



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 05/24

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Vienna, Austria

### Present

Mrs. Annette Sjödin	-	President	Mr. Veikko Saarela	-	Vice-President
Mr. Karl Preiss	-	Vice-Treasurer	Mr. Jürg Keller-Friškovec	-	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 General Secretary, Eric Reijers, could not attend, but sent a draft agenda on the Wednesday preceding the meeting.

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

The Vice Secretary added several items to the agenda. The Board approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

The Minutes 04/24 had been approved and were sent to the Members on 05.09.2024.

### **4. Matters arising from or omitted in previous Minutes**

*Nothing to report*

### **5. Financial**

- a. Due to the ongoing challenges with the Luxemburg bank account, the Board decided to open a new bank account in euro currency for FIFe in Switzerland. This process is in progress. The Treasurer will inform the Members on the new bank account number when it becomes available and the current bank accounts in Luxemburg will be closed. Independent of this process the Luxemburg bank informed us that, due to internal not further specified reasons, our accounts have to be closed.
- b. The Treasurer will send information to the Members on the possibility to purchase title rosettes in two annual orders.
- c. On proposal of the Treasurer, the Board decided that expenses from Board members or from the FIFe functionaries, need to be signed by a (second) Board member for approval of payment.
- d. As from 05.09.2024, the Treasurer had access to the Luxemburg bank accounts and he fully took over the accounting from Mr. Leopold van de Haterd.
- e. The Treasurer has evaluated and set up new accounting software, which was presented in the meeting. This new programme allows to produce several financial reports at any time.

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

The Treasurer expressed his concern on some long term outstanding invoices, he would contact the concerning FIFe Members.

## **5.2 FIFe Feline Fund – FIFeFu**

The total amount in the fund was now € 20.428,15. The GS to ask the HWC to define research grants.

## **5.3 Other Financial Matters**

The checking of the accounts from 01.01.2024 until 04.09.2024 still needs to take place. This checking must be done the latest by January 31, 2025. The GS to inform the controllers.

## **6. Members' Matters**

### **6.1 Correspondence**

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.  
\* FPL (PL) – landline tel/fax number deleted
- b. LFA-Bubaste (LT) asked how to register silver MCO kittens from 2 non-silver parents. The GS referred Mrs. Gustaitiene to Board Minutes 04/20, items 6.1.e and 8.5.a, where exactly the same problem was dealt with and settled.
- c. FFB (BR) asked for an exception to be allowed organising two show weekends in the year 2026 where the cats could obtain 3 certificates during one weekend. The Board decided to request the SC for a recommendation (see item 8.5.a).
- d. ICA (ID) asked for advise on a show matter regarding disqualifying faults. The GS answered that cats with a disqualifying fault should not be used in breeding.
- e. Suomen Kissaliitto (FI) asked for an exception, on behalf of one of their member clubs, for additional nominations in their Breed BIS for Russian Blue cats on 28.09.2024. The Board decided to ask the SC for a recommendation (see item 8.5.b).
- f. Mundikat (NL) asked for guidance on a breeding & registration matter. One of their members wanted to show a kitten in control class (13b) at the show on 12.10.2024. This kitten was a 1<sup>st</sup> generation cross breed BUR x THA according to an agreed and approved breeding plan from Felikat. It was only meant for breeding BUR. Mundikat understood the reasons for this breeding programme; two kittens from the same litter were shown during at a Felikat show on 14.09.2024 and re-registered as Burmese. Mundikat wanted to offer their member the same service but had some queries that they asked the Board to answer. The Board decided to ask the BRC for a recommendation (see item 8.6.b).
- g. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) asked for an official answer about the registration of a non-FIFe, imported blue-pointed THA and they attached the pedigree. In the fourth generation, the great-grandparents of the sire were unknown, and also the great-great grandparents were unknown. The Board discussed this matter by studying the pedigree and article 6.27 of the BRR and decided that this cat could normally be registered in the RIEX register.
- h. FAF-FR (RO) informed they were disappointed with the complaint from Felis Moldova as mentioned in Board meeting minutes 04/24, item 6.1.h. As to the matter of shows in Romania and Moldova during the same weekend in March 2025, FAF-FR decided to reschedule their spring show to 11-12 May.

## **7. Show matters**

### **7.1 General**

- a. Felikat (NL) requested permission for a special show, which would put the kittens and juniors in the limelight. On their show in Schiedam, on the 14+15.09.2024, they wanted to offer all kittens and juniors a second official judging and subsequently their own Best in Show. On Saturday this would be for class 12 and on Sunday for class 11 so no cat would gain more than 3 certificates during the weekend. The Board discussed this request by email and agreed that Felikat could organise a separate show for kittens (class 12) on Saturday 14.09.2024 and for juniors (class 11) on Sunday 15.09.2024 combined with their regular 2-day, 2-certificates International Shows. This extra show should be entered on the FIFe show calendar as an additional national show on 14+15.09.2024, 2-days, 1-cert., with the remark that the show is only for kittens (class 12) on Saturday and only for juniors (class 11) on Sunday. This meant that next to the regular international show fees of 2x € 180, Felikat should also pay the show fee for a national show.
- b. Felikat (NL) asked if they were correct in refusing an IDP exhibitor's cat in class 7 at their show in September. They needed a clarification because this cat had been accepted and received a CACIB at a Mundikat show the week before. The GS confirmed they were correct.

- c. The GS contacted Mundikat (NL) asking if it was correct that they accepted an IDP exhibitor's cat in class 7 at their show in September. Mundikat answered this was correct and that they had put additional manual checks in place to prevent this from happening again. The GS answered, stating that the Board realised that mistakes could and would happen whilst organising shows, it was still the Board's duty to issue a warning to Mundikat for this transgression of the Show Rules.
- d. FAF-FR (RO) asked if they could accept the entry of a LYO, a preliminary recognised breed, at the upcoming BSW show, in the class "out of competition". The Board agreed that this was ok.
- e. NRR (NO) asked if they could accept entries of LYO, a preliminary recognised breed, at the upcoming World Show, in the class "out of competition". The Board agreed here too.
- f. During the discussion on the previous two requests, the Board became aware that FIFe Members have different interpretations of "out of competition". Currently this class is not an official FIFe show class. The GS to ask the SC for a recommendation on a uniform show class for out of competition cats.
- g. Another suggestion raised during the above discussion was: to permit preliminary recognised breeds and varieties to compete at the World Show and Winner Shows in the same way as on any other international show (up to classes 7/8, BIV is possible, but no nominations). After all, it is important for breeders/exhibitors of these cats that they are also enabled to promote them at our special shows. The GS to ask the SC for a recommendation.
- h. UFU (UA) requested permission to hold 2-certificates 2-days international shows with less than 150 cats, without conducting best in shows in Odesa, on the 30.11+01.12.2024. The cats would be judged at fixed timeslots so as not to have too many people in the secured show place. The UFU members really missed having exhibitions and had few reasons to feel themselves happy but would be delighted to participate at shows even if these did not finish with a BIS panel. The Board agreed to this request and granted UFU the needed exceptions and permission to hold these 2-certificates 2-days international shows without conducting a BIS.
- i. SVERAK (SE) asked for clarification of SR articles 4.4 – 4.5 (GIC/GIP – SC/SP), as a result of the FFB (BR) proposal accepted by the GA 2024. The GS referred to a publication on the FIFe website, which shows in table format all possibilities how these titles could be obtained, valid as from 01.01.2025.

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

- a. FFH (CH) – shows in Sargans, 31.08+01.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- b. ÖVEK (AT) – shows in W. Neustadt, 07+08.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- c. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) – shows in K. Vary, 07+08.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- d. FFF (FR) – shows in Coulommiers, 14+15.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- e. FFH (CH) – shows in Cortaillod, 21+22.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- f. NRR (NO) – shows in Mo I Rana, 21+22.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- g. FFS (SK) – shows in Vinicné, 21+22.09.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- h. ASFE (ES) – shows in Avila, 05+06.10.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- i. ZFDS (SI) – shows in Celje, 12+13.10.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- j. FFS (SK) – shows in Banská Bystrica, 12+13.10.2024, as International with less than 150 cats
- k. FFF (FR) – shows in Gonfaron, 12+13.10.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- l. FFF (FR) – shows in Pomarez, 19+20.10.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- m. FFH (CH) – shows in Baar, 02+03.11.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- n. 1.DEKZV (DE) – shows in Gelnhausen, 09+10.11.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- o. ASFE (ES) – shows in Torre-Pacheco, 09+10.11.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

FFM (MX) to have Mrs. Celine Soucasse, LOOF judge for RAG, SBI, MCO, NFO and SIB from France, officiating at the show in Mexico City on the 23.11.2024.

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

*Nothing to report*

## **7.5 World Shows**

### **7.5.1 General**

CFCA (LV) sent a request to be included on the World Show list, which was done.

## **7.5.2 The complete World Show List (only the first 10 years are published on the website):**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 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 - Riga - CFCA          |
| • 2029 - tba - SVERAK (SE)         | • 2035 - tba - FFH (CH)       |
| • 2030 - tba - SFDH (HR)           |                               |

## **8. Commission Matters**

### **8.1 General**

The FIFe Board was informed that Mrs. Eva Minde from Norway, member of the FIFe Disciplinary Commission from 1992 – 2019, died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at the age of 77 years. An obituary was published on the FIFe website.

### **8.2 Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System and forms**

- a. After receiving the last feedback from the commissions on 28.10.2024, the Vice Secretary could finish the implementation of the necessary changes in the documents containing the 2025 Rules, Standards and EMS System. He thanks the commissions for their valuable comments and their confirmation.
- b. The GS would contact all Members and the FIFe functionaries who are not judges to ask if they wanted to receive the standards and rules in a printed or an electronic format. The printing company of the Rules & Standards would take care of postage of printed versions.

### **8.3 Seminars**

- a. The JSC sent their feedback on the online Compulsory Student Judges Seminar, which the commission organised on 02+09+16.10.2024: 7 student judges in their first category and 1 international judge participated, as well as all 6 JSC members as lecturers. The GS updated the seminar attendance for the judges.
- b. The chairmen of the HWC and JSC informed the Board of a meeting they had with the PER/EXO BC to discuss the current state of these breeds. Though all agreed that the FIFe PER/EXO standard, together with the list of faults, was quite comprehensive and addressed key areas of concern, such as nasal structure, skull anomalies and bone deformities. Still, it was felt that a proactive approach was necessary to ensure the survival of these breeds, which were currently under scrutiny. It was proposed to organise an online training session (webinar) for all judges. They asked the Board's approval to proceed with this initiative and once approved, a detailed agenda and schedule would be available and the webinar could take place as soon as possible. The Board fully approved this initiative.

### **8.4 Judges and Standards Commission**

*Nothing to report*

### **8.5 Show Commission**

- a. The SC was asked for a recommendation on the request made by FFB (BR) to organise 2 show weekends in the year 2026 where cats could obtain 3 certificates during one weekend (see item 6.1.c). The receipt of this recommendation is still pending.
- b. The SC answered on the request of SK (FI), dealing with the Breed BIS RUS on 28.09.2024 (see item 6.1.e). The SC did not reach a common opinion / recommendation, but expressed their concerns regarding the planned awarding of BIV. After this was clarified, the Board granted the exceptions asked for and noted that the existing BIV rules of separating/ combining classes must be observed at all times.

### **8.6 Breeding & Registration Commission**

- a. The BRC sent an answer to the question of the Board on a discrepancy in the rules (see Minutes 04/24, item 8.5.c). They answered that, in their opinion, the specific breed rules overruled the general rules in the BRR, so, the MCO rule in article 6.14 was still valid.
- b. The GS forwarded the question of Mundikat (see item 6.1.f) to the BRC and they sent their recommendation. The BRC stated that they had not had any contact with Felikat about their outcross programme and they assumed that Felikat acted in accordance with BRR article 9.1 for the initial (breeding) part of the programme. However, the decision to allow F1 kittens to be shown in the Control Class (class 13b) was not correct, because the first generation of a

cross-mating of BUR (genetic code cbc - Burmese restriction 31) and a THA (genetic code cscs - Siamese restriction 33) would result in all offspring having the genetic code of cbcs - Tonkinese colour restriction (32). It was not appropriate to show such kittens in the Control class and they could certainly not be re-registered as BUR. If this scenario was correct, then the BRC expressed that all incorrectly registered/re-registered kittens should have their registration corrected to XSH \* 32 <BUR> and that only the F2 onwards, after genetic testing to prove genetic basis cbc, could be presented in the Control class. The Board agreed with this recommendation. The GS informed Mundikat and instructed Felikat to correct the registrations of these kittens to XSH \* 32 <BUR> and asked for a copy of the new pedigrees. The GS also asked Felikat to send the written explanation provided to the judges who checked these cats in class 13b, in line with article 9.2.3.b of the BRR.

- c. The BRC asked if the letter “u”, denoting Corin, could be used for the registration and re-registration of cats genetically proven to be Corin. The Board agreed to start the use of this code for such genetically proven cats with immediate effect. It was noted that Corin is a non-recognised variety (“x”) with several registration restrictions regarding breeds and varieties. The GS to inform the BRC and the Members.
- d. The Board discussed the preparation of the preliminary recognition of Corin. The GS to ask the BRC, JSC, HWC and SC to present a joint detailed plan containing the steps to take, including answers how to deal with showing of preliminary recognised varieties in breeds judged in colour groups.

### **8.7 Health & Welfare Commission**

- a. The HWC asked the Vice Secretary to add a recommendation in BRR annex 1 to test for the dominant blue eye PAX3 gene in Maine Coons with blue eyes, based on the new studies that have been published. The annex was updated accordingly.
- b. The HWC announced they would work on a short article for the FIFe website to anticipate the fore mentioned recommended test for dominant blue eyes (DBE) and asked for advice on how to proceed. The Vice Secretary appreciated the suggestion to publish such article, but felt this should be done within the structure which the HWC / PRC promised to set up regarding dedicated Health pages on the website. He asked the HWC to inform him as to when this input is to be expected.

### **8.8 Disciplinary Commission**

*Nothing to report*

### **8.9 Public Relations Commission**

- a. The access to the FIFe Facebook page is granted to the PRC since May 2024. Content is to be agreed with the Board.
- b. Mrs. Anna Wijbrands, member of the PRC, informed the GS that she wished to resign, as of the 01.09.2024, because of insurmountable differences of opinion regarding several matters between her and her fellow commission members. The GS thanked her for her services to FIFe and wished her the best of luck with her future endeavours.

## **9. Judges' Matters**

### **9.1 General**

- a. Suomen Kissaliitto informed the FIFe Board that the International Category 1 & 2 Judge, Mrs. Tellervo Kass from Finland passed away on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 at the age of 81 years. An obituary was published on the FIFe website
- b. Mr. Rolf Voehringer, International All Breed judge from Switzerland tendered his resignation for personal reasons as from 01.01.2025. The Board thanked him for his years of service to FIFe and wished him the best of luck with his health and future endeavours.

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

- a. Mr. Danijel Iveta (HR) to sit the exam in category 1, in Beverwijk (NL) on the 16.11.2024 in English with Mrs. Donatella Mastrangelo and Mr. Luigi Comorio (both IT).
- b. Mrs. Anne-Louise Nygaard-Sadek (DK) to sit the exam in category 2, in Bagsværd (DK) on the 30.11.2024 in English with Mrs. Bette Lind (DK) and Mr. Zvezdan Memedov (SE).
- c. Mrs. Lene H. Glem Fjeldsted (DK) to sit the exam in BG A, in Stange (NO) on the 07.12.2024 in English with Mrs. Caroline Stoa and Mr. Raymond Alessandro Saetre (both NO).

- d. Mrs. Sara Ojaniemi (FI) to sit the exam in category 1, in Gothenburg (SE) on the 07.12.2024 in English with Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT) and Mrs. Jaana Jyrkinen (FI).
- e. Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) to sit the exam in category 4, in Kempele (FI) on the 14.12.2024 in English with Mrs. Britta Busse (DE) and Mrs. Minna Krogh (DK).

### 9.2.1 Theoretical Part

### 9.2.2 Practical Part

*For the above items there was nothing to report*

### 9.3 FIFe Judges' Examinations passed:

- a. Mr. Rui Pacheco (IT) passed the category 4 exam in Hämeenlinna (FI) on the 07.09.2024 in English with Mr. Marteinn Tausen (IS) and Mr. Jörgen Billing (DK).
- b. Mrs. Carla Rotini (IT) passed the category 3 exam in Odolena Voda (CZ) on the 28.09.2024 in English with Mrs. Lena Vencliková (CZ) and Mrs. Katia Pocci (IT).
- c. Mr. Marco Scaglia (IT) passed the category 1 exam in Piazzola sul Brenta (IT) on the 05.10.2024 in English with Mr. Luigi Comorio and Mr. Cristiana Federico Sandon (both IT).
- d. Mr. Danijel Iveta (HR) passed the category 1 exam in Beverwijk (NL) on the 16.11.2024 in English with Mrs. Donatella Mastrangelo and Mr. Luigi Comorio (both IT).

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

After passing the required stage at a show in Tampere (FI) on 12.10.2023, Mr. Alessio Schiavon (IT) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 2.

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

- a. After passing the category 4 exam at the show in Hämeenlinna (FI) on the 07.09.2024, Mr. Rui Pacheco (IT) was appointed an international FIFe category 4 Judge.
- b. After passing the category 3 exam at the show in Odolena Voda (CZ) on the 28.09.2024, Mrs. Carla Rotini (IT) was appointed an international FIFe category 3 Judge.
- c. After passing the category 1 exam at the show in Piazzola sul Brenta (IT) on the 05.10.2024, Mr. Marco Scaglia (IT) was appointed an international FIFe category 1 Judge.
- d. After passing the category 1 exam at the show in Beverwijk (NL) on the 16.11.2024, Mr. Danijel Iveta (HR) was appointed an international FIFe category 1 Judge.

### 9.6 Mentor Judge application

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

- Mrs. Mira Fonsén (FI) – category 4.
- Mr. Sebastian Pruchniak (PL) – category 4
- Mrs. Andrea Valete Machado (BR) – category 1 and 2.

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

- a. Mr. Martti Peltonen (SE) – IDP shows in Verona (IT), 26+27.10.2024
- b. Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT) – IDP shows in Verona (IT), 26+27.10.2024
- c. Mrs. Caroline Stoa (NO) – IDP show in Grenville (CA), 16.11.2024
- d. Mrs. Olga Poluektova (RU) – IDP show in Moscow (RU), 16.11.2024
- e. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Bangkok (TH), 22.12.2024
- f. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Bangkok (TH), 18.01.2025
- g. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA shows in Padova (IT), 25+26.01.2025
- h. Mr. Jörgen Billing (DK) – IDP shows in Padova (IT), 25+26.01.2025
- i. Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT) – IDP shows in Padova (IT), 25+26.01.2025
- j. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA shows in Madrid (ES), 01+02.02.2025
- k. Mr. Alexey Shchukin (NL) – TICA shows in Il-Qrendi (MT), 08+09.02.2025
- l. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Kuala Lumpur, (MY), 15.02.2025
- m. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA shows in Shang Hai (CN), 15+16.03.2025
- n. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA shows in Honolulu (US), 19+20.03.2025
- o. Mrs. Magda Kudra (PL) – ACF show in Noble Park, Victoria, (AU), 22.06.2025
- p. Mrs. Helene Reiter (DE) – ACF show in Noble Park, Victoria, (AU), 22.06.2025
- q. Mrs. Magda Kudra (PL) – ACF show in Clarendon, NSW (AU), 29.06.2025
- r. Mrs. Helene Reiter (DE) – ACF show in Clarendon, NSW (AU), 29.06.2025
- s. Mrs. Magda Kudra (PL) – ACF show in Brisbane (AU), 06.07.2025

## **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**

*Nothing to report*

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

- a. ICA (ID) for their member Mr. Riski Nanda Adityo in category 1 on 04.10.2024 in Cirebon (ID) with Mrs. Russy Idroes and Mr. Herry Marwanto (both ID).
- b. SK (FI) for their member Mrs. Milla Kuusisto-Jauhiainen in category 4 on 15.12.2024 in Oulu (FI) with Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen and Mrs. Johanna Abgottspon (both FI).

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

- a. CPF (PT) that Mr. Amaro Oliveira passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 2 on the 30.09.2024 in Lisbon. Mrs. Donatella Mastrangelo would be his mentor.
- b. ICA (ID) that Mr. Riski Nanda Adityo passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 1 on the 04.10.2024 in Cirebon. Mrs. Laura Scholten would be his mentor.

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

ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) to include Mrs. Alena Opatrná as a student judge in category 2.

## **11. Cattery Name Business**

- a. FPL (PL) asked, in line with BRR article 5.2.5, permission to change the three cattery names for their members. The Board was satisfied that the arguments provided constituted "very good reasons" and granted this permission. The regular fee of € 35 per cattery name would be invoiced.
- b. NRR (NO) asked for an exception to article 5.2.6, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, of the BRR to delete a cattery name. No litters had been registered on this name for 22 years and the owner was no longer a member. The Board discussed this request by email and agreed. NRR could send the necessary requests to the cattery name administrator.

## **12. General Assemblies**

- a. The English version of the 2024 General Assembly minutes were sent to the Members and functionaries on 27.09.2024.
- b. The week programme of the GA 2025 in Parndorf (AT) is the same as for the 2024 GA: Wednesday 28.05.2025 Open Commissions Meeting, Thursday and Friday 29-30.05.2025 General Assembly, Saturday 31.05.2025 Judges Seminar.

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

- a. The summary of the 2025 changes in the Rules & Standards is already published on the FIFe website (refer to the relevant news item).
- b. The 2025 Rules, Standards and Forms will be available for downloading on the FIFe website at the end of December.
- c. The Board decided to add functionality on the FIFe website for changing cattery names, as a result of the accepted GA 2024 proposal which allows such changes.

## **14. World Cat Congress**

The 2025 World Cat Congress will take place in Hong Kong (CN), hosted by CFA, from 30.07.2025 – 03.08.2025.

## **15. FIFe Breed Councils**

- a. The BCA informed the GS about the election results of the BC secretaries. New secretaries were elected in the BCs CRX, MCO, NEM, NFO, SIA/OSH, SPH and THA. The BCA would send the updated Breed Council List and then the names of the new secretaries would be published on the Breed Councils page on the FIFe website.
- b. The BCA reported that currently FIFe has 32 Breed Councils for recognised breeds and 2 for preliminary recognised breeds. In total 318 individual members from 33 FIFe Members are adhering to a BC.

## **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**

The Board decided to start building up an electronic FIFe archive, available and accessible for all Board members.

## **19. Next Board meetings**

- 14+15.01.2025 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 16.00 hours.

Annette Sjödin - President

Charles Spijker – Vice-Secretary