

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2010 Spring Board Meeting

May 14-15, 2010

TICA Executive Office

Harlingen, Texas

An electronic meeting was called to order in Harlingen, Texas, by the President on May 14, 2010 at 8:32AM. Also present in the Executive Office was Linda Kay Ashley, Director Mid Pacific Region. The following Board Members were online:

Vickie Fisher, President	Ellen Crockett, Director, Northwest
Bobbie Tullo, Vice President	Cheryl Hogan, Director, South Central
Lisa Dickie, Director, Mid Atlantic	Jamie Christian, Director, Great Lakes
Francine Hicks, Director, Northeast	Ed Manning, Director, Southeast
Martin Wood, Director, Western Europe	Jackie Rose, Director, Southwest
Ralph Stadter Director, Northern Europe	Carlos Arrieta, Director, South America

Genevieve Basquine, Director, Southern Europe and Motoko Oizumi, Director, Asia were unable to attend.

The President reported that Royal Canin has extended their contract with TICA at the same level as the prior year. Discussions are in progress as to the disposition of funds among clubs. A desire has been expressed by Royal Canin to fund more clubs, but in varying, lessor amounts.

The World Cat Congress (WCC) meeting was held last week in Melbourne, Australia. The President reported that the hosting club had a wonderful show with 600 cats and 24 judges. Highlighted from the reports of the member organizations are the following: The CCCofA and Fife are discussing establishment of central registries. New Zealand has accepted the solid Ragdoll and the governments of New Zealand and South Africa have banned the Savannahs. CFA will be co-hosting Meet the Breeds with AKC again this fall. GCCF Is considering changes to its rules regarding the showing of Household Pets. During the business meeting of the WCC, there was a general discussion about the future and role of the WCC. Plans were made to upgrade the website and include more educational material on breeds, showing, and genetics.

Finally, the President announced that TICA has been approached by a cabinet making company that has created an exclusive pet urn design for TICA.

1	Tullo/Ashley	Authorize the President to continue negotiations and sign the appropriate contracts with Urns by Heavenly Design for an exclusive pet urn product line	Motion carried unanimously
2	Tullo/Manning	To accept the Consent Agenda	Motion carried unanimously
3	Unanimous consent	Take no action on the addition to the By-Laws: Provision for a Deputy Regional Director: A Regional Director, may with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint an Alternate Regional Director. The Alternate Director must be a member of TICA in good standing and meet the requirements of an RD and reside in the RD's Region. The Alternate Regional Director may stand in place of that Director with all the rights and responsibilities of the RD including full participation in meetings of the Board of Directors. The Regional Director shall appoint the Alternate Director at any time in order to have him/her confirmed by the Board of Directors. This will enable the Alternate to be on standby for use if /when necessary. An Alternate Regional Director shall acknowledge and consent, in writing, to assume the same liabilities and responsibilities as a Regional Director, including, but not limited to, the fiduciary responsibilities of the RD. This includes all obligations to maintain confidential information. These agreements must be signed prior to confirmation of the Alternate Regional Director by the Board of Directors.	Without objection

Linda Kay Ashley, Mid Pacific Regional Director, reported on the 2010 Annual. The flyer is on online and various activities have been planned.

4	Unanimous consent	To accept the change/addition to the Standing Rules below: 905.1.4 References to "Outstanding Cattery" or "Cattery of Merit" on any material (i.e. web site, advertising, etc.) issued by the cattery must include the date that these designations were last earned and the date the designation will expire. Add: 905.1.5 TICA may, at any time, contact the inspecting veterinarian for verification of the information provided on the Cattery Evaluation Form.	Without objection
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5	Unanimous consent	<p>To return to Rules:</p> <p>24.4.1 <i>A procedure shall be established, as set forth in the Standing Rules, whereby the exhibitor will be notified of any outstanding debt to a TICA club, and may provide for disciplinary action, with or without a hearing, including, but not limited to, withholding of wins, titles and points accrued from the date of the show for which the debt is incurred, or such other date as may be established, and/or temporary suspension of TICA services until the debt has been paid.</i></p> <p>24.4.2 No cat or kitten owned by an exhibitor who fails to resolve any such debt on or before May 5 of the following show year is eligible for regional, national or international awards. [keeps this in line with the deadline for scoring corrections].</p> <p>1026.6.2.2 Moved up and renumbered, balance of section - it's very confusing to me to have that be the last thing, since that is the triggering event.</p> <p>1026.6.1 In the event that an individual is indebted to a TICA club or organization for show entry fees, or other fees associated with entry or participation in a show, documentation supporting such debt may be forwarded to the Executive Office for further action. <i>The documentation shall include correspondence sent to the individual, within 14 days after the completion of the show, but not later than May 5 of the subsequent show year, which ever is earlier, with a precise amount owing and an address to which the payment should be sent, and shall be in substantially similar format to the following:</i></p> <p><i>Dear Exhibitor:</i></p> <p><i>You still owe [NAME OF CLUB] the sum of \$[EXACT SUM OF MONEY OWED TO CLUB] for the show held on [DATES OF SHOW]. You must immediately pay the amount due. If you do not pay the amount due, [NAME OF CLUB] may forward information regarding your failure to pay that sum to TICA, and you will be subject to the consequences set forth in the TICA Show Rules and Standing Rules, including, but not limited to:</i></p> <p><i>Loss of all points from the date of the show until the date the debt is paid; Suspension from TICA services; You may pay the debt by mailing funds to [SPECIFIC NAME AND ADDRESS TO WHICH FUNDS SHOULD BE MAILED] or by PayPal to [PAPAL ADDRESS - NOTE THAT CLUB IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACCEPT PAPAL] or by [ANY OTHER METHOD BY WHICH THE CLUB WILL ACCEPT PAYMENT]. Payment must be received by [DATE AT LEAST 14 DAYS AFTER CORRESPONDENCE IS SENT OR MAY 10, WHICHEVER DATE IS SOONER]. If you dispute that this payment is due, you must send your reasons for the dispute to [NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO SEND DISPUTE TO], with a copy to your Regional Director by [DATE AT LEAST 14 DAYS AFTER CORRESPONDENCE IS SENT OR MAY 10, WHICHEVER DATE IS SOONER].</i></p> <p>1026.6.3 <i>If the club does not provide the information required by 1026.6.1 to the Executive office within 90 days after the show, or May 11, whichever date is sooner, the procedure set forth in these Standing Rules may not be used. [this is horrible grammar - someone please fix this]</i></p> <p>1026.6.4 <i>Within 10 days of receipt of the documentation supporting the debt, or by May 12, whichever date is sooner, the Executive Office shall notify the Debtor by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor of the entire sum due.</i></p> <p>1026.6.5 [was 1026.6.2.2] <i>If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, or by May 25, whichever date is sooner, and the Debtor does not dispute that the debt is owing, the Debtor's name Debtor shall be t suspended from TICA services, until the debt is paid, and proof of payment furnished to the Executive Office. included in the "Temporary Suspension" list published in the TICA TREND automatically.</i></p>	Without objection
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6	Hicks/ Manning	To reduce the proposed budget for Legal Advisor to \$7,500	Motion carried with Ashley and Christian opposed and Arrieta abstaining.
7	Ashley/ Manning	To approve the budget as amended	Motion carried with Christian opposed and Arrieta abstaining

John Harrison joined the meeting at 2:54PM.

8	Unanimous consent	To go into Executive Session to discuss the Yearbook Editor's contract	Without objection
9	Unanimous consent	To allow Alberto Leal to stay in Executive Session to translate for Carlos Arrieta	Without objection
10	Unanimous consent	To allow John Harrison to be present in the Executive Session for purposes of discussing the Yearbook Editor's contract	Without objection
11	Hogan/Rose	That we accept John Harrison as the Yearbook Editor for 1 year to complete the current yearbook	Motion carried
12	Hogan	To accept Karen Walbrun as Assistant Yearbook Editor	Motion died for lack of a second
13	Hogan/ Manning	To extend contract for the Business Manager for 3 years	Passed unanimously

The meeting was recessed at 5:30PM.

The meeting was called to order on Saturday morning at 8:30AM.

Larry Hart briefed the Board on the computer projects that are in process: Paypal Accounting Program, Online Log In Program, Shopping Cart, Online Confirmation Processing, etc.

Deb Decker, Marketing, gave a presentation on future plans for a TICA University on the website.

14	Unanimous consent	To go into Executive Session	Without objection
15	Crockett/Hicks	To take no action on the New Culture Club complaint	Motion carried
16	Christian/Hogan	To take no action on the Acadia v Oizumi and Kusada complaint	Motion carried
17	Crockett/Stadter	To defer action on the Ichikawa v Tsuruoka complaint until the Annual in order to determine if there was a violation of Show Rules	Motion carried
18	Hicks/Manning	To require that Herlihy provide registration papers to Rudd or set for a hearing at the Annual Meeting	Motion carried
19	Hogan/Tullo	To approve Karen Walbrun as the Assistant Editor for the Yearbook.	Motion carried

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

20	Unanimous consent	To go into Executive Session	Without objection
21	Unanimous consent	To allow Marylou Anderson, Judging Administrator, in Executive Session	Without objection
22	Arrieta/Tullo	To accept Silvina Cases as a LH/SH Trainee in the Judging Program	Motion carried
23	Wood/Hicks	To accept Nathan Michael Gilbert as a LH/SH Trainee in the Judging Program	Motion denied
24	Wood/Hicks	To accept Valerie Davidson as a LH/SH Trainee in the Judging Program	Motion denied
25	Manning/Hogan	to accept Toni Scarboro to Probationary Specialty Judge	Motion carried
26	Manning/Tullo	To advance Theresa Kempton to Provisional Allbreed Judge	Motion carried
27	Christian/Manning	To advance Susan Lee to Provisional Allbreed Judge	Motion denied.
28	Christian/Ashley	To advance Robin Sessler to Approved Allbreed Judge	Motion denied
29	Ashley/	To advance Kitti Ruttan to Approved Allbreed	Motion carried

	Crockett	Judge	
30	Manning/ Hogan	To reinstate Lynn Sherer to Approved Allbreed Judge	Motion carried
31	Stadter/Tullo	To advance Mary-Lise de Landtsheer to Ring/ School Instructor	Motion carried
32	Ashley/ Stadter	To accept Jamie Christian as LH/SH Trainee in the Judging Program	Motion denied
33	Tullo/Hogan	To adjourn the meeting at 4:37PM	Motion carried