from non-silver parents correctly. The sire of the litter, MCO d 09 22, had a silver father (MCO as 03) and a whole silver line of ancestors. The female tested to be non-silver, but the test for silver, was not 100% reliable, yet. What was proven by the progeny of these cats was that one of the parents had to be silver. In this case the BRR provided a solution in article 5.1.1 to note for the sire, the most likely candidate to be silver, the genotype, in this case MCO ds 09 22 and the phenotype, in this case MCO d 09 22. The GS also stated that the Board understood that this option had already been suggested to EKL-Felix in the FB group last March but he trusted that now this matter was settled. Finally, he pointed out that communication between Members and commissions should always be correct and respectful, from all sides and to all sides.

b. The BRC sent an email and document called “The way forward for Corin”. The BRC wanted to start working on the Preliminary Recognition of Corin. To this end they needed some permissions from the board. Firstly, the BRC asked the following 3 permissions:

- If the Board agreed to grant permission to use "u" as the general EMS-code for all Corin varieties. The Board agreed.
- To be allowed direct contact with the BCs SIB, NEM, KBL/KBS, BLH/BSH.
- Permission for the SIB/NEM/KBL/KBS BCs to directly contact the HWC and JSC.

Regarding the former 2 questions, the board referred to BRR 11.2.1 where these contacts are already granted. The BRC also asked for other permissions regarding a ‘way forward for Corin’, such as a shorter recognition process as described in BRR articles 11.2.3 and 11.2.4. The Board evaluated this and discussed it at length. Since the whole process would be a collaboration between the Breed Councils, the BRC, JSC and HWC the board felt that common ground, supported by all involved had not yet been fully achieved. Because the recognition process for new varieties, which should be judged together with recognized varieties was not yet described in the rules, also the SC was required to participate.

The board would inform all parties involved about the next steps. The GS informed the BRC.

c. The Board discussed the discrepancy between the accepted proposal from the BRC regarding cats with the indication “(EMS-code of originating breed)”, which could not be used for breeding without permission from the FIFe Member, article 6.1.3 with the last paragraph of BRR article 6.14 MCO, stating these cats could not be bred. Did the new rule supersede this MCO rule? Was this rule now automatically invalid? The GS asked the BRC for their opinion.

8.6 Health & Welfare Commission

a. The chairman of the HWC informed the Board there had been some interesting discussions with Kornilia Zafeiropoulou, who presented a lecture at the GA regarding current and future EU regulations, in which FIFe could play a role.

b. The chairman of the HWC asked the GS for help. They would like to get the health-related paperwork sent for the recognition of DSP and PEB in 2011-2012. They understood that going back 10+ years was not an easy task, but hoped the GS could help them. The GS sent them all information he had on the full recognition of DSP and PEB.

c. The chairman of the HWC asked for breed statistics for the MAN and CYM from the past 10 or 5 years including the yearly grand total of registered MAN and CYM as well as a breakdown by Member, and, if available, information regarding the EMS codes (varieties) of tail types. The GS answered that FIFe did not have statistics for the last 10 years; as the HWC surely knew, FIFe never registered cats but the national Members did. FIFe has statistics for the years 2019 until 2023. He explained that Members were not asked for varieties. He also stated that he could not provide a breakdown by Member country. When the proposal was discussed, it was explicitly promised that only the total numbers would be published and no details about the Members who registered how many breeds and which breeds. Finally, he informed the HWC that the statistics of these 5 years, were available on the FIFe website.

d. The chairman of the HWC sent an email also on behalf of the PRC, asking the Board permission to explore sponsorship opportunities for upcoming health and welfare activities.

Sponsorship would allow funding the FIFeFu externally. They would prioritize sponsors aligned with our values, not seeking endorsements. However, in order to move forward with developing a sponsorship strategy and engaging potential sponsors, they asked official authorization from the Board so they requested the Board to consider the possibility of allowing the HWC and PRC to explore sponsorship opportunities. The Board discussed this request and was delighted that the HWC and PRC would explore sponsorship opportunities. However, contracts between FIFe and sponsors had to be finalised by the Board.

- e. The chairman of the HWC asked, also on behalf of the PRC, permission to directly contact the Members for a brief on-line survey. This survey aimed to gather input for a proposal to the 2025 GA on funding of the FIFeFu with a certain amount for each issued pedigree. The Board discussed this request and granted permission.
- f. The chairman of the HWC sent an email stating that they were participating in a WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association) discussion group headed by Prof. Leslie Lyons. They asked the Board permission to contact the WCC in order to create an official WCC working group on "extreme conformation". The Board agreed and told the HWC to go ahead.
- g. Considering the number of emails sent by the HWC, the GS requested them to note these matters in their minutes and send these to him, referring to article 6.2 of the General Rules.

8.7 Disciplinary Commission

Nothing to report

8.8 Public Relations Commission

- a. The PRC elected a new chairman, Mrs. Adéla Justová.
- b. The chairman of the PRC sent minutes of their meeting held the 01.06.2024.

9. Judges' Matters

9.1 General

- a. Mr. Luigi Comorio, International Allbreed judge from Italy, asked the GS to remove the indication as a mentor judge in all 4 categories from the judges lists.
- b. Mrs. Linda Sviksa, International category 1 & 2 judge from Latvia changed her membership from CFCA (LV) to a club of SK (FI). The judges lists were amended.
- c. The GS received an application for an exam in BGA from FD (DK) for their student judge, Mrs. Lene Glem Fjeldsted. Since this application was incomplete and information was missing the application was returned.

9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam

- a. Mr. Marco Scaglia (IT) to sit the exam in category 1, in Piazzola sul Brenta (IT) on the 05.10.2024 in English with Mr. Luigi Comorio and Mr. Cristiano Federico Sandon (both IT).
- b. Mrs. Carla Rotini (IT) to sit the exam in category 3, in Prague (CZ) on the 28.09.2024 in English with Mrs. Lena Venclíková (CZ) and Mrs. Katia Pocci (IT).

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:

Mr. Alessio Schiavon (IT) passed the category 2 exam in Fåberg (NO) on the 27.07.2024 in English with Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) and Mr. Cristiano Federico Sandon (IT).

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st category

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

For the above items there was nothing to report

9.6 Mentor Judge application

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

- Mrs. Laura Scholten (NL) – categories 1 and 2.

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

- a. Mr. Aliosha Romero (IS) – GCCF show in Bracknell (GB), 14.12.2024
- b. Mrs. Anne Veland (NO) – IDP shows in Stuttgart (DE), 22, 23+24.11.2024
- c. Mr. Jaroslav Pánek (CZ) – IDP shows in Stuttgart (DE), 22, 23+24.11.2024
- d. Mrs. Caroline Stoa (NO) – IDP show in Chengdu (CN), 31.08.2024
- e. Mrs. Janet Green (GB) – GCCF show in Coventry (GB), 26.07.2025

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

Mrs. Anna Wilczek, International All Breed judge from Poland, send an email asking for permission To judge at an IDP show on 15+16.03.2025 in Budapest (HU). She had not contacted Felis Hungarica for permission nor had she checked the show calendar (a FIFe show was scheduled less than 200 kms away) so permission was denied.

10. Student Judges´ matters

10.1 General

- a. FFF (FR) informed the GS that their pupil in category 2, Mrs. Virginie Jost, decided to resign as a student judge. Her name was removed from the student judges list.
- b. KKÖ (AT) informed the GS that their student judge, Eva Katharina Novak, changed her surname to Benda, so Eva Katharina Benda. The lists were amended.

10.2 Request for a preliminary student judges´ examination:

CPF (PT) for their member Mr. Amaro Oliveira in category 2 on 30.09.2024 in Lisbon (PT) with Mr. João Noronha Carvalho da Silva and Mr. José Carlos Gomes (both PT).

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

FPL (PL) that Mr. Jaroslaw Storoniak passed the preliminary student judges´ exam in category 4 on the 30.06.2024 in Białystok. Mr. Sebastian Pruchniak would be his mentor.

10.4 Notification of new student judges in an additional category or breed group:

- a. FPL (PL) to include Mr. Marcin Biernaczyk as a student judge in category 1.
- b. SVERAK (SE) to include Mr. Zvezdan Memedov as a student judge in category 3.

11. Cattery Name Business

- a. The chairman of FD (DK) expressed concern regarding the new way of handling cattery name requests. She wondered how to tell them apart in case people had the same name. The GS answered and explained that each record (cattery name) was unambiguously identified by the cattery name itself and the name of the owner, which precluded any ambiguity.
- b. CFCA (LV) informed the GS that due to multiple violations of the rules, as well as parallel breeding in different organizations they had expelled one of their members and asked to delete this person´s cattery name from the FIFe BCN. CFCA was requested to send all requests regarding cattery names to the dedicated email address: cattery@fifeweb.org.
- c. CPF (PT) asked, referring to the accepted proposal of FBe to enable changing a cattery name, what the fee would be and if this was only possible from 01.01.2025. The Board discussed this question. The GS answered CPF that the regular fee for a cattery name would be invoiced and yes, this was valid as of 01.01.2025.
- d. NRR (NO) requested to change the cattery name for one of their members. This person had not yet had any kittens and no cats were registered on the old name. The Board agreed and the GS informed NRR a full fee had to be paid to register this new name.

12. General Assemblies

The Board discussed the venue for the 2025 GA and decided it would be in Parndorf, Austria again. The hotel and meeting rooms were available and this year all was in good order.

13. The FIFe website and social media

- a. On the news page of the website it was listed that the accepted a proposal at the 2024 GA, harmonising the rules and exceptions regarding obtaining the titles International Champion and International Premior, with reference to SR § 4.3 and Annexes 2 and 3. These new rules were effective as of 01.07.2024. Until the publication of the 2025 version of the Show Rules, they were available in a separate document in the section Rules & Forms.
- b. The unanimously accepted joint proposal of the Board and all 6 Commissions at the GA 2024 introducing a Code of Ethics for Exhibitors in the Show Rules was also published on the website; this had been accepted with immediate effect. Until the publication of the 2025 version of the Show Rules, the Code of Ethics for Exhibitors was available as a separate document in the section Rules & Forms.
- c. The Vice-Secretary and Vice-Treasurer had a VCM with the PRC and HWC in June, on feline health information on the website. The purpose, goal and publication of the dedicated bank

number of the FIFeFu on the website was a short term priority. The HWC and PRC delivered this FIFeFu information, which was published. They were also tasked with providing contents on the health related pages, but nothing was received until now.

- d. The Vice-Secretary asked the PRC to provide default photographs to adorn the website News Items. No photographs nor contents were received, only unsolicited recommendations.

14. World Cat Congress

The 2025 WCC would be held in Hong Kong, organised by CFA. No further details were available.

15. FIFe Breed Councils

- a. The BCA informed the GS that there would be a new OCI BC and the suggested secretary would be Mr. Hans Boskär (SE) who was appointed by the Board until the next elections.
- b. The BCA asked permission for the BLH/BSH BC Secretary, for direct contact with the BRC, HWC and JSC on Dominant Blue Eyes (DBE) restriction, the colour “copper”, golden in the colours b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/ in agouti and with white and some standard change in coat. She also asked permission to use the preliminary EMS code “u” to start the CORIN variety recognition process. The GS sent permission for direct contact with these commissions.

16. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

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

17. Membership change

- a. In line with article 2.5.b.4 of the GR, CPF (PT) asked the Board to consider their request to accept 3 Spanish individual members. ASFE (ES) still had not confirmed to agree. The GS asked ASFE for their side of the story and was informed that one member needed to pay an outstanding fine and then she could change. The other 2 members, both former ASFE Board members, were the subject of a serious disciplinary procedure. This matter had resulted in considerable financial damage the blocking of the ASFE bank account and problems with the tax authorities. The Board discussed this matter and concluded that their hands were tied. Article 2.5 of the GR was applicable to all members. The GS sent this answer to CPF, in copy to ASFE and hoped that ASFE would be able to expediate these disciplinary procedures.
- b. ASFE (ES) wondered if they should have been informed or asked about an individual, moving membership who lived in Spain. ASFE had previously agreed to this individual changing membership to another FIFe Member. The GS explained that article 2.5 of the General Rules was clear and mentioned only the current and the new Member, not the Member of the country an individual lived in. ASFE also wondered if it was possible to bring a case concerning an individual FIFe member to the FIFe Disciplinary Commission. The GS answered this was not possible and needed to be solved within the framework of national legislation. Article 8.2 of the FIFe Statutes clearly stated that disciplinary measures could be imposed on a Member of FIFe (a national Member, like ASFE), an individual elected by FIFe or a FIFe Judge

18. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

19. Next Board meetings

- 23.11.2024 Vienna (AT)
- 14+16.01.2025 from 18.00 to 21.00, VCM. If needed 21.01.2025
- 05.04.2025, Vienna (AT)
- 27.05.2025, Parndorf (AT) in connection with the GA
- 19+21.08.2025 from 18.00 to 21.00, VCM. If needed 26.08.2025
- 22.11.2025, Vienna (AT)

20. Close of the Meeting

The meeting closed at XXXX hours

Annette Sjödin - President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary