

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES**

1988 Semi-Annual Meeting

Monterey, California

February 2-5, 1988

The Semi-Annual Meeting of The International Cat Association was called to order by President, Georgia Morgan at 9:10 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 1988 in Monterey, California. Roll call showed the following members to be present:

President, Georgia Morgan  
Vice-President, Jim Becknell  
North Central Regional Director, Dewane Barnes  
Northeast Regional Director, Mark Coleman  
South Central Regional Director, Sue Pannell  
Southeast Regional Director, Pat Smith  
Southwest Regional Director, Brenda Kinnunen  
Legal Counsel, Larry Paul

Canadian Regional Director, Yvonne Patrick and Northwest Regional Director, Alice Rhea were expected to arrive in the evening.

The President asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the 1987 Annual Meeting as corrected. Kinnunen stated that she remembered the results of the Exotic Shorthair Breed Committee differently than the minutes reported them. She felt that she had **not** made the motion as stated on page 6, paragraph 4. It was pointed out that she had made the motion to "discuss" Board Ballot BB87-10, and that the final motion, paragraph 6, had been made by Coleman and it was noted in the minutes that she had been opposed. Brenda then stated that the Hager's had no right to be on the committee and that they had been voted down. She was informed that it had been verified through the Ballot CPA and Executive Office records that they had been members of the Exotic Shorthair Breed Section at the time of the election and that they had received votes. Brenda stated that she felt it was a gross injustice to the rest of the breeds.

Later in the meeting, motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Kinnunen to reconsider the Exotic Shorthair Breed Committee being comprised of seven. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Kinnunen that in view of the fact that the Board has, the Executive Office has, and the ballot judge has, conceded to the wishes of the aggrieved parties, and have now established who is and who is not eligible for the Exotic Shorthair Breed Committee, that those who belong on it should be put on it and those who don't be removed. Charlotte Guthrie had received 10 votes, Sherrell Parlier had received 9, Rae Simpson had received 8, Yvonne Patrick had received 7, Lindsey Hager had received 4, and Martie Fellman, previously notified that she was on the committee would be dropped. Yvonne offered to concede her seat on the committee to Martie Fellman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Kinnunen that Patrick concede her seat on the committee to Martie Fellman. It was pointed out that the next person in line would be Joe Hager as he had received more votes than Martie. Both the motion and the second were withdrawn and the previous motion was reballoted. Motion carried with Coleman, Barnes, and Becknell opposed.

Sue questioned the decision in the minutes on the 1990 Annual being held in El Paso, Texas. The President reminded the Board members that the discussion concerning the El Paso Annual had been after the meeting had been adjourned. The Board members present had requested that she call the Vice President to ask if he would like to reconsider. Jim stated at this time that Compadres Cat Club had been asked to reconsider, he and Sue had not voted, and the club had decided to keep the Annual in El Paso. Dewane agreed that this decision had not been reversed during the previous meeting.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Pannell to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

In the minutes of the Annual 1987, page 17, paragraph 4, there had not been a majority of the "Board members present and voting" voting in the affirmative. Motion had been made by Becknell, and seconded by Rhea to dismiss the charges of suggesting that a non-purebred animal be used in a closed breeding program. Motion had carried with Patrick abstaining, and Rhea, Kinnunen, and Coleman voting against.

Consequently, motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Pannell at this meeting to dismiss the charges of suggesting that a non-purebred animal be used in a closed breeding program. Motion carried with Kinnunen abstaining.

In the minutes of the Annual 1987, page 31, paragraph 4, no action had been taken. According to the tape, the first motion was not acted upon. At this meeting the first motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was subsequently made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to defer Nancy Turner until the Semi-Annual. Motion carried unanimously.

The following motions were inadvertently left off the October 1987 membership ballot, they will be on the October 1988 Ballot.

Add to the By-Laws, ARTICLE FIVE, Section 5(e): Write-in candidates will be given 30 days after notification from the Executive Office to pay their membership dues per requirements of our By-Laws in order to serve on our breed committees.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Add Show Rule 242: The Show Management shall provide a Red Cross Approved First Aid Kit at the announcer's stand or at the front gate.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to add Bobbie Tullo to the Scottish Fold Breed Committee to replace Dan McNamara. Bobbie had received the next highest amount of votes. Motion carried unanimously.

Leslie explained that the Japanese Bobtail Committee consisted of Hazel Swadberg and Solveig Pflueger, with no third member. Janet Watson had requested appointment to the Japanese Bobtail Committee in her letter to the Board. Georgia stated that Janet was very interested in being a committee member, that she had worked closely with the CFA committee, and that she had access to a video, etc.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to appoint Janet Watson to the Japanese Bobtail Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

It was stated that Board approval is required for appointments to breed committees.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Pannell to allow the show held by Sooner City Cat Club, 04/31/88-05/01/88 to be scored in the 1987-88 Show Season.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Pannell to amend the motion to include that any show held on this date be scored in the 1987-88 Show Season. Brenda asked that the Scorer be consulted before voting on the motion. Following a phone call to the Scorer, motion carried unanimously.

Original motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to discuss the letter from Madame Nicole Guiot-Tabernat. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Madame Tabernat had requested a TICA exclusive so that no one in France could register their cats with TICA unless they proceeded through her association. Georgia stated that their pedigrees were extensive, and that each club had their own registry. She felt that a title exchange could be worked out and well documented and that this could be the first step. She also felt that it should be taken slowly and that more input on their titles would be needed. The TICA show in France had been exquisitely done. The rosettes had been beautiful, and the clerks experienced. It was stated that Aline and Phillippe Noel were in the same club. Jim had had verbal correspondence from another group in France, and he did not want to prohibit anyone from being able to register.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen that this matter be referred to the International Relations Committee for further study and detail. Motion carried unanimously. Mark requested a report from this committee at the Annual.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Kinnunen to accept the Uniform Finals Page submitted by Vickie Shields. Sue stated that she thought it was good, however, she would not use it as she would want to tailor the final sheets to her show. Mark stated that it could be cut and pasted. Brenda did not want it to be mandatory. Everyone agreed that it would be an improvement on many of the final sheets being received. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to discuss the employment contract. Motion carried unanimously. Mark requested that legal counsel review the contract, and was informed that legal counsel had written the contract. A discussion ensued concerning the necessity for a contract, the state requirements for notice to vacate employment, and the period of review. Georgia stated that Texas had no requirements for

notice. \*NOTE: By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII, Section 1. a. states: The Business Manager/Executive Secretary shall be an employee of the Association, employed by contract specifying a salary and signed by the Secretary and the Board of Directors.\*

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept the employment contract as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept the TICA Color Descriptions as provided. Mark stated that Solveig had requested that if there were any changes, she be called at work to verify them. It was stated that this packet was the Greensboro Package in writing with a few additions to cover colors and combinations of colors that have come up since the original Greensboro Package, i.e., sepia, etc. The description of the Golden Tabby on page 31 was completed to read: "a lighter golden color than the shaded."

Brenda asked if the Board had the right to tell a breed what colors were acceptable. Sue stated that according to Solveig, if it's genetically possible then it would be automatically accepted. She then asserted that there was a difference between what is accepted for registration and what is accepted for championship. If the Executive Office received a registration for a lilac Maine Coon, it would be registered, but it would not be accepted in the show ring. Sue felt that the standard should delineate what is accepted for championship competition.

Mark added that the Color Descriptions should be an addendum to the Show Rules, but in the Standing Rules so that colors that were changed could be changed across the Board. Brenda felt that they should not be in the Show Rules.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept TICA Color Descriptions as provided with the exception of the revision to the Birman. Larry stated that these had already been accepted and that it would be a modification if the term "accept" was used in the motion.

Brenda was unsure of the reasons why the silvers should be treated differently than any other color. Mark reiterated that the discussion at the Annual had been that it was to eliminate the confusion the judges might have in identifying a silvered cat and that the easiest way, as described at that meeting, for a judge to determine whether the cat was silver or smoke was to lift up the coat and see the white undercoat.

Mark editorially amended the original motion to read: Accept the Color Descriptions to include the current changes to the Birman colors, voted on by the breed section, and the completed description for the golden. Motion carried unanimously.

In a later discussion concerning the Registration Rules, Sue noted that the Registration Rules state: "See Appendix A for the list of colors". As it had been discussed previously that the Color Descriptions should be in the Show Rules, Sue pointed out that they had been an addendum to the Registration Rules. Alice stated that she felt that if the Color Descriptions were appended to the Show Rules, exhibitors would believe that all of these colors could be

shown. She felt that what went into the Show Rules should be what is accepted for show. Sue agreed that the Color Descriptions should go in the Registration Rules as the Executive Office would use them for registration purposes. Brenda agreed to extract the colors accepted for championship competition by each breed for an addendum to the Show Rules.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman that the TICA Color Descriptions be included with the Registration Rules as Appendix A.

Brenda felt very uncomfortable with the Color Descriptions as she is not a geneticist and she wanted to be more secure in explaining what had been done at this meeting to her members.

Motion carried with Kinnunen and Patrick abstaining.

Alice stated that she felt that the Color Descriptions had not been provided as expected and that the other members of the Genetics Committee had not been provided copies and that the Board was being stampeded into accepting something erroneously. \*NOTE: Gloria Stephens and Gray Jerome were sent a copy of the Color Descriptions on the same day that the agenda packet was sent to the Board.\*

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Kinnunen that acceptance of color descriptions into the Registration Rules be reconsidered. Motion carried with Coleman, Becknell, and Pannell opposed.

Georgia asked Brenda and Alice to check with Gloria and report later this afternoon.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Kinnunen that Brenda and Alice develop a list of colors which are acceptable for championship competition to be incorporated in to the Show Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was subsequently made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Barnes to accept the TICA Color Descriptions submitted by Solveig Pflueger with corrections to be appended in to the Registration Rules.

Brenda asked for an additional correction for clarification purposes: change silver/smoke to silver and/or smoke.

It was stated that goldens would compete with the brown tabbies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Pannell to deviate from the agenda to discuss distribution of standards. Motion carried unanimously. Mark stated that he felt that his judge's license fee should entitle him to free copies of the revised documents each year. Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell to table this motion to discussion of judges with the Judging Administrator in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Pannell to deviate from the agenda to discuss the Registration Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to untable the Registration Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell that the breed designation for the American Curl be AL. Motion carried unanimously.

Subsequently, motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to untable the Registration Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman to accept the Registration Rules with the insertion of the Color Descriptions. Brenda questioned whether the loophole had been closed, i.e. no cat in Category I may have unknowns in the background. Sue stated that when she had revised the Registration Rules, she had tried to change that. Solveig and Arthel had agreed that it should be the way it read. The Genetics Committee Chair and the Technical Terminology Committee Chair had both approved the Registration Rules. Solveig had explained this to the entire Board in New York. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to change the Registration Rules Article IX, Section 13.a. The unique registration number consists of the cat's birthday (six digits) followed by a sequence number (three or more digits) to ensure uniqueness among cats with identical birth dates. Motion carried unanimously.

The President reported that the computer fed forms for the judge's books had been ordered and would be available soon. She stated that the current supply of judge's books forms would be depleted in about 2 months. Notice would be in the TREND to identify when the new forms could be requested from the Executive Office. It was noted that there was room to store the forms in the Executive Office, but not enough room to store an overabundance, as in addition to new forms, the office also stored all judge's books for a period of 2 years, and all catalogs from all previous shows are on file.

Sue suggested a microfiche reader and then discarding records more than 5 years old. It was stated that the microfilming of the records had already been approved. These records must be microfilmed and then verified before any records may be discarded or destroyed.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell that the Executive Office be authorized to purchase one microfiche reader/printer (combination unit) and one microfiche reader not to exceed the purchase price of \$1000 without Board approval. Brenda questioned the necessity for two readers. Coleman made an editorial amendment to scratch the second reader. Jim was adamant that the office would be needing both and felt that the purchase of the second could be accomplished as needed. The editorial amendment was withdrawn. Original motion carried unanimously.

At this time Sue initiated a discussion on Board expenses. She felt that the expenses for two Board meetings a year bordered on prohibitive. She also felt that it would help considerably if the Board members were invited to judge again. She want TICA to be able to afford to pay some of the expenses of the Board members to come to the meetings. It was stated that Regional Directors have their regions to help fund their expenses at the meetings but that the President and Vice President had no funding for their expenses. It was noted that the By-Laws, ARTICLE XI, Section 1.c. state: "The President, Vice President and Directors shall be reimbursed reasonable travel expense to the Annual Convention and may be reimbursed

reasonable expenses incurred in attending any Board of Directors or membership meeting. Directors travel expenses shall be reimbursed firstly from the Regions' escrow account." Mark stated that his region had a very good fund to cover his expenses. Brenda had not received reimbursement for the Annual as yet from her region. Pat felt that she wouldn't be able to afford Canada. Larry described a contract whereby the clubs could be advised that they should invite as many of the Board member as possible. He stated that it could be incorporated into the "Contract", that if the judge's transportation is provided by the Board (free tickets) then the club may be asked to pay the hotel portion of the bill. In that way only a few of the directors' expenses would have to be paid instead of all of them. Mark reminded the Board that he had been directed to prepare guidelines for the hosting of any Annual. He had not brought them as they were incomplete, however he asked if the Board wanted this included in the guidelines. Brenda felt the clubs would feel dictated to, and Mark added that it might be infringing upon the rights of individual clubs, and could be considered soliciting of judging assignments.

At the Annual in New York, motion had been made, seconded, and carried that the Board appoint the Ballot CPA at the Semi-Annual Meeting, 1988.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman to accept the bid from Long, Chilton, Payte & Hardin on counting of ballots. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that this would include all ballots except Regional Member of the Year.

At the Annual, motion had been made and seconded to use the words Persian-type longhair and Persian- type shorthair, and Siamese-type longhair and Siamese-type shorthair for the packet described earlier in that meeting. Subsequently, motion was made, seconded, and carried to table until morning. Motion had not been untabled at that meeting.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman to accept the wording as recommended by Dr. Pflueger. It was noted that this was not a change, just a clarification in terms of the color packet. Dewane couldn't see a use for it. Sue and Mark stated that it was already being used.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to table until Dr. Pflueger could be contacted. Motion carried with Barnes and Becknell opposed. Subsequently, Mark stated that he had spoken with Dr. Pflueger on the phone. He explained that in a show a judge may name his three best Persians and then his three best Himalayans, then take those six cats and decide on the three best persian type. This is nothing new. In a later discussion, Mark stated that for clarification purposes: Registration Rules, Article 3, Section 2.b. states: "No breed may recognize for championship, cats which are phenotypically indistinguishable from an already established breed". If you don't name the breed group then you could be in violation of the registration rule.

NO ACTION TAKEN!!!

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to table the realignment proposal until morning. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was subsequently made by Becknell, and seconded by Rhea to untable the realignment proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark stated that the realignment had been broken down by regions. The two regions greatly affected would be the Northeast and the Southeast. The report included in the agenda had demonstrated how many members would be affected by the realignment. He explained that at the Annual the Midwest Region had been proposed to keep balance on the Board. Dewane stated that the one thing that he had not detected had been a compelling reason to make a change. Mark explained that from Florida to Maine was a long way with a vast expanse of population, and that if it could be broken into three separate units along the eastern seaboard, he felt it would give better accessibility to a director to help the membership. He stated that he found it difficult to travel to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Ohio. Dewane asked if it was necessary for a regional director to travel to help these groups. Mark felt that the regional director could be the driving force behind the growth in the regions. Jim stated that had been the purpose of the deputy regional directors. Mark reiterated that the population was immense and the purpose of the realignment would be to better serve those that exist in the affected areas, plus provide for continued growth in TICA. Dewane agreed with Jim that the deputy regional directors could assist in any number of ways without necessitating the formation of a new region. He felt that it would set a bad precedent, in that Alaska or Hawaii might want their own region. Alice asked what the members thought, other than the members of PACE. Jim also questioned how the membership in the Northeast felt as their region would be losing half of their members and over half their clubs. Sue wanted to know the financial impact of the realignment. Georgia stated that it would be impossible to provide figures because of lack of data on the yearbook, on reprogramming of awards, etc., and that other areas affected would be membership reprogramming, and the Annual Awards Scoring system would require modification. Pat stated that out of her region's 23 clubs, five didn't answer, one voted yes, and 17 voted no. Alice stated that it would take some time to change all the records, publications, programs, membership cards, etc. Pat stated that her region, as a whole, was against it, it would take six or seven shows out of the region, and four clubs. Mark stated that because PACE members do the majority of their showing in the Northeast, they feel that they should be scored in the Northeast. Jim felt that there would always be someone who wanted that, no matter how it was divided. Georgia also explained that there would be financial impact on paying expenses of the Regional Directors. There would be one or two more people for which travel and meeting expenses must be paid. The PACE members had been upset because they feel they have no support. Dewane reiterated that the Board could not take action and adopt a proposal that had significant ramifications just to satisfy one club.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Becknell not to accept the realignment proposal. Motion carried with Coleman opposed.

Motion was subsequently made by Pannell, and seconded by Kinnunen to reconsider the realignment proposal. Motion carried.

Mark stated that Pat and he had agreed to annex Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to the Northeast Region. Pat stated that she had no objection but that she would vote against it as her region did not want this. Mark had been on the phone with PACE and Feline Alliance of Tidewater and they had been adamant about wanting to be a part of the Northeast Region. Dewane stated that he had the same concerns as before about not making adjustments in the regional boundaries without a compelling reason to do so. He reiterated that it would set a very bad precedent, and that other clubs on the borders of other regions could then request the same procedure. Sue stated that Mark had indicated that he

wanted his region split because it had too many people to handle. And with this proposal he would be taking on four more states and not losing any others. Alice reiterated that her financial concerns remained.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Patrick that the Northeast Region annex the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Motion denied with Coleman and Becknell in favor, and Patrick abstaining.

The following were the Issues not referred to membership Ballot per Technical Terminology Committee:

Any new By-Laws, Show Rule, or Registration Rule, new breed acceptance or anything else that shall affect the workings of the association shall be effective the following May First, unless otherwise specified.

Arthel reported that this could affect the workings of the association and it could be placed in any one or all of several articles in the By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, etc. to include Board of Directors Ballots, Membership Ballots, Election Recall, Referendum Discipline. She didn't feel it should be on the ballot unless the Board was aware that this change would mean **anything** that affects the workings of the association except when there is an effective date. The "or anything else" could affect the workings of the association. It can't go on the ballot unless it is specifically decided where it goes i.e., Show Rules, Registration rules, By-Laws, etc.

Leslie explained that Arthel's concern was whether or not the Board was aware of what this would entail. She had also wanted a specific place to place this rule. Georgia then explained that the deadlines used at this time made it almost impossible to get everything to the committees and back to the Executive Office so that the membership ballot could go out before the end of October.

Dewane stated that even if it went in the By-Laws, there might be things you could get yourself into a bind with. Mark stated it was intended to affect publications. Sue felt that an effective date could be set without adding it to the rules. Larry stated that Arthel wanted you to be very very sure before you did this, because if you put this in, and then needed something in effect before May First you wouldn't be able to use it, whereas if you leave it out, then you are not bound by it until you specify an effective date. He added that Arthel was a great believer in the less something says the better off you are because once it is in the rules you are bound by it.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to reconsider the motion made at the Annual 1987: Any new By-Laws, Show Rule, or Registration Rule, new breed acceptance or anything else that shall affect the workings of the association shall be effective the following May First, unless otherwise specified.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to deny the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to reconsider the motion made at the Annual 1987: All members shall be required to pay 3-year membership fees when filing for office, in addition to the \$5 filing fee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Kinnunen to replace the previous motion and to accept as Standing Rules: Any member qualifying for an elected office shall be required to pay membership dues for the entire term of office for which he qualifies, in addition to the qualification fees set by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes to reconsider both motions made at the Annual 1987 to be added to Show Rule Article 13, Section 6 and 7 to read: (6) When a judge has asked to be released from a contract, he/she must not accept another judging assignment from another club for that weekend. This does not apply to a judge whose contract has been mutually terminated because of a change in residence, or to a judge whose contract has been cancelled by the club. (7) An invitation from a club to a judge must be answered, affirmatively or negatively in writing, within 15 days from the date of receipt. If an invitation from a club to a judge is not answered affirmatively within 15 days from the date of receipt, it shall be considered void. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue and Brenda asked that they be voted on separately. In discussing (6) Georgia asked about the clubs that call and never follow up with a contract, and then your name appears on the flyer and you have already accepted another contract. Sue stated that an ethical judge would not cancel one club for an assignment, and if they're unethical they wouldn't get invited back. She felt that the Board had been encountering too many rules that were made for one or two judges. Jim agreed. Larry stated that there could be a problem if the President or Vice President needed to go somewhere on TICA business and this would prevent it unless you add "with express Board approval", but if you bind yourself then you have also bound the President and Vice President.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman to deny the motion made at the Annual 1987 to add Show Rule Article 13, Section 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Later, Mark wanted to discuss the Show Rules that had been acted upon the previous day regarding judge's contracts. Brenda felt that it was unethical to cancel one judging assignment to take another, and she felt that the guidelines should tell the judges that ethics were one of the things that the Board scrutinized closely.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to discuss changes to the Show Rules that did not make the 10/87 Membership Ballot regarding judge's contracts. Motion was denied with Georgia breaking a tied vote.

In regard to (7) Larry stated that there could be a legal problem because then you would be saying that you would have to respond within 15 days. They would have no obligation to contract you then, because it would be oral. It could be a serious problem with all these oral inquiries where it is an invitation rather than a contract.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman to deny the motion made at the Annual 1987 to add Show Rule Article 13, Section 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman to reconsider all three of the Show Rules on page 49b of the Agenda and page 45 of the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Barnes (at the Annual 1987) to change Show Rule \_\_\_\_ to read: All judges shall be sent a copy of the show flier prior to the show. REASON: The show flier contains important information which may not be contained in the judge's contract. It is a small courtesy to the judge, but an important one. Motion had carried unanimously. Jim felt that if the club didn't abide by this rule there could be no recourse, and that this show rule could only mandate courtesy.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to delete this show rule addition. Motion carried with Coleman abstaining.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Coleman (at the Annual 1987) to change Show Rule Article 15, Section 8 to read: Judges and clerks shall not smoke in the ring when cats are present. It should have shown that both "judges and clerks" were to be banned from smoking in the ring when cats were present.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman to add Show Rule, Article 15, Section 8 to read: Judges and clerks shall not smoke in the ring when cats are present. Motion carried with Pannell abstaining.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Rhea (at the Annual 1987) to add Show Rule, Article 15, Section 6 to read: In cases of cancellation of a judging contract the party responsible for cancellation is responsible for any penalty on discount airline tickets. REASON: With judges under pressure to obtain the lowest possible air fares, we need a rule on penalties. Most low fares today carry at least a 50% penalty, and the lowest fares are non-refundable. Judges should not bear the burden of penalties if the club cancels, nor should the club have to pay if the judge cancels, or misses a plane. Motion had carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to add to the Show Rules, Article XV, Section 6 as above. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

It was noted that the North Central Proposal dealt with the same thing, and therefore would already be covered.

Sue stated that she had a problem with referencing these Show Rules as Article XIII, Section 6 because no member has a copy of these. Mark stated that they had been accepted at the Annual and that they would be effective May First. Leslie added that they had been typed and approved by Arthel.

Dewane stated that these proposals should be sent to a committee to study and research implications before they were brought before the Board, therefore, changes in existing rules would be thoroughly considered before the Board voted on them. Larry agreed and pointed out that since the Household Pets were left out of the requirements for Champion or Master, legally, they could have insisted on being confirmed under the old rules. Georgia felt that the Technical Terminology Committee could cover the research of the effects of new rules provided they were given enough time to do the research.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Pannell that the Budget Adjustment request for an increase in the approved Wages (Empl SS, FUTA, ST Unempl) allotment from \$64,642.80 to \$67,360.79 be approved. Mark felt that another full-time employee should be hired. Jim felt that it should be left at the discretion of the Executive Office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Yearbook was discussed at length with the consensus of opinion being that no information on the editor was stable. Sue had spoken with Nancy within the past week and told her that the schedule was unsatisfactory and that if she intended to be out of the country during the summer then Sue felt she would be gone at the most critical time, a time when Nancy should be mailing her advertising out. Nancy had stated, at that time, that she felt that a professional should be hired. Nancy had spoken with Georgia and claimed that the yearbook would be out by April 20. Georgia felt that perhaps it would be out May 20.

Georgia reported that she had taken the book to two different agencies. They had advised her: that there were 294 color separations; that several of the pages were wasted because of the large type, placement of photos, typesetting, etc.; that someone to set it up to do the layout and the editorials would be around \$12,000; that the last professional yearbook had been the 1984 edition. She stated that the 1986 Yearbook had cost \$41,021, but as she had not been involved with anything other than the bookkeeping of monies turned into the office, i.e. monies received showed only that it was a yearbook expense, with no other details, she had no way of telling whether it was advertising, an older edition of the yearbook, a recent one, etc., therefore, she could not allocate funds for expenses, etc. Georgia was hesitant to do anything over Nancy's head as she felt, as did several others, that it was possible that Nancy might just walk off and leave the yearbook where it was. She had talked to Roland; he was not available, although he had stated that he would help anyone who wanted to take over the job. She had also spoken with the Negus', who did not have the time. It was stated that Nancy could not take any conversation without interpreting it as criticism. After extensive discussions, Georgia called Sunny Zear to request that Sunny finish the work on the Annual, if Nancy Nolen dropped this year's Annual before completion. Sunny agreed to do this if it became necessary although she stated that she did not have any expertise in this field. Larry suggested that Sue Becknell would be an excellent Yearbook Editor, that she had the same experience as Roland and that she had always done a beautiful job of editing and writing. Jim replied that she was going to school, however, she could be asked. The main concern was that the Yearbook be timely and that it be professional. Georgia subsequently reported that she had spoken with Sue Becknell on the phone. Sue had agreed to take over the responsibility of Yearbook Editor.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman that Sunny Zear be approached about taking on the position of doing the sales pitch, and picture collection portion of the yearbook, while Sue Becknell would have full artistic license on the yearbook itself. Dewane felt that there should be very specific lines of authority and suggested that someone should have the responsibility of developing a specific job description for the yearbook.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to add to the previous motion that the Board request that Roland Lindsey develop a job description for each title. Motion carried unanimously.

Original motion carried unanimously.

It was determined that Sue would approach Sunny Zear reference the sales on the yearbook and call Roland for the job descriptions.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Coleman that By-Laws, Article III, Section 1.a. be amended to read: A member's region of record is the region where the member resides. Dewane explained that a North Central member had moved to the Northeast and had wanted to retain membership in the North Central because awards would be easier to attain. There had also been the question of a member of the Northwest who resided in the Northeast running for the office of Regional Director. Article III, Section 1 states: "The Regional Directors shall be elected by the members of the Region where the Director resides to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected." Alice stated that just because you are not in home area did not mean that you were no longer interested; even the United States government allowed you to maintain your legal residence anywhere you wished. Sue stated that a member could run for Northwest Regional Director and live in the Southeast Region. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Smith that the Board appoint Sue Pannell to study the feasibility of funding the regional directors when they attend the Annuals and Semi-Annuals, i.e., the financial implications, alternative methods, etc., and report to the Board with a proposal at the Annual. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Patrick that the Board of Directors reimburse Sue Pannell and Jim Becknell for travel expenses to the Semi-Annual. Georgia stated that Sue had paid \$150 of her airfare, and Jim had been unable to take advantage of the free tickets because American didn't fly west out of El Paso, therefore, his ticket had cost \$227. Other directors had been able to use the free tickets available from Upchurch. Motion carried unanimously.

Georgia appointed Brenda and Mark to check with the Legal Advisor for wording on a new By-Law pertaining to bad debts which are unpaid, i.e. due process, etc.

Georgia asked if official notification of actions during the Annuals or Semi-Annuals might be postponed until the official minutes were out to prevent incorrect information from being presented to the members. Jim felt that a Board decision was a Board decision and it should stand regardless of whether or not you had supported it. Dewane asked if Georgia meant notification of actions taken verbally and in the newsletters. She felt it should be in the newsletters but taken from the minutes although it did take time, they would be more accurate.

Alice pointed out that in two different instances, she had been confronted by members who had information from confidential meetings. In one instance, Dewane had given information to Mary Ann Seknevich concerning Bill Vermaas' status as a judge. In the other instance, Marilyn Coleman had confronted her about the decisions made on judges and the requirements the Board had requested of some of the judges. Alice felt that these had been decisions made in Executive Session and that they had been **only** the Board's business. Yvonne had also had phone calls about information that had been in executive session. Sue Pannell stated that Vicky Markstein had known about the decisions in New York and had known what the vote was; information that could only have come from the Board room. Georgia confirmed this. Alice pointed out that the Judging Administrator and the Regional Director are the only two people who may properly speak to a judge concerning actions taken by the Board, i.e. if the Board decides that Dawayne Goodburn is suspended, then it would be her prerogative to tell him that, and she would not want anyone else to tell him, unless she specifically requested that Gloria tell him. Official notification should come from Gloria, with the Regional Director permitted to inform the applicant if they desire to do so unofficially. Georgia reminded the Board that the minutes weren't out for 30 working days, therefore, Gloria wouldn't be notifying anyone until then. Alice felt that the minutes should be out before official statements were made. Mark and Sue asked if that included their newsletters. They felt that there would be information in the meeting that the members needed to know before the minutes were available. Brenda suggested brief regional notes could go to the members and when the minutes were completed, expanded versions could go in the newsletters. Yvonne wanted it made clear to Gloria that she was expected to give notification to the judges. Jim also felt that the Judging Administrator should administrate. Alice felt that Gloria was hesitant to overreach her authority, but would do whatever the Board instructed.

Georgia asked about the decision made at the Annual concerning responsibility of determination of the sex of a cat. Everyone felt it must be determined by the Entry Clerk. Once the cat is in the show hall, the judge would not have the right to withhold a win from the cat; he wouldn't have the prerogative to cause a scene in the show hall, cause an unhappy exhibitor, cause problems with the show management, etc. It was decided that if the entry clerk had taken the entry, the cat is in the show, the judge should judge it. Mark had been unwilling to move on, however, no motion had been made.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to defer this discussion until proper research could be provided. Motion carried unanimously.

||||||DISCUSSION DEFERRED||||||

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Barnes that the letter from Larry Levy and Nicole Ledoux concerning Show Rule 221 be deferred to the Annual Meeting due to the date of receipt. Mr. Paul felt that this might have been an emergency situation. Motion denied unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to discuss Levy/Ledoux letter concerning Show Rule 221. Motion was editorially amended to state that consideration was of an emergency nature, so as not to set a precedent. Editorial amendment was accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Legal Counsel's written opinion follows: "This rule appears in the Show Rules from the time TICA was formed. It was put there to allow clubs who had unpleasant experiences, bounced checks or created havoc in some fashion from some exhibitor and they no longer wanted the entries from some individual. As you can see, one club could not seriously damage an exhibitor as to Regional or National or, for that matter, breed awards. It was never anticipated that one person would be putting on all of the very largest shows in TICA which could possibly have as many entries as all the others put together. I think the rule is legal and would withstand challenge.

However, I am not going to tell you that this rule will not fall in court if the person responsible for these large shows excludes an exhibitor. This is especially true where the person doing the exclusion has the same breed of cat being excluded. The charge that one person could control Best of Breed for the same breed they have and deny the exhibitor a regional or national win can conceivably produce a serious problem. A court order obtained by someone could possibly close down a show and embarrass TICA beyond your imagination. My opinion is that we do have a serious problem here that needs to be discussed.

I know that most of you will probably want to keep the rule in effect. If you do, the only solution I can offer you is for someone to take the responsibility of getting Vicky to change her mind and for Larry Levy and Nicole to agree to some of the following:

Agree to no loud talking, cursing or otherwise disruptive behavior.

Agree to stay away from the judges completely while the show is running.

Agree to photograph no cat or judge without prior permission. And, most important, understand that a violation of any of the above agreements will result in permanent refusal from some clubs.

If they agree to the above terms and then violate them, we are on fairly strong legal ground and Vicky and TICA are protected if there are complaints about them. After this, I believe you are on good ground to bar them from shows. Until this is done I cannot suggest that this rule be allowed when someone is running this many shows.

Further, I think you need the President or Vice President or the Regional Director for South Central to deal with Vicky and the President or Vice President to get a consent judgement from Larry and Nicole. Perhaps Vicky will be agreeable to something if she can include this information in some communication with them and presents the signed agreement to the office for safe keeping. (I do advise that these matters be in writing because too many different versions arise from oral discussions.)

In summation, I think you can avoid deleting this rule with an agreement between the two parties. If Vicky refuses the Board will simply have to make a decision in the best interest of TICA and I do not care to influence you one way or the other unless you have a legal question.

...By the way, Vicky did mention in Dallas something about excluding entries and I told her a club could send back any entry they wanted to keep out. It is only after this matter arose in New York that I had time to think it out and realize we could have a serious problem."

Mark stated that Larry and Nicole had some very fine cats, and the cats deserved to be shown, however, both Larry and Nicole had created problems in the past. They had fought in the show hall, thrown cameras at one another, she had sat on him and had beat him up, etc. They had very strong personalities that were not amenable to anyone else's, however,

he felt that Vicky fell into the same category. He added that some of the other Northeast clubs had strong convictions about keeping them out of the show hall. He also stated that Tord Svenson had relayed to him that Larry Levy had threatened a bomb at the Madison Square Garden show. Alice felt that Vicky was well within her rights as she had seen Larry and Nicole and would not want them in her shows. Sue pointed out that Vicky would never exclude the cats because they were in competition with her own, that winning had never been Vicky's objective, and that she was not just arbitrarily refusing their entries. Further, that Vicky had had continuous problems with them, that it was unpleasant to be around them, and that Vicky did not want that influence in her show hall. Mr. Paul stated that her contracts had several conditions, and that Larry and Nicole had violated some of these conditions by selling cats to people in France, etc. Jim felt that competition could be misconstrued as a reason for excluding them. Georgia reiterated that Vicky did not want her show disturbed. Mark felt Larry could imply that she would be forcing his cats not to compete against her own. Mr. Paul added that although he had nothing in writing, the New York Attorney General's office had told Larry and Nicole that if they could present evidence that they were being unfairly excluded, they could shut down the Madison Square Garden Show.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to table until after recess when these people could be contacted.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Kinnunen to amend this motion to include: until the President and Vice President, and the South Central and Northeast Regional Directors, and Legal Counsel contact these people to see if an agreement could be worked out. Motion to amend carried unanimously. Original motion carried unanimously.

Subsequently, Mark and Mr. Paul reported on phone calls to the respective parties: Mark had called Larry and Nicole. They had both agreed to stay away from the show committee, that they would not talk to the judges, and that basically they would leave the show committee alone. Their main concern had been allowing the cats to enter the show. Larry had been adamant about the fact that Show Rule 221 used against anyone to keep them out of a show could cause similar problems at a future date. He had questioned Larry about the bomb threat. Larry had told Mark that he had said it to Tord as a communication test to see how fast it got around.

Mr. Paul had spoken with Vicky Markstein. At first, she had been adamantly opposed to anything to do with Larry and Nicole. She then agreed to accept the entries with an agent. Larry and Nicole had agreed to enter the cats but to show up with the Attorney General of New York on Friday. Mr. Paul went on to state that there could be a problem with Show Rule 221. He had learned that the attorney of another association had refused to be seated until that rule had been removed from their rules and adjusted accordingly with the various reasons for which one may be excluded. It seemed that Larry and Nicole still wished to litigate and to pursue Show Rule 221 which he felt would leave the Board in the position of having to choose to take emergency action on Show Rule 221, to keep it intact, or to suspend it. He asked for research on the reading of the other association's rule. He felt that the Board could be safe with saying that no entries may be refused except under the following circumstances: debts owed the club or to TICA; illness in the cattery within the 21-day limit at the time of the show; prior disruptive behavior would cover a multitude of things and that the entries were complete

or full in a show. Mr. Paul believed that these four things would cover TICA and keep the rule intact, however, he asked for time for further research in order to prevent having to amend the Show Rule again. He felt that when it went to the membership it could be stated that a legal opinion indicated that the rule in its present state might present problems.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to table this discussion until further information was available. Motion carried unanimously.

Subsequently, motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to rescind the current Show Rule 221 and replace it with: The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry for the following reasons:

- Maximum entries have been received
- Last entry day is past
- Show date is during the 21-day prohibitive period, per show rule 214
- Exhibitor's name is on club or TICA bad debt list
- Club has voted that previous behavior in a show hall was disruptive and not conducive to the best interests of this association
- Cat being entered is on record in the TICA Executive Office as having bitten three judges

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to delete the last line of the previous motion. Amendment carried unanimously.

Original motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this emergency measure must be ratified by the membership within 60 days.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes that the membership ballot read: Legal Counsel has advised that there may be some problem with Show Rule 221 as it now reads, therefore, under Emergency Powers the Board of Directors has adopted the following changes to Show Rule 221.

OLD SHOW RULE 221:

The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry.

NEW SHOW RULE 221:

The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry **for the following reasons:**

- Maximum entries received.**
- Last entry day is past.**
- Show date is during 21 day prohibitive period (Show Rule 214).**
- Exhibitor's name is on club or TICA Bad Debt List.**
- Club has voted that previous behavior in a showroom was disruptive and not conducive to the best interest of this association.**

Motion carried unanimously.

!\*!\*\*\*!\*!\*\*\*!\*!\*\*\*!\*!\*\*\*EMERGENCY MEMBERSHIP BALLOT!\*!\*\*\*!\*!\*\*\*!\*!\*\*\*!

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Pannell to discuss the Hager issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat Smith stated that she had Joe and Lindsey's permission to drop the protest, that they had just felt that they were damned if they did and damned if they didn't. Sue had found no violation of any rule and did not understand the protest. Larry stated that he had given no legal opinion because he had found nothing to protest, no violation of the rules. Alice stated that her vet had confirmed the statement from the original examining vet to be that the cat had had pus in the eyes, therefore, the cat would have had no business in the show hall for 21 days thereafter. Pat stated that she had seen the cat and it did not have pussy eyes, and Frances Young had it in one of her finals. It did not have pussy eyes then. Alice reiterated that the vet said that it did: "a thick mucoid discharge was observed...".

Subsequently, Gloria stated that she had had the cat in her ring and had dumped it because of the eyes. Later Joe had brought the cat to her and if she had judged it then she would have finalized it. Yvonne and Georgia had had similar episodes. Gloria went on to state that what had bothered her was that Joe had put the cat in her ring when it was in bad shape and in discomfort.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Becknell that in view of the fact that the Hager's are willing to drop the protest, no further action be taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Becknell in view of the criminal charges brought against the Alexanders' regarding their treatment of cats, etc. that the association revoke their memberships, and deny all future privileges and services, including the right to show in TICA shows effective immediately. Brenda wanted to confine it solely to the Alexanders, but not to deny anybody who had bought their cats. Larry felt that you might be precluding any work for other people sent in by the Alexanders. It was stated that the people who had bought the cats could then submit the work and it would be accepted. Mark reported that the By-Laws Article XXII, Section 2, required that disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and an opportunity to be heard are first given to the party accused. Larry asserted that these people had never legally become members due to the fact that their check had bounced, therefore the Board would be dealing with an entity that had never legally been a member of the association. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to discuss Byron Tassler as presented in the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Kovics had filed a protest concerning Mr. Tassler circulating material detrimental to the association. Sue agreed, however, she did not feel it was grounds for a protest. She asserted that there was no rule against an ugly, snippy letter. Mark stated that the By-laws do mention "detrimental to TICA", however, it was stated that Byron had not circulated the letter, but had only mailed it to the involved party, the President and General Manager of the Association, and to the Editor of the Trend.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell that there were no grounds for a protest. Motion carried with Kinnunen abstaining.

The Business Manager was instructed to state simply in a letter to the Kovics that the Board found no grounds for lodging a protest. This was to be formal notification from the Executive Office.

Brenda requested 5 minutes to discuss Byron Tassler: She then provided a newspaper clipping regarding one of his shows in South LA that discussed the fact that the Long Beach based organization and animal registry is a sponsor and that an ACA show was mentioned three times while TICA was never mentioned. She also had a formal protest from Camille Trujillo, who had filed the protest on Friday after a Saturday/Sunday show. Byron had returned the protest stating that it was after the 5-day limit. He did tell her that if she returned the rosettes he would write second and fourth on them with a pen or magic marker, which would be in keeping with the show rules and Webster's definition of printing. Sue felt this was another instance where Byron was bending the rules to the breaking point as that had not been the intent of the Show Rule. Jim added that the rosette did not have anything on it when it had been given out.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Barnes to discuss the show protest filed by Camille Trujillo. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda read the protest:

January 15, 1988, Reference: Protest in violation of Show Rule 350.

Enclosed is a money order in Protest of the violation of Show Rule 350: "Final awards shall be rosettes with the appropriate award printed on one of the streamers."

I was an exhibitor at your recent show on 1/9/88 in Ventura, California. I received two rosettes which were printed only with "TICA" and "Festival of Pets". Camille Trujillo.

Byron's Reply: Ms. Trujillo, Per your note received today - I appreciate your scrutiny of just one TICA show rule. You will not then mind my mentioning another. Rule #701 states "protests against an exhibitor or any show official for violation of any rules of TICA shall be filed at the show or within five days immediately following the show".

Had you expressed discontent at the January 9 show you verify attending (you did not) I would have informed you the special-order stamps to designate wins had not arrived. When wins were hot-stamped on streamers we threw out hundreds of dollars worth at each show due to void classes or insufficient present. Foil stamps worked, but were awkward. The new stamps will be tried next, to avoid adding a 20% surcharge to entries for wasted rosettes. By the way...Webster's defines PRINT as "a mark made by impression; any line, character, figure, or mark in any form made by the pressure of one thing on another; hence a mark, impression, character, or stamp of any kind".

So...if you'd care to return the two rosettes I could write 2nd & 4th with a pen or magic marker, ruining the appearance of the lovely rosettes, and it would be in keeping with both the show rule and Webster's definition. I will pay shipping charges both ways in order for this to be accomplished.

Second...rule #701 allows for the option of filing protest within a certain time frame. In your case the deadline was January 14th, yet your letter is postmarked January 15th...too late for legitimate complaint. In adhering to the rule, as I'm certain you will appreciate, I must return the \$25.00 money order (enclosed) as your process is out-of-order. For information regarding show rules I suggest you read them completely, or verify compliance with TICA Secretary, Leslie Bowers.

I regret you made the long trip from Monterey only to do so poorly with the exhibit, and in such a terribly small kitten class too. To lose your opportunity at hitting it big with a protest in not keeping within the rules yourself must be an additional blow. B. W. Tassler

Response from Camille, 1/22/88: Byron, I would like to comment on your opinions that you made in your recent letter to me. As you know out of 6 Allbreed rings I made a 2nd and 4th best kitten, in addition to receiving the "Spectators Choice Award". Considering the small size of the kitten class, there were only top five kittens, I would not call that doing poorly. However, what I would like to call doing poorly is to be kicked or nudged out of sponsoring shows in "CFA". Oh and in addition my Spectator's Choice ribbon is printed "Best Kitten in Show". Camille Trujillo.

Response from Byron, no date: Ms Trujillo, I'm pleased to hear you feel two out of six finals is doing so well. If all exhibitors felt that way there would surely be many satisfied breeders/exhibitors. If an error was made presenting that kitten with anything representing the Spectator's Choice Award, it was in lieu of your public attendance preferred on the one day only, and the rosette was gratuitous on my part only. The Spectator's Choice Award was won by a spectacular American Shorthair owned by Joan Hinkle who also owned the other very lovely Scottish Fold kitten which finaled on Sunday. The Spectator's Choice Award is a beautiful plaque and was presented to the American Shorthair. Only one such award is designated per weekend. Your information is quite incorrect in reference to doing poorly in CFA. I produced the most successful events for that organization in the Southwest region and also produced a Southwest regional awards banquet and show which was the first ever to be sold out in advance. My choice was not to leave CFA but rather to produce shows in TICA as well when I was taken before the CFA Board for questioning. When asked to declare loyalty for CFA only, I declined to do so and was eliminated. This is just another example of why I was fed up with that organization and the Nazi tactics which govern it. I would be willing to declare total loyalty to TICA however, as I consider it...etc., etc.

Sue pointed out that Show Rule 701 states the violation shall be filed in writing with the show committee at the show or within 5 days immediately following the show. It does not say immediately following the day you exhibited. While he may not have broken the rule, he had broken the intent.

Alice requested a legal ruling. Larry stated that the Board could write him a letter saying that they had reviewed certain items and that while he had not broken certain rules, he had certainly bent them far further than the Board would allow. Further, in the future, he would please comply with the rules and provide printed rosettes in accordance with the rules. Larry informed the Board that they had the right to tell Byron whatever they wanted to tell him, that they didn't need to act on the protest because he would probably obey, but that he needed to know that the Board felt the exhibitor had a valid point.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell that a letter be sent to Mr. Tassler detailing Larry's points as stated above. Brenda was instructed to work with legal counsel, get the letter written, and furnish it to the Executive Office to go out on official letterhead. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Pannell that the Northeast Regional Director write to Christine Fitch and verify the Board's position. Christine had been disturbed about the "combining" of breeds in her letter dated 11/12/87. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea that the Business Manager contact M. M. Ledgerwood and explain that TICA was a registering body, not a policing organization, and that TICA did not have the authority to look into matters like this. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell to accept the By-Laws as amended and as approved by the Technical Terminology Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark stated that he felt that the most recent changes should be marked by a vertical line in the right-hand margin with the date of the change beside the line. Leslie contended that there were calls daily about earlier changes and when they had occurred. Georgia stated that it was needed because there were times when the old rule applied, i.e., confirmations. Mark also requested that the By-Laws be effective for a period of 1 year. Jim felt that it should be a 2 year period.

Later motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell that no document may be amended in less than 2 year intervals to stagger them excluding the Show Rules.

Sue felt they could be discussed at every meeting but only be voted on every 2 years. Larry felt that if the Board was adverse to using the Emergency Powers, they might find that they would use them more, after passing this rule, and then there would have to be a membership ballot within 60 days after emergency actions. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman that any program/document may be changed only in even years with the exception of the Show Rules which may be changed Annually.

Larry asked if that meant that the Board would consider show rules at both meetings. Leslie stated that if changes were accepted only at the Semi-Annuals then there would be time for research by the Technical Terminology Committee before they went on the October ballot.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman to amend the motion to read changes to the Show Rules will be considered at the Semi-Annual only.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Barnes to table so that the author could put the motion in writing. Motion carried unanimously.

Subsequently, motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Barnes that the Judging Program and the Registration Rules may be changed in even years only; the By-Laws may be changed in odd years only; the Show Rules may be changed each year with revisions being considered at the Semi-Annual Meeting only; effective 5/1/88. It was stated that this rule would be in the Standing Rules. Mark felt that the membership would interpret this

motion as meaning they may only change the Show Rules at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Leslie stated that any Show Rule changes submitted at the Annual could be held over to the Semi-Annual Meeting. Sue stated that she had included standards in this motion, however, Alice had suggested that breed committees did not change their standards frequently. Brenda added that anything brought up off the floor could be discussed and then tabled. Alice was concerned about having to use "Emergency Powers". She felt the Board should be able to change things without them. Dewane stated that changes should only occur on the Show Rules, and there would only be one Membership Ballot per year. Sue reiterated that she felt that nothing could be accomplished if revisions couldn't be kept up with. Motion carried unanimously.

Alice Rhea reported on the status of the Standards.

AB-Breed Section Vote.

AC-Breed Section Vote.

AS-Breed Section Vote. The points for tail had not been included in the Standard when it went to the Breed Section. She would be correcting that typographical error and reballoting.

AW-Approved.

BA-Committee had not replied to her correspondence. She had given them 5 days to approve the SI Standard with the exception of hair length.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Smith that all committees who had not submitted approved standards be given 5 days to approve the standard Alice had furnished; if nothing was returned, then the standard would be automatically approved. Motion carried unanimously.

BG-Experimental.

BI-Breed Section Vote.

BO-Revised 1/12/88, 5-day letter.

BR-Experimental.

BS-Verbal acceptance, 5-day letter.

BU-First page approved, 5-day letter.

CX-Breed Section Vote.

CH-Experimental.

CO-Experimental.

CR-Approved.

CY-Approved.

DR-Breed Section Vote.

EM-5-day letter.

ES-Alice had received nothing from this committee. She stated that she would send the Persian Standard, ask them to alter the coat and return it, within 10-days.

HB-McInchak is working on this standard.

KT-Breed Section Vote.

MC-Standard unfinished, to be resolved Sunday.

MX-Breed Section Vote.

NF-Breed Section Vote.

OC-This standard is in editing, it has been returned to me and is being revised.

OL-Breed Section Vote.

OS-Breed Section Vote.

PS-Breed Section Vote.

RD-Breed Section Vote.

RB-This standard is in editing.

SA-Experimental

SF-Breed Section Vote.

SS-Breed Section Vote. Alice stated that she had written to the members of the SF and SS committees and explained that the standard was an inappropriate place for the outcrosses to be listed and that I had deleted them. She had also informed them that Exotic Shorthair outcross would have to be accepted by both breed committees/sections as an outcross as the Scottish Fold Longhair had been accepted under Scottish Fold.

SI-5-day letter.

SG-Breed Section Vote.

SN-Experimental

SO-Use Abyssinian Standard, 5-day letter.

SP-Experimental.

SX-Editing.

TF-Burmese Longhair

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell that the Nebelung person be informed by this Board that since the required standard was not presented at this Semi-Annual Meeting as requested, and since a standard must be presented before a breed may be accepted in the NBC class, this breed has now been delayed for acceptance into NBC until such time as an approved standard has been passed by this Board.

NOTE: Minutes Annual, 1987, page 22 states: "The proposal for the Nebelung was discussed. Dr. Pflueger stated that ultimately the breed would be a longhaired cat that in all other respects corresponded to the Russian Blue standard and that would eventually allow only Russian Blue as an outcross. Cora Cobb had, at this point, declared an interest in developing a Russian Blue Longhair. Solveig stated that Mrs. Cobb now had goals developed, and that she was proposing a Russian Blue Longhair following a Russian Blue standard with the exception of hair length. Dr. Pflueger did state that if Mrs. Cobb suddenly decided that she wanted a longhaired blue cat that is American Shorthair in type, she would be required to reapply. The only thing she would be able to provide in the standard would be the coat and the texture. She would be required to supply the judges with a standard. The General Manager was instructed to send her a Russian Blue Standard and to inform her that she may only alter the coat length and texture.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to accept as Category IV, NBC status, the Nebelung (Russian Blue Longhair) under the provisions of Article III, Rule 2, Registration Rules and as recommended by the Genetics Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously."

Executive Office records indicate that Mrs. Cobb was mailed a copy of the Russian Blue standard with a note from the Business Manager that she may only change the coat length and texture. She had not been instructed to furnish the Board with a copy of the new standard.

Cora Cobb had told Jim that she was thinking of falsifying pedigrees and he had explained that if she did she could be barred from registering in the association. Sue added that Mrs. Cobb had no concept of what would be involved in getting these cats recognized.

Motion was restated: The Nebelung, which was accepted under NBC effective 05/01/88, would not be accepted until the Board received a standard for a Russian Blue Longhair for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell that the drawings presented in the Agenda be bypassed as there had been no proposal presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda requested clarification on how many members of the breed committee must approve a standard before it may be changed. The Board clarified that a simple majority was required.

Brenda requested clarification on the chain of command. Larry Paul stated that the Board had final authority. The Board may allow a Breed Section to exclude a category or division. He added that if the Board didn't have final authority, the committee could exclude every color they wanted down to one, and that some of them would have done so. Alice stated that she had no objection so long as the Board was sensible. Jim felt that the Board had normally agreed with the breed section unless they were unreasonable. **The Board is the final authority on standard changes.**

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell that consideration for the 1991 Annual be tabled until the Annual in Edmonton. Mark stated that he had a club in his region that had wanted to put in a bid for the 1991 Annual and he had been under the impression that Rae Simpson's bid was for the 1990 Annual. As previously noted in these minutes, Compadres Cat Club had chosen to maintain their bid for the 1990 Annual, therefore Rae's bid had been converted to 1991. Leslie had spoken with Jim on this point, he had informed her of Compadres decision and she had asked him to apprise Rae and to have Rae submit the new date. The new date had not been submitted in writing. Sue felt that since a new date had not been submitted, it could not be acted upon at this meeting. Alice stated that she had submitted in a timely manner and that she would be presenting this bid to the Board at the open meeting. Brenda felt that no proposals should be entertained until there were some kind of guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion of Cattery Names and the registration of similar cattery names. The Board approved a set of guidelines for the use of the Executive Office as follows:

Cattery names may contain: no more than 15 characters  
no punctuation marks  
no apostrophe's  
no spaces  
no hyphenations  
no more than one word  
no duplications  
no orthographic variations (different spellings of the same word)

Dewane stated that he had proofed the Judging Program when he had received it from Sue in September, and had found the corrections had been made accurately according to his notes. He did have some questions.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea to delete 119e from the Judging Program. Dewane accepted as an editorial: to delete the following words from 119e "which must be received by the JA 60 days before the next scheduled Board meeting." Motion carried with Smith and Becknell opposed. It was stated that the form needed to go back with the notice that they have passed the test.

There followed a discussion of the Judging Program: Dewane stated that he and Gloria had worked on this for 2 years and that they had agreed that the Household Pet Judging Program should be strongly recommended, but not a requirement as it could discourage people from getting into the program. He really just wanted clarification that the Board was aware and in agreement that this would be a requirement. Brenda added that she had taken some flack because her members felt that the Board had gone from accepting anyone to requiring 5 years of breeding, the Household Pet Program, etc. Most had felt it would be fine in theory but too rigid in reality. Jim felt that they would follow the program if they were interested or ask questions. Georgia had been concerned that the program had never been published, and perhaps someone who was well-qualified would not even be aware that it existed, and that shows were getting larger and larger and there would be a shortage of judges. Sue suggested publishing the Judging Program now and making it effective 1/1/89. Jim stated that he was disgusted and appalled at the whole situation. He had been given this project to complete, the committee had worked hard, and this was the end product. Sue agreed that she was tired of changing it. Dewane reiterated that he had only wanted clarification. A short discussion followed.

Motion was subsequently made by Pannell, and seconded by Barnes in order to phase in the Judging Program the following be added as an addendum:

First year of new program (1988-89) - Requirements for entry into the program shall be 3 years of breeding, two Grands in major specialty, one Grand in minor specialty, HHP judging program not required. All other requirements as in new program.

Second year of new program (1989-90) - Requirements for entry into the program shall be 3 years of breeding the Grands in major specialty, one Grand in minor specialty, HHP judging program not required. All other requirements as in new program.

Third year of new program (1990-91 and subsequent) - the new program in its entirety shall be in effect with all requirements therein.

Jim was adamantly against this motion. He felt that the committee had worked very hard to make the Judging Program workable and exacting, and that it should remain that way. Mark and Dewane both felt that their regions would suffer for lack of judges. Motion carried with Becknell opposed.

At this time, Jim resigned from the Judging Program Committee.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Barnes that 144c be added to the judging program to state: When all requirements are met, the applicant shall serve as Probationary Allbreed Judge, pending Board approval of the advancement. It was stated that this would create a step between Approved Specialty and Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to return to the Agenda. The Judging Program was left with revisions to be completed by Sue and mailed to Gloria and the Executive Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Gloria had requested the following clarifications:

On May First the new program takes effect. If you had 10 sessions before May First, then you would be required to have 10 more with 30 cats each.

An applicant applying for advancement before May 1, 1988 will be under the new Judging Program when the Board acts at the Annual Meeting in September.

It had been determined earlier in this meeting that the judge would judge the Household Pet if the entry clerk had accepted the entry fee.

TREND: It is the entry clerk's responsibility to determine the altered sex of Household Pets **prior** to allowing the entry in the show.

TREND: Notice to all Clubs: The judge is required to send the Judge's Book Cover to Executive Office.

TREND: Trainees are provided with a training contract which must be signed by the show manager or president of the club, thus giving permission to train at that particular show. It would be greatly appreciated if these contracts could be signed and returned to the appropriate party as soon as possible.

TREND: Applicants for acceptance in the Judging Program and applicants for advancement must send a letter of intent to the TREND Editors, 90 days prior to the Board meeting.

The Judging Administrator was instructed to use her forms to keep track of CEU's.

The Board did not feel comfortable with the idea of an oral exam.

Rules for foreign judges were referred to Committee.

All judge's contracts should show where the judge should arrive, i.e., at which airport. The contract should also show the charge for driving to be 20 cents per mile not to exceed the lowest airfare.

Applications into the Judging Program must be **received** 60 days before the Board meeting.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Patrick that voting for those judges specified would be by secret ballot. Larry had given a legal opinion on this: "Can we legally vote by secret ballot on all matter pertaining to judges? Yes, I can find nothing that precludes this because ballots regarding the judges were not heretofore published. You need to designate one for counting who will answer the person's name and number of yes votes and number of no votes. The minutes should reflect the outcome." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Coleman to accept Stephen H. Girard into the Household Pet Judging Program with a requirement to renew his clerk's license. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept Bernie Hayduck into the Household Pet Judging Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept Linda Hayduck into the Household Pet Judging Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Coleman to accept Glen Popiel into the Household Pet Judging Program. It was stated that he really just wanted to be a Household Pet Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to advance Marie Rezem to Household Pet Judge. Gloria had spoken with Don Shaw, and he felt she was ready to be a Household Pet Judge. Mark reiterated that he had presented evidence of violation of TICA Show Rules in Austin. He strongly felt that she should not be advanced. Jim stated that he had spoken with her about her appearance, but that her handling was good, and she presented the cats well. Pat agreed that her handling was fine. Secret Ballot, motion carried.

Motion was subsequently made by Barnes, as a courtesy to the Northeast Regional Director, and seconded by Rhea to reconsider the advancement of Marie Rezem to Household Pet Judge. Motion carried with Kinnunen and Becknell abstaining.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes to deny advancement of Marie Rezem to Household Pet Judge. Most felt that there had been no more written complaints and some improvement although Mark reiterated that his region had wanted him to vote against her. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Coleman that since she had been accepted, the Judging Administrator impart the Board's concern about her appearance and that she take care of that situation immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Smith to advance James Stewart to Household Pet Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Pannell to accept Sue Sims into the Shorthair Judging Program. Alice stated that she had a volatile temper and an intemperate attitude; she felt this would need correcting. Brenda replied that Sue was effervescent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Rhea that all foreign judge's applications be referred to the Judging Committee for consideration at the appropriate time. The Judging Committee would be developing a Judging Program for Foreign Judges as per previous conversations earlier in this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Judging Administrator was instructed to inform them that the Judging Committee was in the process of formulating a foreign Judging Program policy.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Barnes to accept Laura McIntyre into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Brenda stated that she had come in as a Shorthair applicant, and since that time she had taken a Persian kitten and shown it and done very well. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Patrick to accept Dewane Barnes into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Discussion centered around either requiring all applicants to lease a Persian or none of the applicants.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to amend the motion to require Dewane to obtain a Persian by lease and show it a minimum of three times until the Annual. Motion carried with Becknell opposed and Patrick abstaining. Original motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell to accept Joe Edwards into the Longhair Judging Program. It was stated that he had only Maine Coons and Somalis.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to amend the motion to require him to obtain a Persian for 6 months and show it himself at least 3 times. Amendment carried.

Original motion carried unanimously.

Sue stated that when Joe came into the Shorthair Program he would be under the new requirements. Mark felt he should be notified of that.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell to accept Wendy Klamm into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program and that she be required to keep the Persian she currently had and continue to show it for 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Becknell to accept Glynis McCartney into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Yvonne stated that she had been very active and quite pleasant; she had talked with her about her appearance. Motion carried with Coleman abstaining.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Becknell to accept Jean Stoochnoff into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Yvonne stated that Jean had been her Deputy Regional in Edmonton; that she had bred Persians, had a Burmese, had graded a Siamese, and had agented several different breeds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Becknell to accept Karen Matz into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Yvonne explained that Karen had helped her tremendously. She stated that her cats were presented wonderfully; she would be getting a Norwegian Forest, and she had agented several different breeds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to accept Frank Percesepe into the Longhair/Shorthair Judging Program. Mark stated that Frank had been late at the Annual and had been postponed to this meeting. He had had some problems obtaining proof on his first litter. Mark wanted this requirement waived. Gloria had asked him to let her know how to proceed and had heard nothing. Mark explained that Frank had been very distressed because Georgia and he had quite heartily encouraged Frank to continue with his application in July 1987. Georgia agreed but maintained that she had instructed him to get his paperwork in early as he had also been slow in the past. Mark felt that he had been very busy at work,

and his mother had been very ill. Mark added that Frank would be an asset to the Judging Program. Dewane was concerned that he had not answered Gloria. Motion carried with Barnes abstaining.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Becknell to advance Joe Hager as a Probationary Specialty Judge. Jim felt that there would be problems, but that Joe had improved quite a bit, and that he deserved a chance. Pat stated that she had all of his evaluations and there were no bad ones. There was a lengthy discussion concerning unethical behavior conveyed in a letter received by Gloria. Secret Ballot, motion denied.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to hold his application to the Annual for discussion. Motion carried with Kinnunen, Pannell, and Coleman opposed. Sue stated that he should reapply.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea to reconsider the previous motion. Motion carried with Becknell and Smith opposed. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Georgia advised Pat to tell Joe that he had not been favorably considered at this time and that he could reapply at the Annual.

Motion was subsequently made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea to reconsider advancement of Joe Hager to Probationary Specialty. It was felt that Joe should be told that he had failed the first time but the Board had reconsidered with a view to being watchful. Motion carried unanimously.

In the open meeting, Joe Hager formally thanked the Board for their support and for the opportunity to judge in this association.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Patrick to advance Sue Pannell to Approved Specialty Judge. It was stated that she was a pleasure for a show committee, and that her judging was excellent and gentle handling. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell to accept Anne Ritzinger into the Longhair/Shorthair Training Program. Brenda stated that she had been a UCF Allbreed Judge for several years, but had not been a guest judge for TICA. She had observed TICA practices and had chartered a TICA club, however, Brenda did not want her near the Approved Specialty level until she could be assessed at TICA shows. The original motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to accept Anne Ritzinger as a Probationary Specialty Judge after completion of the Applicant's Exam, training five times with five different instructors, and one judging school. Motion carried with Coleman opposed and Smith abstaining.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell to advance Nancy Turner Parkinson to Approved Specialty Judge. Sue felt that Nancy had been held back for lack of experience outside her region, and verbal remarks about her judging, and that she didn't feel comfortable about doing it again. Mark stated that she had judged in Tyler and had picked few of the same cats as the more experienced judges. She had done a Northeast show and he had heard nothing favorable, and the club would not be inviting her back. He felt she was not

really a good judge. Sue stated that she had had some personal problems, but that there had been nothing in writing. Motion denied with Patrick, Brenda, and Pat abstaining, and Mark against.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Barnes to advance Bill Vermaas to Approved Specialty Judge. Alice stated that Bill had come under a great deal of richly deserved criticism during the Board meeting. After he had simmered down, he related to me that Yvonne Patrick had done everything for him. Yvonne stated that he had not been an active member of an active club, and she had nothing to do with him. Jim noted that he had not judged out of region. Sue felt that expense had a lot to do with that. Yvonne added that looking at the overall picture and without putting her own feelings into it, she felt he was capable of advancement. Gloria pointed out that he had judged several shows in his own region. Yvonne stated that Regina would not be inviting him back due to an enormous problem with their last show caused primarily by Bill. Alice noted that Emerald City would never invite him back, although Evergreen would for practical reasons, because he's cheap. The vote count was YES-1, NO-6, ABSTAIN-1, motion denied.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Barnes to advance Don Caruthers to Allbreed Judge. Sue stated that he was a marvelous judge, had extended experience, and that she had never heard any derogatory remarks about him. Brenda questioned his conferences and the short period of time he had been an Approved Specialty Judge. Motion carried with Kinnunen opposed because she felt he was going too fast, and Coleman opposed because he felt uncomfortable advancing him at this time.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to advance Mark Coleman to Allbreed Judge. It was noted that he had become an Approved Specialty Judge in January of 1987. Sue stated that she did not believe that you could look at a record based strictly on time and make a decision. Gloria felt that some people needed more training than others, and she did not feel a time limit was always a good idea. Alice felt he needed seasoning. Sue stated that the spectators loved him. Georgia agreed and stated that he had done a wonderful job at the Corpus show. Secret Ballot, motion denied.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Barnes to reconsider advancement of Mark Coleman to Allbreed status. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Barnes to advance Mark Coleman to Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Becknell to advance Charlotte Guthrie to Allbreed Judge. Gloria stated that she had been a problem in the past, but she seemed to have calmed down; she did have some verbal remarks about political judging but nothing in writing. Alice was distressed that there seemed to be a lack of reasons to advance some of the people. Brenda noted that she had judged mostly out of region which might point to a problem within the region; that she had watched her judge at the Annual, and she had been rude to people who were interested in her cats. Pat stated that Atlanta would not ask her back unless there was an emergency as she overcharged, and she would not recommend advancement. Secret Ballot, motion denied.

Gloria asked what instructions she should give to those denied. Dewane felt all she needed to say to Charlotte was that the Board did not feel she was ready to be advanced at this time and that Gloria would discuss it with her if she wished to pursue it.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Coleman to advance Edith Mary Smith to Allbreed Judge. Yvonne stated that she had been a TICA Approved Specialty Judge since 2/87, and she had been judging TICA shows since 1987; she had really improved her handling and her attitude was "tell me how I can improve". Alice added that she was colorful, and delightful from a club standpoint although her location made her hard to use. Gloria reported that she had only judged nine shows and only one of those had been out of region. Motion was denied with Patrick in favor.

Motion was subsequently made by Sue Pannell and seconded by Patrick to reconsider advancement of Edith Mary Smith to Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea to accept Edith Mary Smith as Approval Pending Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Patrick, and seconded by Rhea not to reinstate Irma Castle. Yvonne reported that her attitude had not improved; she had been alerted that she would be required to have a Judge's Conference and had done nothing to see that requirements were met. Jim stated that she must get an Allbreed Sponsor and she must have a Judge's Conference. Sue questioned why she was still judging. Motion denied unanimously. Gloria was instructed to relate to her that she was suspended until she had attended a Judge's Conference.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Barnes to accept Linda Lindsey as a Ring Instructor. Sue stated that she was energetic. Brenda felt she hadn't had enough time. Alice stated that her comportment was exquisite. Motion carried with Kinnunen and Coleman opposed for lack of time.

Motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Becknell to deny acceptance of Frances Yow as Ring Instructor. Alice stated that her club owed TICA money, although most of the Board did not feel she could be held personally responsible for the bills. Pat stated that the rumor in her region was: "If you haven't made a final, you haven't been in Frances Yow's ring yet." Gloria read some descriptions of various breeds written by Frances. Yvonne stated that she had been rude to the exhibitors with Albino Siamese for no reason. Motion carried with Barnes abstaining.

Discussion was held concerning Brook Hunter's lack of judge's record form and refresher test. It was stated that the judges have been informed in several different ways that this was not acceptable. This would be his second suspension. Pat points out that Brook was not on the list that had been sent to her from Gloria. Discussion ensued pertaining to Allbreed judges providing record forms. Mark felt strongly that Allbreed Judges did not need record forms. Alice wanted the record form at the end of the year to evaluate the judge.

There were several questions about judges who had not paid license fees. Leslie had checked license fees for judges on 1/6/88. The following is a list of those judges she was asked to check upon her return to the Executive Office:

Chapman-not paid 3/16/88

Costello-paid 1/12/88

Goodburn-paid 1/8/88  
Woodman-paid 1/12/88  
Grillo-paid 1/11/88

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Rhea that the all Allbreed Judges be relicensed at this time with the exception of those who were to be investigated and when cleared, those to be automatically relicensed or automatically suspended at the discretion of the Judging Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell that Allbreed Judges no longer be required to submit a Judge's Record Form. There was discussion with the judges commenting on this motion. Motion denied with Becknell, Coleman, and Smith opposed.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea to appoint Gray Jerome as Genetics Instructor. Motion carried unanimously.

Gloria reported that there were no problems with the Approved Specialty Judges.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Pannell to relicense all Approved Specialty Judges. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Rhea to extend the deadline on Joan Ray's exam as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Gloria read a letter dealing with judges and members of their households entering cats the judge would be judging. Vicky Hansen enters cats when Cheryl Hogan judges. Cheryl transports Vicky's cats. The Judging Administrator was instructed to remind Cheryl that members of her household may not exhibit in shows where she judged.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Pannell that all Probationary Specialty Judges be relicensed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Coleman to relicense all Household Pet Judges. Duffy West had requested that his name be removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Later, Dewane expressed his concern over the way the Board had disposed of all of the judges for the various regions without considering each judge individually. He felt that it was not the prerogative of the individual regional director to relicense an individual judge but the prerogative of the entire Board, i.e., he wanted to know that **all** of the judges were meeting the requirements and if they weren't then he wanted the **Board** to be aware of that also.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Kinnunen that Gloria compile a list of all of the judges with missing requirements by region and furnish it to the entire Board. Gloria was instructed to use the Judging Program, page 9, Requirements for Annual Renewal of Judging License for the basis of her report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Rhea that the Household Pet Judging applicant be required to choose as a sponsor, a TICA Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea that the Judging Administrator furnish specific recommendations for Guidelines for Instructors to improve organization and structuring of Seminars. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea to untable the discussion on Specialty Judges judging allbreed Household Pet rings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes to strike the words "or an allbreed format" from Show Rule 124. HOUSEHOLD PET JUDGE-A judge who is licensed to judge only household pets in a longhair/shorthair format. Brenda felt that there should not be double licensure; when a judge had gone into the Longhair/Shorthair Program they could no longer judge allbreed rings. Mark pointed out that a specialty judge had a great deal more experience than a household pet judge. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

It was stated that the following judges on the late list were the only judges to be charged: Costello, Goodburn, Hogan, Lemp, Savant, and Grillo.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes that the period of review for late judge's books would be from Semi-Annual to Semi-Annual. Motion carried unanimously.

The Judging Administrator was instructed to print this in the Newsletter.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Pannell that the examinations in the TICA Judging Program may only contain information which may be found in official TICA publications effective 05/01/88. Sue felt that genetics were important and she found them fascinating, but felt that a person taking an exam for the purpose of qualifying to judge in a TICA show should be able to use TICA publications to answer any and all questions. Alice stated that in any field you would have outside reference material. Brenda added that the exhibitors expected the judge to know everything, and that judges should have some knowledge of genetics. Mark suggested making them bonus questions. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Georgia stated that she really had been amazed at how many judges and show committees could not even tell an exhibitor how to grand their cat. Instead of talking with the exhibitor they invariably directed them to Georgia for answers to their questions.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Kinnunen that the Judging Administrator be allowed to put the genetics questions in a bonus question section of the test as suggested. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Rhea that the Board instruct the Judging Administrator to include various questions on TICA Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, etc. Motion died for lack of a second. It was stated that this had already been done.

Gloria asked Mark to make up an increased section on mechanics for the exams.

Discussion of Letter from Sue Servies: Pat reported that Robin had already entered the Burlington Show, Beth's child had been ill, and the catalog had been printed on the night before the show-if you looked closely you could see that it had been changed. Robin had

been a 72 hour emergency judge. Georgia reported on the entries in Festival of Pets. She stated that there had been one show beginning at 9 AM and a second one beginning at 11 AM. Lindajeane had not been there. Brenda stated that from the catalog it had been impossible to tell.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Pannell that if and when Sue Servies stepped down as scorer, the task of scoring be turned over to the Regional Scorers who would then send the scored catalogs directly to the Executive Office. Motion carried with Kinnunen and Coleman abstaining. Dewane stated for clarification: The regional scorer will score the catalog and send it directly to the Executive Office after May First, with Sue Servies as back up scorer for those regions necessary.

Discussion of Judge's Contract: Larry stated that the motion to prevent a judge from cancelling one show to take another could be amended to say: with the express permission of the Board. It had failed earlier however, he felt that it might become a problem in the future and the Board would not have anything to preclude it when it did become a problem. He also stated that the contract needed to have "This contract is valid until \_\_\_" in it. Georgia asked that the rate for travel by car be in the contract. Mark volunteered to put this in the Standing Rules.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Smith to adopt the contract with the following corrections: This contract is valid added to the bottom of the first page and Transportation: Please fly into \_\_\_\_\_ airport. NOTE: Attached to these minutes as Addendum 1 is a copy of the corrected contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Pannell that TICA pay for the maintenance agreement on the Judging Administrator's copier. Rae Simpson had given Gloria a copier and this maintenance agreement would cover repairs but would not cover the cost of the drum or developer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Rhea to untable the discussion of distribution of publications to judges. Motion carried. Mark felt that in return for his judging license fee he should be sent, on an Annual basis, an updated set of the Show Rules, By-Laws, etc. Alice stated that his fee was for administrative costs, and that publications should be in addition to that fee. Dewane felt it was not unreasonable to expect that TICA provide updates for its publications, but would not support them being provided every year.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes that TICA judges be furnished all updates or revisions to TICA documentation, at no cost, to be furnished by the Executive Office to include anyone in the Judging Program. This motion covered Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, and Standards. Motion carried unanimously. Leslie clarified that she would be using the list of judges in the TREND to send out these publications.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Pannell that the license fee for Allbreed judges be increase to \$35 and the license fee for Specialty Judges be increased to \$25. It was noted that that wouldn't cover the cost of the publications, postage or time spent by the Executive Office staff to address the publications, and that judging fees had been increased by 50 percent. Motion denied.

Dewane inquired about the study that Mark had been making on alternative ways to charge for show licensing and Annual awards. He asked that this be put on the agenda for the Annual.

It was stated that Brenda had notes on the entire Household Pet Judging Program and would be furnishing them to the Board.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Coleman appoint Brenda as a committee of one to get this typed up and disseminated to everyone so that it could be acted upon at the Annual. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion concerning a letter from Bill McKee ensued. Leslie would be contacting him concerning this letter. Pat would be contacting him concerning Byron.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea that membership dues be increased to \$15 Annually, that the 3-year membership be discontinued, and that the Canadian discount be discontinued 5/1/88. RATIONALE: The increased revenue would cover the cost of mailing the TREND to all members, first class. Yvonne had reservations about increasing membership costs and forfeiting the discount at the same time. Sue asserted that it cost the Executive Office the same amount to process Canadian work as it did others, and the Canadians paid less. Yvonne suggested decreasing the discount to 15 percent. Dewane stated that other associations had lower fees and yearbooks were included with membership. Georgia had researched other association fees and their fees had increased on litter registrations, cat registrations, corrections, and cattery addition/deletions to \$6. It was felt that registrations would bring in more money than memberships. Previous motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Barnes that registrations, litter registrations, transfers of ownership, addition/deletion of cattery names and duplicates/corrections shall be \$6 and the 3-year membership shall be discontinued. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board instructed the Business Manager that the Canadian discount be 20 percent and applied only to those who take it.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea that the change in price structure become effective 5/1/88 and that the Executive Office apply it on the date the work is received. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea to reconsider the increase in the judge's license fee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pannell and seconded by Rhea to raise the license fees for Allbreed Judges to \$35, for Specialty Judges to \$25, and to leave the Household Pet Judges at \$15. Sue felt that it was minimal increase and that it would increase revenue so TICA could pay the directors' expenses. Mark wanted the Judging Administrator to be able to use the money to pay for printing expenses to send out the distribution of the rules discussed yesterday, with any left over to pay her travel to and from meetings. It was stated that the Judging Administrator's budget was \$750 for expenses related to her job and that when her presence was required her expenses to the meeting had been paid. Mark felt that it could be mailed to Gloria and then she could pay the bills as they came in. Brenda stated that she would have

to be bonded. Everyone felt that would be impossible. Motion carried with Becknell opposed, and Barnes opposed because the matter had been closed the previous day, and he saw no compelling reason to reopen it.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea that the Canadian Annual Meeting begin on Wednesday morning. Yvonne had asked for a written report, but had not received it in time. The show and the banquet are at the convention center. The hotel will be the Western with rates of \$75 and \$85 per night. There will be a Friday night buffet get together. Open meeting room is nice. The club had been upset about paying for the meeting rooms and had wanted the Board to have catered lunches. Yvonne had told them that the Board did not want catered lunches and that it would be nice if their buffet tickets were free. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda reported on the color descriptions: She questioned the use of the word "lynx" in the Siamese complex to mean tabby. Gloria pointed out that lynx indicated pointed tabby.

It was pointed out that the color descriptions use "division" to designate categories and divisions under the three major categories. Brenda asked if the Traditional, Intermediate, and Colorpoint Divisions could be labeled category instead of division for the sake of clarity. The Board agreed.

The Birman was corrected to read: Colorpoint category, limited to solid color (eumelanistic, phaeomelanistic) particolor division.

The Egyptian Mau was corrected to read: Traditional category, silver and tabby division limited to spotted pattern full color eumelanistic only.

The Persian Group was corrected to read: Exotic Shorthair-All colors of all divisions, however, it is accepted for championship competition in the Traditional and Colorpoint Categories only. The breed section had not voted to accept Intermediate colors on the championship bench.

Alice stated that there had not been an Exotic Shorthair Breed Committee, so the standard had not been sent to them. Larry pointed out that the Board would have to make a decision about the sepia points as these people had shown their cats in good faith.

The Ragdoll was included to read: Colorpoint category particolor division, limited to eumelanistic only.

The Ocicat was included to read: Traditional category, tabby division, spotted pattern only, eumelanistic colors only.

The Abyssinian reads: Traditional Category, tabby division, limited to the eumelanistic colors in agouti pattern only. See standard: Ruddy, Sorrel, Blue, and Fawn.

The Household Pet reads: All colors of all divisions.

The Sphynx reads: All colors of all divisions.

The Turkish Van reads: Traditional category only, particolor division only, harlequin pattern only.

Georgia and the Board thanked Brenda for all she had done at this meeting.

#### OPEN MEETING:

Georgia greeted the members attending the Open Meeting of the 1988 Semi-Annual Meeting. The Canadian Proposals were next on the agenda. The Canadian Regional Director reported that she had no proposals.

The North Central Regional Director reported that his proposal had been already been dealt with.

The Northeast Regional Director presented his proposals:

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes to revise Show Rule ARTICLE V, SECTION 6: These Show Rules must be presented **by the owner of the entries in question** to the veterinarian prior to his inspection of the entries. Current Show Rule 506 reads: These Show Rules must be presented to the veterinarian prior to his inspection of the entries.

Brenda asked how it would be legislated or by whom these show rules should be presented. Mark replied that right now the show committee would not be required to go to the veterinarian. Joe Hager suggested that the committee go with the exhibitor and explain to the vet as this would protect the novice also. It was noted that some show committees were very small and were not in any position to abandon the show to make a trip to the vet. Motion denied with Coleman in favor.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to revise Show Rule ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 2: **Completed** written **TICA Judges Contracts in duplicate** shall be used by the affiliated clubs in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows. **Lodging information does not have to be on these contracts, but must be furnished to the judges at least 2 weeks prior to the opening day of the show.** Current Show Rule 302 reads: Written contracts in triplicate shall be used by the affiliated clubs in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows. Mark stated that there was no current show rule which says that the clubs must use the TICA contract as provided. He explained that the back of the contract could be filled in later. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to add Show Rule ARTICLE XV, Section 8: **Judges may not enter the show hall before the scheduled date of judging during advertised show hours.**

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell to amend the motion to read: **Judges may not enter the show hall during advertised show hours before the scheduled date of judging.** Amendment is carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Kinnunen to revise Show Rule ARTICLE XII, SECTION 8: If a club exercises the option of presenting Best of the Best awards, these awards shall be computed by using the total points won in the **Allbreed** final awards by the entry. In the event of a tie, the division and color awards will be used to break the tie. If Best of the Best and/or the Morris Trophy are to be awarded, notice shall be included in the show flyer and the catalog. Current Show Rule 356 reads: If a club exercises the option of present Best of the Best awards, these awards shall be computed by using the total points won in the final awards by the entry. In the event of a tie, the division and color awards will be used to break the tie. If Best of the Best and/or the Morris Trophy are to be awarded, notice shall be included in the show flyer and the catalog.

Mark stated that the current way we do this allows any final and it's really not a true representation of the best of the best. Sue Servies explained that the Morris awards required all finals. Mark had wanted some feedback because the Southwest did more of these best of the best than the Northeast. Sue added that you follow the Show Rules. Joe Hager felt that it would be an injustice to eliminate the specialty in evaluating best of the best. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Brenda noted that the Morris Trophy should not be mentioned in TICA Show Rules since the Morris Trophy was not a TICA award.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Becknell to revise By-Law ARTICLE FIVE, Section 4 to read: BREED COMMITTEE: (a) The members of each Breed Section shall elect a Breed Committee to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected. Requirements for election to Breed Committee member as follows: Breed Section membership, the breeding of a litter of the breed in question, and actively engaged in showing the breed in question, all within the 2 years immediately preceding the election. **Only one family member or member of a household will be allowed to serve on any Breed Committee.** The number of Breed Committee members shall be determined by the Board of Directors and may be increased or decreased based on the number of Breed Section members and the needs of the Breed Section. The Breed Committee will elect a Chairman from those who are elected to the Committee. The current By-Law reads: The members of each Breed Section shall elect a Breed Committee to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected. Requirements of election to breed committee members as follows: Breed Section membership, the breeding of a litter of the breed in questions and actively engaged in showing the breed in TICA in question, all within the 2 years immediately preceding the election. the number of Breed Committee Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors and may be increased or decreased based on the number of Breed Section members and the needs of the Breed Section. The Breed Committee will elect a Chairman from those who are elected to the Committee. Jim felt this was discriminatory at best. Sue added that being in the same family did not always mean that you agreed. Pat noted that sometimes there were not enough people to fill these committees. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Mark withdrew the next proposal as it dealt with appointed committees only having one family member, etc.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Rhea to add Show Rule ARTICLE XII, Section 9: **No award presented at TICA shows will involve subjecting any cat to the indignity of being (1) dressed in a cape or other article of clothing or (2) crowned with**

**a headpiece.** REASON: Such insipid carryings-on are potentially frightening and harmful to the cats -- and border closely on inhumane treatment. What's more, these shenanigans will, in the long run, not attract the kind of serious breeder and exhibitor that TICA needs in order to keep pace in the cat fancy. Playing kitty dress up in the show ring -- in addition to setting a poor example of the way this association values its cats -- reflects poorly on the more sensible exhibitors in TICA and in the cat fancy in general. This proposal prepared by Phil Maggitti. Alice gave an account of when Roberta Redfurred went best of the best and she was presented with a dark blue velvet cape lined in ermine and a little blue crown with jewels on it and she had put that kitty in that cape and I held her up and her tail went up and her head went up and she said: "Oh I'm so pretty." I didn't think it was the least bit undignified, the cat was honored not subjected. The owner was delighted, the audience was delighted, and the club worked real hard to make that cape. Rae Simpson asked if this would apply to Household Pet Show also. She stated that the Household Pet people loved it. Everyone felt that when the cats objected they were not forced, and the people all seemed to love it. Motion denied with Coleman in favor.

At this time Mark turned the floor over to Sheila Reams, Tonkinese Committee Chair. Sheila stated that the Tonkinese Breed Committee was requesting the new color of Fawn Mink for championship; consistency in the color names; and NBC status for the sepia solid and pointed colors. She then presented cats for the Board to see; with descriptions and explanations.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell that the Tonkinese breed accept for registration in sepia and mink intermediate category and the colorpoint category under the names of seal, blue, chocolate, cinnamon, frost and fawn with correct designation of sepia, mink and point as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Barnes to accept sepias and pointed Tonkinese for championship competition. Larry stated that he felt there could be some serious problems with this. There would be cats that the judges would otherwise disqualify for lack of merit in the Siamese and Burmese breeds, coming up to championship and he felt that there would be definite criticism from the Siamese and Burmese breeders, and that the cat coming out of the Siamese or the Burmese would look like a breed that was already on the championship bench now. Nancy Turner stated that other than its confirmation a pointed tonk was genetically a Siamese in terms of color pattern. Sheila replied that other than its conformation a pointed Exotic Shorthair would genetically be a Siamese in terms of color pattern. The discussion ensued for several minutes. Motion was denied with Becknell in favor, and Smith, Coleman, and Patrick abstaining.

At this time, Alice introduced Rae Simpson of the Northwest Region, President of the Columbia Cat Club to present a proposal for the 1991 Annual. Rae explained that the Red Lyon Inn in Pasco, Washington would be the site of the 1991 Annual with a room rate of \$50 or under for singles; there would be free meetings with coffee set-ups for all Board meetings. She had planned a swim party at her house on Friday night, and several tours for exhibitors. The awards would be at the Country Club and in the center of the room so that all could see. Everything else would be at the hotel. The show would be six Allbreed rings each on Saturday and Sunday, and four Specialty rings on Monday set to finish up at 1 PM so that people could get home. Alice added that Rae always put on an outstanding show, and that it would be an Annual TICA could be proud of; several of those present echoed this opinion.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Becknell to table the decision on the 1991

Annual until the 1988 Annual. Motion carried unanimously.

Rae stated that if the hotel booked in the meantime, she would be forced to withdraw the proposal.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Rhea, and seconded by Smith to accept Columbia Cat Club's bid for the 1991 Annual to be held in the Red Lyon Inn. Mark stated that he had a club in his region that had been really interested in the 1991 Annual and because of the confusion of the 1990 date had been led to believe that 1991 was open. Motion denied.

The South Central Regional Director presented her proposal:

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Becknell that Show Rule 504 be amended to read: Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having contagious or infectious illness may report same to the show manager. It is the duty of the show manager to have the cat in question removed from the show hall until a veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses the suspected illness OR certifies that the cat is free from contagious or infectious illness. If illness is confirmed, the cat will be disqualified. Should the cat be certified free of any illness, it shall be returned to the show hall for competition. Awards received prior to either decision will remain in effect. In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the show manager has the authority to officially absentee the entry from being presented in order to receive the award. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain a veterinarian's services. **If the cat is diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious illness, the veterinarian's bill shall be paid by the owner or agent of the entry; if the cat is certified free from contagious or infectious illness, the veterinarian's bill shall be paid by the person filing the complaint.** The show committee shall provide as much assistance as possible. Current Show Rule 504 reads: Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having contagious or infectious illness may report same to the show manager. It is the duty of the show manager to have the cat in question removed from the show hall until a veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses the suspected illness OR certifies that the cat is free from contagious or infectious illness. If illness is confirmed, the cat will be disqualified. Should the cat be certified free of any illness, it shall be returned to the show hall for competition. Awards received prior to either decision will remain in effect. In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the show manager has the authority to officially absentee the entry from being presented in order to receive the award. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain a veterinarian's services; however, they show committee shall provide as much assistance as possible. Sue felt this would prevent anyone from filing a complaint to remove the cat from competition, etc. Larry and Brenda were concerned that this would discourage anyone from saying anything for fear of having to pay the bill. Sue felt that the Show Committee would/should be willing to pay the bill if there was any question on the health of the cat.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Rhea to table this motion until Sue had a chance to consider the wording and the comments that had been made, and perhaps make adjustments to the wording and reconsider it at that time. Motion carried with Pannell abstaining.

Motion was subsequently made by Barnes, and seconded by Patrick to untable Sue's proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue stated that she did not want to reword it, it stated exactly what she wanted it to state. The motion was reread. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

The Southeast Regional Director stated that the Southeast had no proposals.

The Southwest Regional Director read the proposal from the Leopardette Society:  
The International Leopardette Society (ILS) respectfully requests that the TICA Board adopt the following changes and additions to the present rules regarding the Bengal breed of cat:

1) That the name Bengal be limited only to cats of the first and second generation away from the Asian Leopard Cat/domestic cat hybridization. These first two generations are rarely dependable of temperament and should be excluded from the show rings (not the show hall). Judges should not be expected to handle them.

2) That subsequent generations away from the wild ancestor be called "Leopardettes". We request this for three reasons: a. In years past, F1 Bengals of highly questionable temperament were exhibited and proved dangerous. We seek to separate ourselves from that bad connotation. b. It is easier for entry clerks to monitor generation status if there is a name differentiation, thereby protecting judges. c. Enormous confusion results from the association of the word Bengal with the striped tiger. The name should suggest spots, not stripes!

3) That Bengals may or may not have a 100 percent domestic mate but that Leopardettes may not (after January 1, 1989). This will permit the introduction into the breed of fresh outcross blood (Bengals) while preventing the dilution of the breed with too much domestic outcrossing. Thus cats with a Leopard cat parent or grandparent (half-breeds and quarter-breeds) are Bengals and may be mated to domestics or to Leopardettes, but the latter may not be outcrossed to domestics. If someone does, the offspring cannot be registered as Leopardettes for the blood is too dilute to qualify.

We recognize that this may mean difficulties in programming TICA's computer now, but it will preclude enormous difficulties later if we have breeders producing litters of only 1/16th or 1/32nd blood. Already we have Aby, Siamese, and Ocicat breeders wanting to use a Leopardette male on an entire cattery of domestics. Only disappointment can result for the kittens cannot exhibit the wild characteristics, most of which are recessive.

The two current members of ILS who have produced kittens affected by these changes, as well as the three additional breeders with pairs that expect litters in 1988 have all joined in formulating the above request and have verbally ratified it. Gregg Kent who has a line different from Millwood also concurs. We know of no other affected breeders. Thus, this request is unanimous among our membership. We feel that by adopting these rules now, problems and misunderstandings can be averted in the future. If a double name within the breed is impossible, then we request that all be Leopardettes. Respectfully, Jean S. Mill, President ILS

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Becknell to accept this letter into the file. The Business Manager reported that Solveig had no objection to them changing the name to Leopardette, but that they may not change all but the last two generations. If the name is changed, it must be all generations. Motion carried with Barnes abstaining because he didn't understand the motion.

Motion was made by Becknell, and seconded by Pannell that the Leopardette name be accepted in place of Bengals to include all generations. Motion denied with Becknell in favor.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to add Show Rule 242, (ARTICLE II, Section 15): TICA shows shall be limited to the exhibition and/or judging of felines. The only permitted exception would be when a TICA cat show is held in conjunction with a sanctioned show, governed by an established, nationally known species or breed organization (i.e., The American Kennel Club). The sanctioning organization must co-operate by licensing the prospective show, approving of the format in conjunction with TICA and providing licensed judges. If such conditions are met, and a club elects to stage a show in conjunction with another such organization, this information must be included in all publicity and flyers pertaining to the show. Sue Servies stated that Byron had been putting on a festival of pets. The last time he had judged llamas, spiders, goldfish, rats, hamsters, and gerbils. This had been done in the same show hall with the cats. They felt it should have been done with professional judges. It was noted that the flyers did not reflect any other organizations names except TICA and therefore, implied that TICA sanctioned these shows. Georgia had met an official judge at the Pasadena show. Brenda stated that the intent of the rule had been that if you're going to have a TICA cat show held in conjunction with another species, then the other species ought to have a sponsoring organization with its own registered, professional judges. Motion carried with Rhea and Pannell opposed.

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP VOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Barnes to add to the Show Rules: That no cat will be ancestry registered until six allbreed judges have seen the cat and certified that it is a creditable representative of the breed in which it is to be registered. RATIONALE: Several breeds have registered foundation stock that is being sold as stud book type cats. Some of these animals do not look at all like the breed they are supposed to represent and yet they have TICA registration numbers. Since they are not eligible to be shown no one sees the cat until it is too late and they have been sold to unsuspecting persons. The reason for this rule is that we have pet quality of all breeds being shown and bred. These are offspring of two of the same breed and are registerable and then are showable after the third generation. Jim and Georgia both felt that six allbreed judges would probably certify that one of their pet quality Abyssinians were a creditable representative of the breed. Sue Pannell reported that in updating the Registration Rules, she had tried to change them on this point and had been prevented by Solveig and Arthel. They had acknowledged that this could happen but that one of the strong foundation principles of TICA had been its open registry and that if we closed this,

then we would be losing so much more than we gained just to handle a few people. Georgia recalled that Solveig had recommended a system of this type whereby allbreed judges would be involved in scrutinizing these cats, although she did not want to preclude an open registry. Larry also advised that it would make acceptance of new breeds difficult. The motion and second were withdrawn to refer it to the Genetics Chairperson.

Motion was made by Barnes, and seconded by Becknell to table until the Annual at which time there would be a written opinion from the Genetics Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kinnunen, and seconded by Coleman to add Show Rule ARTICLE II, Section 2. No license be approved with a TBA listed. All officiating judges shall be listed on the license application or sent to the Executive Office before license is issued. RATIONALE: To prevent a club from doing as Burlington Cat Fanciers did on their June 6, 1987 show and a judge listed in the show catalog has two cats entered in the show. A TBA was listed on the license. Dewane stated that one of his clubs had had a difficult time getting judges, and the flyer needed to go out so we could get entries, and they had listed TBA's. Jim agreed that in El Paso they had had Peter Markstein verbally committed, but would not put a verbal commitment on the show flyer and the flyer went out with TBA. Sue stated that the operative word was license. Larry felt that this might not be something the Executive Office could enforce, and as it was a matter of ethics, he doubted it would do any good. Motion denied unanimously.

Nancy Turner Parkinson presented the Clerking Report. She stated that there were 203 clerks officially in the program as of 2/1/88. She added that she was not being notified of clerking schools, and felt that she could better direct the clerking if she was sent flyers as some of the schools were being conducted by unlicensed clerks. She had also had difficulty in collecting from the clubs for the schools and supplies for the schools.

Motion was made by Pannell, and seconded by Rhea that Nancy be given the authority to administer the Clerking Program as she saw fit in the best interest of the association. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy and Sue Pannell agreed to develop guidelines for the Clerking Administrator's position.

The Advertising Report:

Mark had some input on another association's campaign. It was noted that we had an advertising committee, but they were not paid. Sue asked Mark about the VCR and the brochure that he had been working on at the Annual. He replied that the brochure's cost was prohibitive and the VCR had come to a halt.

Fenton reported that they were not professionals, and there were several things that they did not have the time or money to do, however, he felt that TICA did not have the money that the other association had. He stated that the show schedule had increased dramatically since they had started with the advertising. He requested that the Executive Office send the Kovics a list of the membership to aid them in their membership drive. The Board approved.

Dewane noted for the members that the Kovics required the advertising schedule 3 months prior to the month it went into the magazines, so any information that the clubs had should be furnished to them as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Coleman, and seconded by Barnes to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.