



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFE BOARD 01/25

14-15th January – Video Conference Meetings

Present

Mr. Veikko Saarela	- Vice-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 Vice-President opened the meeting at 18.00 on the 14.01 and at 18.15 on the 15.01.2025. 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 05/24 had been sent to the Members on 25.11.2024.

4. Matters arising from or omitted in previous Minutes

Nothing to report

5. Financial

Negotiations to open a FIFe bank account in Switzerland were stopped. The Treasurer was now in contact with another bank in Luxemburg and negotiations were ongoing.

5.1 Members' and Patronage Members' Payments

The Treasurer regularly reminded Members with long term outstanding invoices.

5.2 FIFe Feline Fund – FIFeFu

Two Members made contributions to the FIFeFu, the total amount in the fund was now 21.829,54 €. The Board thanked them for their donations. The GS to ask the HWC to define research grants.

5.3 Other Financial Matters

- a. The Treasurer sent a Balance and Profit & Loss document until 23.11.2024.
- b. The checking of the accounts from 01.01.2024 until 15.09.2024 took place in the Netherlands. Both controllers, the former and current Treasurer were present.

6. Members' Matters

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Members informed the GS of the following changes: details listed on the FIFe website.
FFM (MX) – new president, new Board, new email and website
ICA (ID) – new president.
SVERAK (SE) – new logo
- b. FFS (SK) asked for the interpretation of article 2.6. of FIFe Statutes. Some of their individual members were now also members of WCF, with a club under patronage, with the same name as a Slovak club. Since some of them were also functionaries of the WCF club, FFS planned to cancel their membership and thus also in FIFe. FFS also asked about one of their clubs, (Terra Felis), which now was also a WCF club under patronage. FFS could not find any relevant information in the FIFe Statutes or Rules about this and wondered if it was possible if a club and its members could be registered in WCF, as well as in FIFe. A bit later, FFS informed the Board that the individual members who were active in WCF were suspended and that the club was still a FIFe club even if there was a club with a very similar name in WCF. FFS also stated that one of these members had been a RAG BC member, which was now stopped.
The GS answered that the actions of FFS were completely in line with the FIFe Statutes and was the only advice that the Board could have given. He pointed out that FFS could also request the deletion of the cattery names of these members, in line with article 5.2.6 of the Breeding & Registration Rules. Regarding the matter raised before on what to do with the club itself, could not be decided by the Board. These were internal matters, which had to be handled by FFS itself. FIFe could not interfere in internal matters and the structure of its Members. He ended by stating that the Board was happy to hear that the club in question was still one of the FFS clubs and expressed the hope that this put an end to this period of turmoil.
- c. ANFI (IT) sent an email about the permission to register kittens from BLH/BSH and SRL/SRS. In article 6.26 it was stated that hybridization was permitted until 01.01.2026 but in article 6.1 the two breeds were not mentioned as sister breeds. They wondered if this had been forgotten. The GS answered that ANFI was correct and that outcross for SRL/SRS was permitted with BLH/BSH, but only until 01.01.2026 and that registration of the offspring should follow article 9.1. This outcross was temporarily allowed, not for ever. It was, however, not forgotten to include SRL/SRS as a sister breed of BLH/BSH because they were not. The sister breed of BLH was BSH and the sister breed of BSH was BLH. After all, it was clearly noted in article 6.1.1 that sister breeds shared the same standard except for coat and/or pattern and the standards of British and Selkirk were far from identical.
- d. FBe (BE) informed the Board that their government queried the fact that FBe included tests, based on FIFe rules, in their breeding program. This concerned the tests to establish that males were not mono- and cryptorchid and that cats did not have an umbilical hernia. Their government claimed this limited the gene pool and that no scientific proof existed that these conditions were genetic and these rules could not be implemented, unless FBe provided them with valuable arguments to convince the genetic and veterinary experts.
The Board decided to forward this to the HWC for a recommendation (see item 8.7.a).
- e. FD (DK) asked an exception to articles 3.3.6 of JR and 6.1.6 of the SR regarding the requirement that 50 cats needed to be entered at a show where and exam would be taken, in the category concerned. This show would take place on 11.01.2025. FD also asked an exception for a similar situation which would likely occur in March 2025. The Board discussed this request and granted FD the exception for the show in January but could not grant an exception for an exam on a show in March, because no application for an exam in category 4 in March had been received. Moreover, when such an application would be received, it first had to be checked that all requirements were met.
- f. Mundikat (NL) asked the board for a clarification on the amended 'Open Doors' SR, 8.2.2.b. They understood the principle of this, but had some problems with some other rules, like:
- SR - 5.1 Competing in the correct class: classification according to FIFe rules and a cat can only compete in the class in which it belongs.
 - SR - 5.4 The official show classes 1-8 open only to cats that achieved the former FIFe title.
 - BRR 5.3 Registration of titles: All FIFe show titles are only available for FIFe registered cats (and house cats), owned by individual members of national FIFe Members. All certificates for a KCH, JCH, CH/PR, IC/IP, GIC/GIP, SC/SP title must have been obtained in the same variety (EMS code) / group.
- Mundikat felt that a cat could not compete in classes 1-8 if it was not owned by individual members of a national FIFe Member. They realised that in SR article 3.1 it was stated that cats

outlined in § 8.2.2 had an exception and did not need to be registered in the FIFe Member's Pedigree book but felt this did not fully cover all aspects indicated above.

Mundikat stated that their Board was divided in its opinion and they asked the board for a further clarification. The Board discussed this matter and decided the GS should ask Mundikat for the diverse opinions within their Board .

- g. Mundikat (NL) expressed to have problems in implementing the new International Winner title. In their opinion, the purpose of this title was to give an incentive to members who showed internationally thus maintaining the international character of FIFe as the worldwide cat association, even if certificates could now be achieved in one single country. However, Mundikat had problems with the current wording, which did not take into consideration the fact that a lot of FIFe Members had individual members living abroad. They stated they could bring a proposal to the next GA but believed that the current wording did not correctly represent the intention of the proposal of this new title. They assumed that all IW-titles would probably go to foreign members as they seem to be able to show in their own country and still achieve this. Mundikat quoted the current conditions in SR article 4.19 and suggested an addition to point 4.19.3 that FIFe Members could only base the competition for IW titles on the results of shows organised outside their countries and/or the country of residence of the individual member. Whilst the Board understood the predicament of Mundikat, the only advise they could give was that Mundikat should bring a proposal to the next GA to clarify this. The GS informed Mundikat.
- h. ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) asked if one or two steward certificates were due to a steward at a 1-day, 2-certificates show as per SR article 1.11.d - h. The Board decided whatever the show format, the numbers of cats judged would always be maximum 40 per day, so 1 certificate per day sufficed.

7. Show matters

7.1 General

- a. FFB (BR) asked for an exception to article 2.6.2 of the SR to organise the 2025 American Winner Show in Brazil without respecting the 1 years' notice. The show entry could not be requested earlier because FFB only recently had approval from the sponsor. The other Members in the AW organizing group agreed with the date and the organisation by FFB. The Board granted the exception and wished FFB good luck with the organisation.
- b. EKL-Felix (EE) asked for a clarification of Winner Show rules. They stated that previously they sent agreements from all group members to SCA but now the BWS was accepted without such agreements. They wondered if this was correct. The GS answered that he could not be of help. The way or procedure how Members agreed with Winner Show dates was not described in the SR, only the principle that they should decide amongst themselves which FIFe Member in the group would organise the Winner Show in any given year. He added, that, in his personal opinion, 3 FIFe Members, run by adult people, should be able to communicate amongst each other on something as simple as a date for a show. EKL-Felix contacted the SCA who confirmed that written agreements were no longer asked or needed.
- c. EKL-Felix (EE) sent another email stating that they felt that CFCA (LV) did not respect SR 2.6.1 regarding the date for the BWS. Felix argued that the rules meant that all Members in the group should decide together in which year a Member would organise the WS and that agreement of all members in the group was needed. Felix felt that CFCA decided by itself what would be a good date for them without the agreement of the other group Members. They felt the rules needed to be respected by every Member.
- The Board discussed this matter and the GS answered that the Board did not understand the problem. Winner Show groups should sort out their problems within the group. He pointed out that each of the 3 Baltic FIFe Members organized/s the BW once every 3 years according to this schedule: 2022 LV, 2023 LT, 2024 EE, 2025 LV, 2026 LT, 2027 EE, etcetera, and the FIFe Show Calendar confirmed this. Agreement on the year fulfilled the requirement in SR 2.6.1. The Show Rules did not require any sort of agreement on the date. It was up to the organizing Member to decide on the date, as well as the place, show hall, entry fees, judges to invite, etc. He trusted this answered the matter.
- c. The FD (DK) president, Mrs. Bette Lind, pointed out an inconsistency in the SR. At the 2024 GA a proposal was accepted, amending SR §1.10, deleting the obligation for judges to have at least 4 cages at their disposal. She found that in §6.7, this number was still required. The Board discussed this matter and concluded this was clearly forgotten, which could happen if matters appeared multiple times in rules. The SR on the website would be amended as would the printed rules at the next issue.

- d. Within a period of 4 days, both EKL-Felix (EE) and LFA-Bubaste (LT) sent emails, again about article 2.6.1 of the SR. EKL-Felix wanted the SC to explain what this article entailed and LFA Bubaste wondered why written agreement was not needed anymore and if the procedure had changed. The GS asked the SCA if she could shed light on this matter. He was informed that in the first years, the SCA wanted agreements sent by email, from all group Members. But since the number of Winner Shows increased and they were by now well established, she felt this was no longer needed. The Board discussed these matters and felt there was no need to burden the SC with such a clear matter. The GS answered both Members that when the Winner Shows were introduced, a confirmation of the Members in the group was asked, to avoid anyone just sending a request to enter the show on the calendar. Once the rotating schedule of the annual organization of the Winner Show within the group was established and consequently followed this was no longer needed. Show Rules article 2.6.1, which asked for agreement of the year, and only the year, was respected and such confirmations were now obsolete and unnecessary.
- e. FFB (BR) sent an email with two queries. The first asked for the form to use when submitting the Show Statistics and the second was a reminder of their request from 05.09.2024 regarding permission to have two 3 certificate shows in 2026.
- The GS answered FFB that it was stated in the end of the year email, sent out on 31.12.2024, that the deadline for the Show Statistics was postponed to the 31st of March 2025 and that the final form was not ready yet. Regarding the second point, the Board decided to remind the SC to send their recommendation and trusted to receive an answer soon.

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

- CPF (PT) – shows in Santarém, 30.11+01.12.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- FFG (GR) – shows in Athens, 30.11+01.12.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- FFH (CH) – shows in Neuhausen, 30.11+01.12.2024, as International with less than 150 cats.
- FFF (FR) – shows in Saint Maximim, 30.11+01.12.2024 as International with less than 150 cats.
- KKÖ (AT) – shows in Hallein, 07+08.12.2024 as International with less than 150 cats
- FFF (FR) – shows in Marseille, 04+05.01.2025 as International with less than 150 cats
- FFH (CH) – show in Geneva, 12.01.2025, as International with less than 150 cats.

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

- SK (FI) to have Mrs. Pam DelaBar, CFA All Breed Judge from Finland, officiating at the shows in Laukaa (FI) on the 16+17.08.2025.
- FFB (BR) to have Mr. Carlos Lopez, TICA All Breed Judge from Argentina, officiating at the shows in Sao Paulo (BR) on the 08+09.02.2025.

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

FFH (CH) asked the GS to be removed from the World Show list for the year 2035. The current climate regarding pedigree cats in Switzerland was not very favourable.

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) | • 2030 - tba - SFDH (HR) |
| • 2026 - Amsterdam - Mundikat (NL) | • 2031 - tba - FD (DK) |
| • 2027 - Prague - ČSCH (CZ) | • 2032 - tba - KKÖ (AT) |
| • 2028 - Poznań - FPL (PL) | • 2033 - tba - Suomen K. (FI) |
| • 2029 - tba - SVERAK (SE) | • 2034 - Riga - CFCA |

8. Commission Matters

8.1 General

Nothing to report

8.2 Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System and forms

- The GS asked FIFe Members, functionaries and Judges if they wanted to receive the 2025 issues of Statutes, Rules and Standards in a printed format or if it would suffice for them to download the files from the website. 16 Members wanted printed booklets and 26 would download the files; 111 judges wanted printed copies.

- b. The GS sent instructions and address labels of Members and Judges who had requested to receive the printed booklets and the Vice-Secretary sent the 2025 issues of the Statutes, Rules and Standards in PDF to the printing company in the Netherlands. The company had started to send these on 10.01.2025.
- c. The Vice-Secretary designed a new Judges Engagement form, using Google forms, which could be completed on PC, mobile phones and tablets. It was more user-friendly and the filing of the forms would be a lot less complicated and time-consuming. The Board thanked him for this excellent form. The form would be sent in the week of this meeting.
- d. The Vice-Secretary finalised the 2025 Excel EMS list, which could now be sent to Members.
- e. The new Show statistics form was now available for downloading on the website.

8.3 Seminars

The chairmen of the HWC and JSC sent a follow up email, including Minutes of a VCM held on the planned EXO/PER webinar to harmonize knowledge of these breeds and to preserve them (see Minutes 05/24 item 8.3.b). They also sent a detailed agenda outlining the proposed structure and contents of the webinar.

It was suggested that either the President or the General Secretary would open the webinar. This would show the event's importance and confirm the Board's commitment to the well-being of these iconic breeds. The Board agreed and the President would open the webinar.

The HWC/JSC stated that this seminar would be essential for all judges to be informed of the latest issues and "legal" developments and they strongly encouraged all judges to attend, which the Board supported. They believed that this approach would not only benefit the judging community but also strengthen the reputation of FIFe.

As is clear from the above, the Board formally approved this webinar, including its structure, format, and strongly recommended participation. The Board agreed with the suggested speakers.

8.4 Judges and Standards Commission

- a. The GS sent the JSC an overview of how many times he had used the available Judges and Preliminary Student Judges exam.
- b. The JSC provided the GS with the new, 2025 issues of the Judges and Student Judges Exam Questionnaires and new Judges and Student Judges Exams.

8.5 Show Commission

- a. After a reminder from FFB (BR), the GS reminded the SC for the recommendation regarding their request to hold 2 show weekends in the year 2026 where cats could obtain 3 certificates in one weekend (see Minutes 05/24, item 8.5.c). The SC sent their recommendation and stated that they brought this proposal to amend art. 1.11 to the GA so all FIFe Members would have the opportunity once per year to organize such a show. The idea was that if a Member wanted to celebrate some special occasion, they could attract exhibitors with this type of show, or simply to have a yearly opportunity to organize it. It was never the intention of the proposal, to give a right to only one club of a Member, which had more clubs, to hold such a type of show every year. Also, it was never desired to allow more than one such show per Member per year. The main objective was not to overstress cats by participating more than once per year at such shows. The SC never wanted to establish the practise that Members with several clubs would start organizing many of such 3-certificate shows every year, which would result in this show format being the prevailing one.

Each Member could organize one such a 3-certificate show per year and the Member should decide which would organise this show, not FIFe. The SC did not wish to set a precedent and open the doors for other Members to start asking for more exceptions of 3-certificates shows per year for different clubs. The majority of the SC was not in favour to grant such an exception for reasons mentioned above. FFB should decide itself which club would organise the 3-certificate show in 2026.

The Board agreed with the SC and the GS informed FFB. The GS also mentioned that the Board established that FFB asked for an exception but already listed these two 3-certificates shows on the Show Calendar. One on 28.02+01.03.2026 and one on 29+30.08.2026. The GS stated that this was not correct procedure; when one asks for an exception, one should first wait for the answer. He asked FFB to correct this as soon as possible

- b. The GS also reminded the SC for a recommendation on the question regarding "out of competition" (see Minutes 04/24 item 8.4). The SC sent their recommendation and found there was no need to regulate a non-official show class and suggested that how to deal with

the class “Out Of Competition” should be left to the discretion the Member or show organizer. The Board agreed with his recommendation.

- c. The Board asked the GS to request the opinion of the SC a change of the rules for World and Winner Shows. The board felt that also preliminary recognised breeds should be allowed to compete at these shows, under the current conditions.

8.6 Breeding & Registration Commission

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 formally notified the Board to have terminated their cooperation with the PRC in the development of HWC webpage. The HWC was not happy with the input itself, its tardiness and the manner of communication and informed the PRC they would stop cooperation. However, the HWC still wished to develop its own section on the FIFe website and was eager to start. They asked whom to contact as appropriate channel for submission of previously prepared materials (articles and abstracts) for the website. The GS expressed the Board’s disappointment about the unsuccessful cooperation with the PRC but this was in the remit of the HWC itself. The Board was glad to hear that the HWC wished to continue with their plans to develop a dedicated Health & Welfare section on FIFe website and informed them their contact person would be the Vice-Secretary, who supervised the website contents.
- b. The GS forwarded the queries from FBe to the HWC, concerning the stance of the Belgium authorities regarding the FIFe rules to exclude males that were mono- or cryptorchid and cats that had umbilical hernias from the breeding programme. The Belgium government claimed that this limited the gene pool and that no scientific proof existed that these conditions were genetic. These rules could not be implemented, unless FBe provided them with valuable arguments to convince the genetic and veterinary experts (see item 6.1.b). The HWC sent an elaborate response, pointing out that whilst the exact genetic cause of cryptorchidism was still researched, several factors supported its exclusion from breeding programs, like an increased risk of hereditary predisposition, reduced reproductive fitness and welfare concerns, where undescended testicles were more prone to torsion (twisting), causing severe pain and tissue necrosis. Early neutering of cryptorchid males was recommended to prevent this painful condition. Regarding excluding cats with umbilical hernias from breeding programmes, the HWC stated that that was based on potential genetic predisposition and health risks during breeding, like evidence for polygenic inheritance and increased risks during breeding. Pregnant females with hernias could experience problems during delivery because the hernia could grow and potentially trap or strangulate tissue during the birthing process, jeopardizing the health of mother and kittens. They suggested FBe to present some counterarguments, for example, that the FIFe rules had a limited impact on the gene pool since both were relatively uncommon conditions. The exclusion of affected cats would have a minimal impact on overall genetic diversity, especially in view of the large feline population. FBe should also state that to focus on healthy breeding stock without inheritable conditions would ensure a broader and healthier gene pool for future generations. In conclusion it should be clarified that FIFe’s breeding requirements prioritized the health and well-being of breeding cats and their offspring. While the complete genetic understanding of cryptorchidism and umbilical hernias in cats was evolving, the available evidence and potential risks supported the current FIFe regulations. The HWC was willing to cooperate with the University clinics of Gent and Leuven to investigate the genetic basis of cryptorchidism and umbilical hernias in cats. This joint effort could provide valuable data to inform future breeding regulations.

8.8 Disciplinary Commission

8.9 Public Relations Commission

For the above items there was nothing to report

9. Judges’ Matters

9.1 General

- a. The 2024 collection of the Judges Engagement forms was the most effective and complete since its inception; only 2 judges did not send in the form. For the next years, the new Google form would for sure even speed up matters more.

- b. Mr. Geir Edvardsen, International Category 1 & 2 judge from Norway tendered his resignation as from 01.01.2025. The Board thanked him for his 30 years of service to FIFe and wished him the best of luck with his future endeavours.
- c. Mr. Alexey Shchukin, International All Breed judge from the Netherlands, informed the GS that he would change membership from Mundikat to Felikat as of 01.01.2025.
- d. As of the 01.01.2025, 3 judges, Mrs. Květoslava Mahelková (CZ), Mrs. Annika Billing (SE) and Mr. Hugo Cavalheiro (BR) were moved to the dormant judges list in line with JR article 3,10. They were advised of the possibility to reactivate as described in JR article 3.11.
- e. Mrs. Dorte Kaae, International All breed judge from Denmark, informed the GS she wished to stop as a mentor judge in category 2. The judges lists were amended.

9.2 Permission to sit the FIFe Judges' Exam

- a. Mr. Marc Girardin (FR) to sit the exam in category 4, in Hinnerup (DK) on the 11.01.2025 in English with Mrs. Lene Venclíková (CZ) and Mrs. Pia Nyman (FI).
- b. Mrs. Dominika Halická (SK) to sit the exam in category 3, in Vinicné (SK) on the 08.02.2025 in English with Mrs. Lucie Panková and Mr. Jaroslav Panek (both CZ).
- c. Mrs. Belina Muicey (AR) to sit the exam in category 1 in Beuvry (FR) on the 22.02.2025 in English with Mr. Gerardo Fraga y Guzman (ES) and Mr. Yan Roca Folch (FR).
- d. Mr. Robert Nowak (PL) to sit the exam in category 1 in Örebro (SE) on the 22.02.2025 in English with Mr. Mirosław Skotarczyk (PL) and Mr. Cristiano Federico Sandon (IT).
- e. Mrs. Sara Moroni (IT) to sit the exam in category 4, in Juelsminde (DK) on the 22.03.2025 in English with Mrs. Donatella Mastrangelo (IT) and Mrs. Britta Busse (DE).
- f. Mrs. Lucie Pánková (CZ) to sit the exam in category 1, in Pardubice (CZ) on the 22.03.2025 in English with Mrs. Soňa Ivanková (SK) and Mr. Ireneusz Pruchniak (PL).
- g. Mrs. Darina Tarabini (CZ) to sit the exam in Breed Group A, in Prague (CZ) on the 29.03.2025 in English with Mrs. Kristiina Rautio and Mr. Veikko Saarela (both FI).

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. Mrs. Anne-Louise Nygaard-Sadek (DK)) passed the category 2 exam in Bagsværd (DK) on the 30.11.2024 in English with Mrs. Bette Lind (DK) and Mr. Zvezdan Memedov (SE).
- b. Mrs. Lene Hodal Glem Fjeldsted (DK) passed the Breed Group A exam in Stange (NO) on the 07.12.2024 in English with Mrs. Caroline Stoa and Mr. Raymond A. Saetre (both NO).
- c. Mrs. Sara Ojaniemi (FI) passed the category 1 exam in Västra Frölunda (SE) on the 07.12.2024 in English with Mrs. Jaana Jyrkinen (FI) and Mr. Gianfranco Mantovani (IT).
- d. Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) passed the category 4 exam in Kempele (FI) on the 14.12.2024 in English with Mrs. Britta Busse (DE) and Mrs. Minna Krogh (DK).
- e. Mr. Marc Girardin (FR) passed the category 4 exam in Hinnerup (DK) on the 11.01.2025 in English with Mrs. Lena Venclíková (CZ) and Mrs. Pia Nyman (FI).

9.4 Judges Appointments – 1st category

After passing the required stages at shows in Hinnerup (DK) on 11+12.01.2025, Mrs. Anne-Louise Nygaard Sadek (DK) was appointed an International FIFe judge in category 2.

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

- a. After passing the Breed Group A exam at the show in Stange (NO) on the 07.12.2024, Mrs. Lene Hodal Glem Fjeldsted (DK) was appointed an international FIFe category 1 Judge.
- b. After passing the category 1 exam at the show in Västra Frölunda (SE) on the 07.12.2024, Mrs. Sara Ojaniemi (FI) was appointed an international FIFe category 1 Judge.
- c. After passing the category 4 exam at the show in Kempele (FI) on the 14.12.2024, Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) was appointed an international FIFe category 4 Judge.
- d. After passing the category 4 exam at the show in Hinnerup (DK) on the 11.01.2025, Mr. Marc Girardin (FR) was appointed an international FIFe category 4 Judge.

9.6 Mentor Judge application

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

- Mrs. Carla Rotini (IT) – categories 1 and 2
- Mrs Dorte Kaae (DK) – category 4

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

- a. Mr. Alexey Shchukin (NL) – TICA show in Monaco (MC), 11.01.2025
- b. Mr. Alexey Shchukin (NL) – IDP show in Monaco (MC), 12.01.2025
- c. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Bangkok (TH), 18.01.2025
- d. Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) – CFA show in Hong Kong (HK), 09.02.2025
- e. Mr. Veikko Saarela (FI) – CCCA shows in Sydney (AU), 19+20.07.2025
- f. Mrs. Petra Černá (US) – NZCF show in Tauranga (NZ), 17.08.2025
- g. Mrs. Petra Černá (US) – ACF show in Sydney (AU), 24.08.2025
- h. Mrs. Janet Green (GB) – GCCF show in Doncaster (GB), 08.11.2025

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. FD (DK) for their member Mrs. Anne-Marie Michaelsen in category 4 on 23.02.2025 in Nyborg (DK) with Mrs. Bette Lind and Mrs. Inge Nord (both DK).
- b. Mundikat (NL) for their member Mr. Stephan van Oosterbosch in category 1 on 14.02.2025 in Groningen (NL) with Mr. Marcel Frank and Mrs. Nathalie Smits-Peelen (both NL).

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

SK (FI) that Mrs. Milla Kuusisto-Jauhiainen passed the preliminary student judges' exam in category 4 on the 15.12.2024 in Oulu. Mrs. Mira Fonsén would be her mentor.

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

- a. FPL (PL) to include Mr. Jaroslaw Storoniak as a student judge in category 3.
- b. ICA (ID) to include Mr. Riski Nanda Aditya as a student judge in category 2.

11. Cattery Name Business

Several requests to change existing cattery names, which entailed a fee (BRR article 5.2.5) were received. The cattery name administration on the website would be extended with a new feature that would enable this.

12. General Assemblies

- a. The German version of the 2024 General Assembly minutes was sent to Mrs Renner and approved. The French version was sent to Mrs. Dupont and after that was agreed, they would be sent to the Members, with apologies for the delay.
- b. The invitation for the GA 2025 in Parndorf (AT) would be made. The GS would ask all commission members who held functions that were up for election if they wished to stand for a new term of office.

13. The FIFe website and social media

Nothing to report

14. World Cat Congress

Mrs. Penelope Bydlinki had resigned from her functions in the WCC and was appointed Secretary Emeritus for her 30 years of dedicated service to the WCC.

15. FIFe Breed Councils

- a. The BCA sent an updated BC list, with the BC secretaries the number of members and the country Members. In total there were 31 BCs, with 337 members from 32 FIFe Members.
- b. The BCA asked for advice, on behalf of the CYM/MAN BC, on how to obtain Champion status in a recognized breed with a non-recognized variety, in this case tail length, CYM/MAN *x 54.

Breeders would like to be able to show these cats also for reasons of general health and preservation of the CYM/MAN breed. The Board discussed this matter and decided to answer the BCA that the Board could not decide anything about this. Such a matter needed to be ratified by the GA if and when a proposal was brought.

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 to all Board members. It needed to be established what should be in the archive and an initial structure should be made. The GS would provide an inventory of his hard disk structure

19. Next Board meetings

- 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 21.00 hours on the 14.01.2025 and at 20.20 hours on the 15.01.2025.

Veikko Saarela – Vice-President

Eric Reijers – General-Secretary