

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2015 Spring Board Meeting

May 15, 2015: Electronic

OPEN MEETING

The President, Fate Mays, opened the electronic meeting at 7AM (CDT) on Friday, May 15, 2015 and welcomed everyone. The following Board members were present:

President, Fate Mays
Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Directors:

Asia, Motoko Oizumi	Northwest, Ellen Crockett
Great Lakes, Mike Vasquez	South Central, Wendy Klamm
Mid Atlantic, Susan Adler	Southeast, Laurie Patton
Mid Pacific, Jay Bangle	Southwest, Alex Chisholm
Northeast, Francine Hicks	Western Europe, Phil Cornwell
Northern Europe, Ralph Stadter	

Luiz Paulo Faccioli, Director, South America, and Damien Bourreau, Director, Southern Europe, were having technical problems connecting.

The Treasurer, Vickie Fisher, the translator for Mrs. Oizumi, Kenji Arai, and the following members were present: Honey Gilmore, Roeann Fulkerson, Gloria Brennan, Ana Ferreyra, Terri Harris, Cheryl Chamberlin, Judith Johnson, Donna Madison, Lisa Dickie, Heather Lorimer, Lourdes Duhalde, Carlos Lopez, and Pamela Barrett. The President stated that the Board Meeting was being recorded.

1. Unanimous consent to accept the minutes as provided. Without objection.

At 7:23AM, Damien Bourreau arrived.

2. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole to allow Vickie Fisher to report on the 2015 budget to date. Without objection.

3. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Tullo to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Crockett to accept the 2016 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Unanimous consent to go out of the Committee of the Whole.

6. Unanimous consent to return the Ojos Azules Breed to Registration Only. Without objection.

At 7:41AM, Luiz Paulo Faccioli arrived.

The Follow Up Report was discussed. See Addendum.

7. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Tullo to change the Experimental Certificate to read Not Eligible for COMPETITION instead of Not Eligible for EXHIBITION. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Bourreau to refer Show Rule 23.6.7.1 (Late Entries) back to the Rules committee for clarification. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion as made by Patton and seconded by Klamm to rename the Cat Therapy Program to the Therapy Cat Title and refer it back to the Rules Committee and then to the Legal Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Patton to accept the Aphrodite Transfer Breed Application for Registration Only. Motion carried with Bangle, Bourreau and Oizumi abstaining.

11. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Chisholm to send the proposal for Top 15 finals back to the Rules Committee for an actual proposal of the rules that have been identified. Motion carried with Cornwell, Klamm, Oizumi, Patton, Vasquez opposed and Adler abstaining.

Klamm voted No because the cost to make the changes is over \$12,000 and there are very few shows (14 – 3.8% of total shows last year) where the numbers are high enough to warrant this change.

12. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Hicks to keep the regional top 3 color awards responsibility with the Regional Director as currently in the Standing Rules. Motion carried with Bangle, Oizumi, and Stadter opposed and Bourreau and Tullo abstaining.

13. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for Roeann Fulkerson, Marketing Director, to report on Marketing. See Addendum. Without objection.

14. Unanimous consent to go out of the Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Damien Bourreau, Director Southern Europe, reported that plans for the upcoming annual were going well; the cat count is up and they are working on collecting photos and email addresses for all clubs and developing the presentation. There was an extensive discussion on whether TICA should change the Standing Rules that refers to the Board sitting up on the Dais at the banquet. It was decided (as a trial) that the Board could eat at their chosen table with the members during the banquet and would return to the Dais for the Awards presentation.

15. Unanimous consent to move the British Shorthair/British Longhair Breed Group to Category One. Without objection.

16. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Patton to fill the remaining two spots for the Persian Breed Group Committee. Motion carried with Hicks opposed.

17. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to appoint Steven Savant to the Persian Breed Group Committee. Motion carried with Bangle and Hicks opposed and Bourreau and Cornwell abstaining.

Hicks voted against because she felt the committee should not be combined at this time and the Board should allow the committees to remain filled and separated. This is my only reason for voting no on these qualified candidates.

18. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Patton to appoint Chris Unangst to the Persian Breed Group Committee. Motion carried with Chisholm, Crockett, and Hicks opposed and Cornwell abstaining.

Hicks voted against because she felt the committee should not be combined at this time and the Board should allow the committees to remain filled and separated. This is my only reason for voting no on these qualified candidates. Crockett voted against because she felt there should be better geographical distribution since there were already two committee members from the GL region. Chisholm voted against because she did not think it was a good idea to have three people on the Persian committee from the same region.

19. Unanimous consent to appoint Bobbie Tullo as Liaison to the Minuet. Without objection.

20. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to take no action on changes to Standing Rules 901.4.3.7 to read as below. Motion carried with Faccioli opposed.

“901.4.3.7 National Awards (Countries under Isolated Area status ONLY). National Awards will be presented to the 5 cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens, as applicable in the isolated country.

901.4.3.7.1 In order to receive National Awards, the isolated country must have sanctioned at least 3 TICA shows with a minimum of 20 rings during the show year.

901.4.3.7.2 In order to receive a National Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten must have exhibited the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten, as applicable, in at least one TICA sanctioned cat show in the isolated countries presenting the award during the show year for which the National Award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every isolated country, regionally and internationally.

901.4.3.7.3 NO cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten shall receive a national award unless it has a TICA registration number.

901.4.3.7.3.1 The cumulative points of the 50 judgments of each registered cat, alter and household pet carrying the highest point value will be used to determine the aggregate National points for each registered cat, alter and household pet during each show year. The cumulative points of the 30 judgments of each registered kitten and each household pet kitten carrying the highest point value will be used to determine the aggregate National points for each registered kitten and each household pet kitten.

901.4.3.7.3.2 In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a national award, it must be shown at least once in that isolated country.

901.4.3.7.3.3 Points earned in a breed congress format (Show Rule 21.68) or a breed/multi-breed congress format (Show Rule 21.69) shall not be scored for national awards.

901.4.3.7.4 All winners are notified by letter by the appropriate Regional Director or Deputy Regional Director.”

21. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole to allow Heather Lorimer to speak. Without objection.

22. Unanimous consent to send the definition of the color Roan to the Lykoi Breed Group for revision and it is to be furnished to the Genetics and Rules Committees and taken up at the Annual Meeting. Without objection.

23. Unanimous consent to go out of the Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Phil Cornwell, Director, Western Europe, reported on the London Pet Show. In early March, the Cat Protection League was dictating what we would be doing. They stipulated that we remove cats every 2 hours and leave them out of the cages for 2 hours. They did not like the cages and they didn't like the Sturdy Stands. His club was concerned about the publicity against TICA afterward so they decided not to participate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

24. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session and to allow Roeann Fulkerson, Kenji Arai, Marylou Anderson, Lisa Dickie, Leslie Bowers, Lesley Hart and Frances Cardona to remain in Executive Session. Without objection.

25. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Vasquez to give Frances Cardona a bonus. Motion carried unanimously.

Crockett voted for Frances to receive this bonus as reward for her extra time and service to TICA while Leslie Bowers was out on extended surgical leave

26. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Crockett to pay travel and hotel expenses for Vickie Fisher to represent us at the 2015 AAFP October Conference in San Diego, California. Motion carried with Patton and Vasquez opposed.

Patton voted against because TICA already has a Marketing Director that will be attending with expenses paid and she felt there was no need for TICA to be paying for two people to be in attendance at one function.

27. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to take no action on the Inoue vs Enjoy Cat Club complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board found that no TICA rules were violated.

28. Motion was made by Chisholm and seconded by Bangle to accept Susanna Shon as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

29. Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Bangle to advance Tatyana Kalani to Probationary Specialty. Motion carried.

30. Motion was made by Chisholm and seconded by Tullo that Canie Brooks be accepted as Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

31. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Bourreau that Francesca Gagern be accepted as Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

32. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Bourreau that Francoise Dubois be accepted as Transfer Specialty Judge. Motion denied.

33. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session.

34. Unanimous consent to adjourn at 3:18 PM.

ADDENDUM
