

MINUTES OF THE BIRMAN CAT CLUB AGM.

HELD ON THE 19TH OF MAY 2019 AT THE OLIVER BIRD HALL SOLIHULL

The meeting commenced at **2.30pm**

1 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the 39 members present and thanked them for attending.

The SGM had been held on the same day as the AGM as it ensured as many as possible could attend, and save members expense.

Under club rule 2(k) Mrs Owen was responsible for the committees costs in organising the SGM.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were 49 apologies.

3 MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 20TH OF MAY 2018

These were agreed to be a true record. Proposed Dr Robson seconded Mr Tarr.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

5 MINUTES OF THE SGM HELD ON JANUARY 27TH 2019

These were agreed to be a true record, but the two addendums had not been attached. It was agreed to send these to all members.

The minutes were then accepted Proposed Mr. Madden seconded Mrs. Mason.

6 MATTERS ARISING

The addendums were to be sent out.

7 TREASURERS REPORT.

A written report had been circulated , and Mr Veal explained details. The General Account was £89 in profit, and things were looking much better than in 2018.

The income from subscriptions was down.

The show had made a small loss of £255, substantially less than the 2017 show.

A gift of £250 had been made to the 2017 Show Managers.

The **accounts were accepted Proposed Mrs Horton, Seconded Dr Robson.**

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER.

Mrs Caldwell agreed to remain as examiner.

REVIEW OF GIFTS.

These are no longer given.

REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

There were no plans for any changes.

8 SECRETARYS REPORT

A written report had been circulated and Mr Porter highlighted the main points. He introduced Mrs Russell who gave a report on the how the new law was affecting Hobby Breeders. Dr Robson added more information, Exhibitor /Breeders were acknowledged to be non profit making. Members were advised to keep all records of all their expenses. Members were also advised to exhibit whenever possible to promote the profile of the breed.

The 2018 show had been cleared by the GCCF in record time and the 2019 Show License received

9 RATIFICATION OF BYE LAWS

The Bye laws were ratified.

10 RULE CHANGES.

The rule changes were all accepted.

11 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT.

Mrs Kilby was elected as Vice President.

12 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

Mr Ensor was elected as Vice Chairman for 2 years. Mr Veal was re elected as Treasurer for 3 years.

Mrs Ensor was re-elected, Mr Chaffe, Mrs Chaffe, Mrs Horton, Mrs Mason, Mrs McQuilkin, Mrs Madden, Mrs Russell and Mrs Kilby were elected.

Mrs McQuilkin was elected as Membership Secretary.

13 ELECTION OF GCCF DELEGATES.

Mrs Kilby, Mr Porter and Mr Warrender were elected.

14 ELECTION OF BBAC REPRESENTATIVES.

Mrs Chaffe, Mrs Ensor, and Mr Warrender were elected.

Mr Ensor to be reserve .

15 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARYS REPORT.

Mrs McQuilkin complimented Mr Porter on his work in this position and his help during the handover. She was enjoying her contact with the membership.

16 SHOWS 2018 AND 2019.

SHOW 2018 had been a very happy one despite having to find substitute judges at the last minute and having to change halls due to a heating failure. There had been a slight financial loss due the a low entry , but income was greatly improved on 2018.

Show 2019 was all in hand, a list of judges was read out, the new venue has ample parking and a café for all day refreshments breakfasts and lunches. Stalls had already been booked, and special rosettes and prizes ordered. There would be a Christmas Sweater Competition

A Celebration Dinner was being planned for the evening

17 HEART RESEARCH

Mrs Madden gave a short report on the continuing heart research. Mrs Delaney added further information .The RVC are still asking for older, mature cats to be screened.

THERE WAS A BREAK FOR A CELEBRATION TEA.

The committee had provided a substantial tea, followed by a special Birman Cake and glasses of prosecco.

18 GCCF DELEGATES REPORT a written report had been circulated.

19 BAC REPORT a written report had been circulated.

20 ELECTION OF CUP SECRETARIES

AGM and Show Trophies, Miss Osborn was re-elected . **Show Support**, Mrs Horton was elected.

21 MAGAZINE , Mrs Russell outlined the extra work she was trying to complete as

Mr Chang was no longer trainee editor.

Members present expressed their appreciation, and proposed a vote of thanks

A new editor was needed to keep the magazine going, as Mrs Russell no longer has the time needed to continue. She was prepared to train any member willing to take over.

22 CALENDAR Mrs Madden completed the calendar draw for 2020.

23 WELFARE REPORT. Mr Warrender read out a report in Mrs Walkers absence.

24 TROPHY PRESENTATION

The annual trophies were presented, with rosettes and special cards.

Photographs were taken to record the event.

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Questions were asked about the Celebration dinner, and worries expressed about the unsigned emails members had received.

Concerns about the safety of members details were voiced.

Members were reassured that this affair was being investigated.

Mr Warrender proposed that Mr and Mrs Semos be made Patrons of the club ,in recognition of services rendered **AGREED BY ALL PRESENT.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.45pm

Date of the next AGM to be 17th of May 2020.

