

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

2002 Semi-Annual Board Meeting

February 15-17, 2002

Harlingen, Texas

February 15, 2002, Friday, 8 AM

The meeting was called to order on Friday, February 15, 2002 at 8:30AM. The following members were present

Kay DeVilbiss, President; Chieko Ohira, Director, Asia, Cynthia Skipchak, Director, Great Lakes, Edith Mary Smith, Director, Great Plains, Marcel Louwyck, Director, Northern Europe, Alex Graham, Director, Northwest, James Dickie, Director, Mid Atlantic, Pamela Barrett, Director, Mid Pacific, Alberto Leal, Director, South America, Don Caruthers, Director, South Central, Jo Parris, Director, Southeast, Genevieve Basquine, Director, Southern Europe, Bob Mullen, Director, Southwest, Frances Young, Legal Advisor, Laurie Schiff, Legal Advisor and Leslie Bowers, Business Manager.

Dewane Barnes, Vice President, and Louise VanDeWater, Director, Northeast were not present at the meeting.

John Harrison, Yearbook Editor, presented the 2001 TICA Yearbooks to the Board of Directors and reported on the Yearbook, past and future. (See attached.)

*******Executive Session*******

41. Unanimous consent to accept the corrections to the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting.

Motion 73: Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to amend 118.2 to read: "Amendment of Existing Standards. Proposed Standard amendments including but not limited to the addition or deletion of colors or the adoption of a new Standard for a recognized breed...(remainder the same).

Motion 74: "118.21" should be "118.2.1"

Motion 77: "215.1.2 should read: The judge is a Household Pet Only Judge. Cats belonging to a Household Pet Only Judge may be exhibited in the purebred kitten and championship portion of a show in which that judge is officiating as a Household Pet Judge provided exhibiting is accomplished through an agent, and no communication between the agent and the Household Pet Judge occurs until the Household Pet Judge has completed the Household Pet Show." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 80: 115.4.3 should be 15.4.3.

Motion 81: 117.3, 117.3.1 and 117.3.2 should be 17.3, 17.3.1, and 17.3.2.

Motion 97: Delete: "Motion carried unanimously", it was unanimous consent.

Motion 137: Unanimous consent to move the California Spangled, Peterbald and Chantilly into Evaluation Class. Should be California Spangled and Peterbald into Evaluation Class.

*******Executive Session*******

45. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barrett to change Standing Rule 1013.3.5 to read: Members residing outside of North America may submit their ballots to the CPA via facsimile, provided they request a facsimile ballot from the Executive Office in writing; submit the facsimile ballot including all the information required on the return envelope, and the member's signature. The member must certify to the Executive Office, in writing, the date on which the facsimile ballot was faxed to the CPA. In the event a mailed ballot is received by the CPA from the same member that has submitted a ballot via facsimile, the mailed ballot will be counted and the facsimile ballot discarded. Motion carried unanimously.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

46. Unanimous consent to accept the revised budget for 2001-2002. Motion carried unanimously.

47. Unanimous consent to accept the budget for 2002-2003. Motion carried unanimously.

INSTRUCTIONS: Regional Directors were requested to notify breed societies unaffiliated with TICA to request in writing from the Executive Office that their names and/or acronyms not be registered as cattery names.

48. Motion was made by Leal and seconded by Dickie to score GHATTA'S DEBORA, SBT 020201 043. Motion carried unanimously.

49. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Leal to score the second show for RITZ-O-CATS START N OVR OF SOFTPAWS, SBV 070901 024, owned by Juliana Slater because the paperwork was late through no fault of the owner. Motion carried unanimously.

*******Executive Session*******

INSTRUCTIONS: The Judging Administrator was asked to remind the judges not to wear noise makers.

52. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Smith to exempt Edmonton Cat Fanciers from the TICA insurance because their insurance coverage is more advantageous to the club and to TICA. TICA will be shown as a co-insured. Motion carried unanimously.

*******Executive Session*******

55. Unanimous consent to recess.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM on Saturday, February 16, 2002.

No action was taken on the request for an affiliation agreement between TICA and Bavarian breeders.

56. Unanimous consent that Leslie Bowers be given authority to investigate retirement options for TICA employees to be presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

57. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Mullen to remove 13.3.2 from the By-Laws. "A portion of each member's dues may be placed in escrow for the account of the Region wherein the member resides to be drawn upon to defray the reasonable expenses of the Director of the Region or for any other purpose benefitting the Region and approved by the Board of Directors." Motion carried unanimously.

=====***Referred to the Annual Meeting***=====

58. Unanimous consent to table the request from Argentina until after lunch. (See Motion 83.)

59. Unanimous consent that the President be given the authority to accept the hosting the World Cat Congress meeting in 2003 or 2004.

60. Unanimous consent that Vickie Fisher be invited to come to the 2002 Annual Meeting for the 1-day meeting to develop an action plan for the Business Plan. The Executive Office is authorized to pay her expenses.

61. Unanimous consent to require each Regional Director to find at least two people to work with Jean Hannum on Animal Legislation and to provide their names to the President by March 31st.

62. Unanimous consent to have Vicky and Peter Markstein work on Marketing and Advertising for TICA.

63. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Graham to eliminate the Electronic Registration Fee. Motion denied with Barrett, Basquine, Graham, Leal, Louwyck and Smith in favor and DeVilbiss breaking the tie opposed.

NOTE: At the 1996 Semi-Annual Meeting in Brussels, Belgium the following actions were taken:
"Motion was made and duly seconded that the \$10 fax fee be eliminated effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made and duly seconded to charge a \$10 additional fee for any electronic registration. Motion carried with Webb opposed."

64. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole.

65. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Mullen to accept the proposal to remove the Bombay from the Burmese/Bombay Breed Group. Motion denied with Barrett and Caruthers in favor.

66. Unanimous consent that the Bombay/Burmese Breed Group be required to submit combined standards for approval at the 2003 Semi-Annual Meeting.

67. Unanimous consent to accept the Norwegian Forest Breed Standard as attached.

68. Unanimous consent to accept the corrected Chausie Standard as attached.

69. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Munchkin.

70. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Leal to accept the Munchkin Breed Group for championship Category III with no exception. Motion carried with Barrett, Dickie, Graham, and Skipchak opposed.

NOTE: Regional Director, Don Caruthers had a death in his immediate family and appointed Fate Mays to serve as his proxy before the entire assembled Board of Directors while the Board was in session.

71. Unanimous consent that the silver Abyssinians and Somalis be included in the colors for championship.

72. Motion was made by Skipchak and seconded by Parris to accept the American Bobtail for championship. Motion carried with Barrett and Basquine opposed.

73. Unanimous consent to accept the Savannah in Evaluation Class.

74. Unanimous consent to move the Serengeti to Evaluation Status.

75. Unanimous consent that the third generation of non-domestic Evaluation Class cats be allowed in the show hall with full disclosure to the judges before handling.

76. Unanimous consent to accept the pointed Siberians for championship.

77. Unanimous consent that it be known that in Russia, the Siberian pointed colors are also known as the breed Neva Masquerade.

78. Withdrawn.

79. Unanimous consent to send the Snowshoe Standard back to the committee for a revision with guidance from the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~

80. Unanimous consent to refer the Peterbald back to proper committee to be resubmitted at the 2002 Annual Meeting with the breed section preparing the standard.

81. Unanimous consent to suggest to the Peterbald breed section that they word their standard so as to be distinguishable from the Siamese Breed Group.

82. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Graham to suggest to the Peterbald breed section that if they want to be a hairless Oriental that they show in the assessment class as a single trait difference. Motion carried with Basquine opposed because she wanted the assessment class to disappear and Mullen, Parris, and Smith opposed.

83. Unanimous consent to untable Motion 58.

84. Unanimous consent that effective immediately and continuing through April 30, 2003, all fees payable by persons or clubs located in Argentina shall be payable as follows:

Fifty percent at the time of receipt of the order;

Fifty percent deferred to a date subsequent to April 30, 2003, to be determined by the

Board;

The total deferred sum due, cumulative to all orders received from Argentina shall not exceed \$500. Should the deferred sum due reach \$500 prior to April 30, 2003, no further sums shall be deferred without further Board approval.

It is expected that clubs and members shall assist with fund raising projects to pay the deferred fees due.

85. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Mays to amend the By-Laws 15.4.1 to read:

“15.4.1 The members of each Breed Section shall elect a Breed Committee, *each member* to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected *or appointed in the event of a vacancy*. Requirements for election to breed committee membership are as follows:

15.4.1.1 Have a TICA registered cattery, Breed Section membership, have bred and registered with TICA a minimum of two litters of the appropriate breed within the 2 years immediately preceding the election, and have ACTIVELY exhibited a cat, kitten, or alter of the appropriate breed in TICA within the 2 show seasons immediately preceding the election.

15.4.1.2 The number of Breed Committee members shall be determined *as set forth in the Standing Rules* and may be increased or decreased based on the number of Breed Section members and the needs of the Breed Section.

15.4.1.3 The breed committee member receiving the *highest* number of votes shall become the Breed Committee Chairperson.

15.4.1.4 If for any reason the Breed Committee Chair is vacated, the Breed Committee member who received the next highest number of votes shall become the Breed Committee Chairperson. The vacant seat on the Breed Committee shall be filled by a Breed Section poll, time permitting before the end of the term, or by appointment by the Board of Directors.”

Motion carried with Graham opposed.

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

86. Unanimous consent to recess.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM on Sunday, February 17, 2002.

The Computer Report was presented by Larry Hart. (See attached.)

87. Unanimous consent to rescind any previous exceptions to the Bengal breed because all issues on non-domestics are covered by current rules.

88. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Graham to accept the changes to 16.4 to read:

16.4 Appointed Committees. *Except as limited herein*, committees shall be appointed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Rules to these By-Laws.

16.4.1 *Current members of the Board Of Directors and current Appointed Officials are ineligible to serve on any of the Standing Committees. Individuals are prohibited from serving on more than one Standing Committee at a time.*

16.4.2 *The Chair of each Standing Committee shall submit a written report to the Board of Directors at least two times per year, in conjunction with and a reasonable time prior to, the Annual and Semi-Annual meetings. The report shall, at a minimum, provide a summary of all business conducted by the committee, and a record of each vote taken by the committee. The reports shall be distributed to each member of the Board of Directors and to each of the committee members.*
Motion denied with Barrett and Basquine in favor.

89. Withdrawn

90. Unanimous consent to offer our inventory of yearbooks at a cost of \$10 per book plus shipping for the 1985-1998 books down to a minimum on hand in the Executive Office of 25 books in each year.

91. Unanimous consent to pay for the hotel rooms of the Board members for up to 5 nights.

92. Unanimous consent that the Board be required to come 1 day early to the 2002 Annual Board Meeting to work on an action plan for the TICA Business Plan.

The TICA Trend Report was provided by Cathy Welch, TICA Trend Editor. (See attached.)

93. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Mullen to accept the proposal to change 413.5 of the Judging Program and 2014.2 of the Standing Rules. Motion denied unanimously. Smith voted against because she feels strongly that the fees should remain the same.

Judging Program 413.5, change to read: A \$150 honorarium should customarily be offered to the instructor, conductor or moderator.

Standing Rules 2014.2, change to read:

2014.2.1 Seminar - \$150

2014.2.2 Judges' School - \$150

2014.2.3 Judges' Conference - \$150

94. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Graham to accept the proposal to amend the By-Laws and Standing Rules for Directors at Large as follows:

Standing Rules, 1011.4.3 As the President and Vice-President *and Directors At Large* do not have regional travel funds and/or contributions available to them, *the President and Vice-President* shall have first priority, *and the Directors At Large shall have second priority* on payment of Board related expenses in the event funds are not sufficient to cover all expenses for all Directors.

By-Laws, 15.1 Board of Directors The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a President, a Vice President, two Directors At Large, and Regional Directors. No member of the Board of Directors, or any of its committees, with the exception of the President, or the Vice President, when acting as President, shall be authorized to take any action, including but not limited to, entering into any contract or obligation binding TICA, speaking for the Board of Directors, or stating the policy of TICA, unless the Board of Directors has specifically authorized such action by an individual member.

The President, and the Vice President, when acting as President, is authorized to take any action on behalf of the Association necessary to conduct the day-to-day operations of the Association. The President is the official spokesperson for the Association. This does not apply to Board Members or other officials whose duties are outlined in the By-Laws.

15.2.4 *Each Director At Large shall be elected by the membership at large to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected. The first Director At Large shall be elected in 2003. The second Director At Large will be elected in 2005.*

15.2.5 *If for any reason an office of Director At Large shall become vacant, the Board Of Directors shall appoint a qualified member of the Association to assume the office for the balance of the unexpired term.*

111.1.1 The President and Vice President, *and Directors At Large*, shall be reimbursed reasonable amounts for postage and telephone upon their submission of detailed itemized statements.

111.1.3 The President, Vice President, *Directors At Large*, *and Regional 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 if funds are available. Regional Directors' travel expenses shall be reimbursed firstly from the Regions' escrow account.

114.3.1 The election ballot shall contain a list of candidates. The ballot for election of President, Vice President, *Directors At Large*, and Regional Directors shall also contain lines for write-in votes. The provisions of ARTICLE THIRTEEN shall apply to election of officers.

115.1 Recall Petition Members of the Association, a Region or Breed Section may petition for recall of a National Officer, Regional Director or Breed Committee member, respectively. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Association, the Region, or the Breed Section, the President, *Vice President or Directors At Large* Regional Director or a member of the Breed Committee, respectively, shall be removed from office immediately.

115.3 Signatures and Fees. For recall of the President or Vice President, the petition shall contain a minimum of 250 signatures and shall be accompanied by \$250; *for Director At Large, signatures of 200 and \$200*; for Regional Director, signatures of 150 or one-half of the members of the Region and \$150; for Breed Committee, signatures of 50 or one-half of the members of the Breed Section and \$50.

Motion denied with Barrett abstaining.

95. Unanimous consent to accept the amendment to the Show Rules, By-Laws, and Standing Rules as below:

Show Rules, 28.1 Show protests may be filed pursuant to the By-Laws, ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO, 122.2 and 122.3.

By-Laws, 122.2.1. Complaints. The complaining party must submit the ~~show protest or other~~ complaint on the official form set forth in the Standing Rules to these Bylaws. The complaining party must state the specific By-Law, Show Rule, Registration Rule or other rule alleged to be violated by the accused party, and attach all documents and other evidence which they contend supports the complaint ~~or protest~~. Any complaint must be filed with the Executive Office not later than 180 days after the alleged incident occurred, and be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules. ~~Any show protest must be filed with the Show Committee and Executive Office not later than 10 working days after the close of the show.~~

122.2.2 Show Protests. Protests charging misconduct or violation of the rules of the association, arising in connection with a show, shall be submitted in writing with any evidence and a ~~[\$25]~~ filing fee *as set forth in the Standing Rules*, to the Show Committee within 10 working days following the completion of the show. If the protest is against the actions of the club, the show committee of the club, a member of the club or show committee, or production company, the protest can optionally be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Association, with the ~~[\$25]~~ filing fee *as set forth in the Standing Rules*, to be handled by the Board of Directors pursuant to ~~[ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO, Section 2 of these By-Laws]~~ *this article*. A copy of the protest shall also be sent to the show committee. The Board of Directors shall commence action on the protest, pursuant to ~~[Section 2 of]~~ *this article*, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the protest in the Executive Office. These fees are non-refundable. The filing fees shall not apply to protests filed by the Feline Welfare Standing Committee in its abuse protocols.

Renumber the remaining sections in the Article.

Standing Rules, add to 1022 Discipline:

1022.1 The fee for filing a complaint or protest shall be based upon the number of single-sided pages submitted, including the complaint form and any attachments and documentation. All fees shall be payable by cash, credit card, certified check or money order.

1022.1.1 The filing fee for ten (10) pages or less shall be \$50.

1022.1.2 The filing fee for more than ten (10) pages shall be \$50, PLUS \$2 for each page over ten (10).

1022.1.3 There shall be no fee for filing a response of ten (10) pages or less. For each page over ten (10), the fee shall be \$2 per page.

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

96. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Dickie to accept the proposal to amendments to the Show Rules as below:

21.61 POLYDACTYL - A cat having more than 5 toes on the front foot or feet and more than 4 toes on the back foot or feet. ~~[Ineligible for championship competition EXCEPT as authorized by a Board approved standard.]~~

21.60 MONORCHID - A male cat having only one descended testicle. ~~[Adult whole males with only one descended testicle are ineligible for competition and shall be disqualified.]~~

23.20 CRYPTORCHID - A cryptorchid is eligible for competition only in the alter classes. Motion carried with Barrett, Basquine, Graham, Leal, Louwyck, Ohira opposed; Barrett voted against because she felt it was redundant. The motion carried with DeVilbiss breaking the tie.

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

97. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Dickie to accept the changes to the Show Rules as below:

23.19 NON-DOMESTIC HYBRIDS - Cats which have a non-domestic ancestor as a parent, grandparent or great grandparent are not eligible for competition in Kitten, Championship, Alter, HHP, HHP or Assessment Classes; *such cats may be shown in the Evaluation or NB classes ONLY if approved by the Board of Directors.*

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

98. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Mullen to accept the changes to the Show Rules below:

- 29.2 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:
- a. Alternative Format - 125 entries (See Show Rule 21.16)
 - b. Back-to-Back Format - 250 entries (See Show Rule 21.14)
 - c. Split Format (Two-Day Show) - 500 entries (See Show Rule 21.15)
(See Show Rule 216.4)

29.3 In the absence of a contracted judge, the show committee may appoint a substitute. In such cases, an exhibitor may decline to allow his entries to compete, but may not remove them from the show hall for this reason. The entry is merely "withdrawn" from that particular ring and the judge's book will so indicate; however, the entry is eligible for competition in all other rings. When the advertised judge is unable to officiate, [~~or when an alternate judge is employed because more than 200 entries are present,~~] wins made under the substitute judge will be considered as having been earned under a "different judge" upon counting final awards for Grand Championships.

Motion carried with Graham, Mullen, and Parris opposed and Ohira abstaining.

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

99. Unanimous consent to reject the proposal to amend Show Rule 215.1 below:

Amend Show Rule 215.1 to read: Judges may not enter any cat or kitten for competition in any part of a show or shows licensed by TICA at which they are judging, except in cases of emergency as defined in 215.1.1 and 215.1.2. AND

Add: 215.1.3 Members of a judge's household may enter cats on the day their household member is judging, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- a. The cat was not bred by the judge;
- b. The household member is present at the show handling the cat
- c. No agent is allowed
- d. The judge is not a co-owner of the cat.

The proposal to add Show Rule 216.12.12 was withdrawn by Barrett.

100. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Barrett to change Standing Rule 109.2 to read: All Semi-Annual Meetings shall be held in the vicinity of the Executive Office in Harlingen, Texas, or at a location approved by the Board of Directors. Motion carried with Graham opposed.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

101. Unanimous consent to accept proposal for Standing Rule 1014.3 to read: TREND Fee. The fee for a 500-word article to be published in the TICA TREND is \$30. Candidates may include a photo with the statement. Statements are limited to the October/November TREND.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

102. Unanimous consent to accept the following changes to the Standing Rules:

203.1.1 Chausie's with a 3rd generation non-domestic ancestor may be shown in Evaluation Class with full disclosure for any judge handling the cat.

203.1.2 Savannah's with a 3rd generation non-domestic ancestor may be shown in Evaluation Class with full disclosure for any judge handling the cat.

103. Unanimous consent to add to the Standing Rules:

204.3 At the option of the club, each entry may include a nominal fee to help defray the cost of expenses of the Regional Director. Said fee, to be determined by the club, shall not exceed \$1.00 per entry.

204.3.1 The club shall account for and remit such fees to the regional fund.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

104. Unanimous consent to change the Standing Rules as below:

Delete 601.2.25.5 and 601.2.25.6 as written.

Amend 901.4.3.4, 901.4.3.5 and 901.4.3.6 as follows:

901.4.3.4 Regional Awards. Regional Awards will be presented to the 20 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens. and the 20 longhair cats and 20 shorttail cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the region. In order to receive a Regional Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet and 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 region presenting the awards during the show year for which the regional award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.4.1 All winners are notified by letter by the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.2 The Top 2 Cats in each color of their respective breeds receive a color certificate by mail from the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.3 The Top 20 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, in each region are featured in a visual media presentation at the Regional Banquet.

901.4.3.4.4 The Regional Top 20 Longhair Cats and Shorttail Cats, and Breed Award winners, are honored at the Regional Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.4.5 The Top 10 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK in black and white free of charge. (Some regions purchase pages in the TICA YEARBOOK to feature the 11th-20th Top Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens in black and white.)

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the 20 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens, and the 20 longhair cats and 20 shorttail cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the association during the applicable show year. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 The Top 20 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet and in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 20 longhair and shorttail cats, and the Best Cat in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners are pictured in the TICA YEARBOOK.

901.4.3.6 The Executive Office is responsible for the International Awards. After Regional Directors' lists are furnished, notification letters are mailed to International Award *Winners*.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

105. Unanimous consent to accept the changes to the description of Brown Tabby to read: Pattern to be black; ground color ranging from a rich tawny brown, tan, or yellow to a cold beige color depending on the amount of rufousing present.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

106. Unanimous consent to refer the TICA Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet Guidelines to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~

107. Unanimous consent to add to the Standing Rules 209.2.1: The Uniform Final Sheets provided by the Executive Office in the show supplies must be used in the marked catalogs sent to the Executive Office. Failure to submit marked Uniform Final Sheets with the marked catalogs will result in a fine of \$25 as directed by the Board of Directors.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

108. Unanimous consent for the Board to consider catteries and members linked to the TICA website during the Business Plan meeting at the 2002 Annual Meeting.

=====Referred to the Annual Meeting=====

109. Unanimous consent to adjourn.

February 15, 2002

To: TICA Board of directors
From: TICA Yearbook Editor

It is a great joy to present the 2001 TICA Yearbook to you at this time. Your confidence in me inspired me to live up to the promise I made to "present a quality yearbook in a timely manner". I hope it meets your expectations.

During this past year, the staff and I sold more than 425 of this year's yearbook before publication, in addition to many previous yearbooks at the 2001 Annual. We currently have six shows in this region that are donating booth space for yearbook sales. We increased the number of ads, and expect to do so again. We have included the Catalog of the Year, countless members of the year, and wonderful pictures for Regional shows and banquets. We increased the number of pages per region and the number of pages for In Memory, Supremes and Grands. We also included many suggestions from the membership.

Our goals this year for the 2002 yearbook are to increase sales, sell past issues of the yearbook, work toward an all-color yearbook, acquire more pictures of regional winners, move to all digital where possible, and have the yearbook to the publishers earlier. I do need some help here. I am asking each board member to please talk to your members and

- Persuade them to advertise, and do it early
- Utilize the Breeders Listing
- Urge them to have their cats' pictures taken
- Have them send their pictures as soon as possible
- Include SASE envelopes for picture return
- Suggest publishing their Lifetime Achievement winners
- Encourage them to consider writing breed articles
- Establish a regional fund for yearbook pages
- Buy a yearbook, or two

Again, I thank you for your trust and confidence, for your continued help and consideration, and your future support and understanding.

Sincerely,

JOHN HARRISON
TICA Yearbook Editor

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES - TICA YEARBOOK

This Agreement for Services ("Agreement") is by and between The International Cat Association, Inc. ("TICA") a Texas non-profit corporation, Post Office Box 2684, Harlingen, Texas, 78551, and John Harrison ("Harrison") of 7354 Meadow Breeze, San Antonio, Texas, 78227-1629.

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES. Harrison will provide to TICA the following services (collectively, the "Services"):

Editing, production and shipping of the Volume 23, 2001-2002 Annual Yearbook, Volume 24, 2002-2003 Annual Yearbook, and Volume 25, 2003-2004 Annual Yearbook, ("yearbook"), specifically including, but not limited to, the following:

Inclusion of all the following photographs, information and listings, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors:

- Top 20 International Winners in each category
- Top 20 Regional Winners in each category
- Judge of the year
- Judges, including Trainees
- Executive Office Staff
- Clerks, including Trainees
- Awards for all breeds recognized for championship
- A minimum of two informational articles
- Any other items mandated by the rules of TICA

Offering the following photographs, information and listings to individuals and/or organizations, at an additional fee:

- Color Winners
- Supreme Grand photographs
- Other Title photographs
- Outstanding Sire and Dam photographs
- In Memory Photographs
- Breeder Directory listings

Solicitation, design and production of advertising; advertising will be for TICA registered catteries ONLY, with no mention of other associations;

Providing to each member of the Board of Directors, at no charge, a personalized, engraved copy of the Yearbook;

Providing all necessary overhead items in connection with the Services, including, but not limited to office space, telephones, copiers, fax machines, computers and other office equipment and supplies. Harrison shall be reimbursed for expenses only as set forth in paragraph 2.

Forwarding to the TICA Executive Office all remaining copies of the Yearbook after the initial shipment;

Forwarding all payments received relating to the Yearbook to the Executive Office.

2. DUTIES OF TICA.

TICA shall:

Reimburse Harrison monthly for approved expenses incurred, (not limited to telephone charges, postage, printing, office supplies and etc.,) upon submission by Harrison of an itemized Expense Report Form with original receipts attached;

Accept an Assistant Editor, as approved by Harrison, for a fee of up to \$2,000 per year; fee to be paid upon request of Harrison;

Reimburse the Assistant Editor, reasonable expenses, as approved by the Board of Directors and Harrison, upon submission by approved Assistant Editor of an itemized Expense Report Form with original receipts attached;

Pay to the printer the total charges for the printing of the Yearbook;

Provide to Harrison labels for advertising and distribution of forms;

Provide to Harrison, as soon as available, listings of all winners, title winners, judges, clerks, officials, and other items for inclusion in the yearbook, unless otherwise available to Harrison;

Provide Harrison access to the Temporary Suspension List for any non-collectable debts;

Encourage its Regional Directors to provide corrections to Harrison as soon as available;

Make financial records of the Yearbook available to Harrison;

Include the Yearbook order form in each notification of International and Regional Awards.

3. PAYMENT OF SERVICES. In exchange for the Services TICA will pay compensation to Harrison for the Services of \$8,000.00, in quarterly (April, July, October, and January) installment payment(s) of \$2,000.00 each, beginning in April, 2002. In the event initial shipping of the yearbook occurs on or before February 15th of each year, Harrison shall be paid an additional fee of \$2000.00.

4. TERM. This Agreement will terminate automatically upon completion by Harrison of the Services required by this agreement.

5. **WORK PRODUCT OWNERSHIP.** Any copyrightable works, ideas, discoveries, inventions, patents, products, or other information (collectively the “Work Product”) developed in whole or in part by Harrison in connection with the Services will be the exclusive property of TICA. Upon request, Harrison will execute all documents necessary to confirm or perfect the exclusive ownership of TICA to the Work Product.

6. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Harrison, and his employees, agents, or representatives will not at any time or in any manner, either directly or indirectly, use for the personal benefit of Harrison, or divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner, any information that is proprietary to TICA. Harrison and his employees, agents and representatives will protect such information and treat it as strictly confidential. This provision will continue to be effective after the termination of the Agreement.

Upon termination of this agreement, Harrison will return to TICA all records, notes, documentation and other items that were used, created, or controlled by Harrison during the term of this Agreement.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Harrison agrees to indemnify and hold TICA harmless from all claims, losses, expenses, fees including attorney fees, costs, and judgments that may be asserted against TICA that result from the acts or omissions of Harrison and/or Harrison’s employees, agents, or representatives.

8. **WARRANT.** Harrison shall provide its services and meet its obligations under this Agreement in a timely and workmanlike manner, using knowledge and recommendations for performing the services which meet generally acceptable standards in Harrison’s community and region, and will provide a standard of care equal to, or superior to, care used by service providers similar to Harrison on similar projects.

9. **REMEDIES.** In addition to any and all other rights a party may have available according to law, if a party defaults by failing to substantially perform any provision, term or condition of this Agreement (including without limitation the failure to make a monetary payment when due), the other party may terminate the Agreement by providing written notice to the defaulting party. This notice shall describe with sufficient detail the nature of the default. The party receiving such notice shall have 30 days from the effective date of such notice to cure the default(s) within such time period shall result in the automatic termination of this Agreement.

10. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no other promises or conditions in any other agreement whether oral or written concerning the subject matter of this agreement. This Agreement supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between the parties.

11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of the Agreement will be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions will continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision will be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

12. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be modified or amended in writing, if the writing is signed by the party obligated under the amendment.

13. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

14. **NOTICE.** Any notice or communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be sufficiently given if delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address set forth in the opening paragraph or to such other address as on party may have furnished to the other in writing.

15. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

****Pending approval of Legal Advisor****

Computer Report

The TICA Data System (TDS) replaces the original separate programs for membership, cat registrations, litter registrations, scoring and DAR (daily activity records).

Steps used to develop the new system were:

1. Confirm and document the TICA Executive Office business processes and business rules. The resulting document is the TICA Data Dictionary.
2. Design new data structures to combine the separate systems into one data environment.
3. Build new screens, reports and database containers, accessible from any computer at the Executive Office.
4. Transition the existing data into the new system. This required changing field types and splitting data into separate tables.
5. Upgrade all desktops to Windows 2000 Professional. Replace all WIN95 computers.
6. Current project status is the Transition Phase. We will be testing the programs, adding new business logic and reports and training the staff on the new system.

TICA Data Systems (TDS)

- * PastDOS - where we came from and why
- * Present.....Windows - where we are and what we can do
- * Future.....Work flow automation - where we are going and what that gives TICA

PAST - System(S)

- * Five custom programs designed to support the business rules and processes of the Executive Office.
 - Membership - Registration - Litters - Scoring - DAR
 - Dos Based - FoxPro 2
 - Programs maintain data separate
 - Not Available at every computer
 - Windows 95

In the past, the Executive Office had DOS based programs running on a mixture of DOS and windows computers. These programs were custom written to match the Executive Office business processes and work flow. The business logic contained in these systems is still the same and is the foundation for the new systems.

These programs are considered past only because they are separate programs not available at all computers and were not written in today's windows tools. Compatibility with Windows 2000 is not supported.

As TICA grows, the amount of work is increasing and the time to deliver is decreasing while the desire for higher quality output is greater. These changes have motivated TICA to move from a character, DOS-based system to a graphical multi-user windows system.

With DOS Registration, we had:

- * Custom screen and menu centered around Executive Office processes
- * Keyboard driven (no mice)
- * Not multiuser

The DOS-based programs had:

- * Limited menus
- * Limited look-up methods and speed
- * Character limitations in screen usage

With the new TICA Data System, we have:

- * One custom program that joins all the business rules and data in one system.
Clients - Registration - Litters - Scoring - DAR
Windows - Visual Fox 7 - Visual Pro Matrix - XL
One database
All data available at each computer
Windows 2000 Professional

Windows 2000 Professional is a 100mb Ethernet network with file and print sharing across the network running a business driven relational database application. TICA programs are written in Visual FoxPro 7 (VFP7) supporting XL data transfer protocol utilizing a framework from Visual Pro Matrix (VPM). This combination of tools and methods will protect the investment that TICA has in both programs and data.

VFP7 has migration methods to SQL if required and VPM is a development method that simplifies production of and changes to the data and programs. VPM is framework for VFP7, in-short, a document and supported automation method that establishes standards. This allows reuse of code and reduces the learning curve if another programmer needs to be added to the development effort. This protects the TICA investment and is enhanced because VPM also offers programming support.

The TICA Data System is sever-based with expanded menus, and flexible and fast lockups. Each screen has the same character to reduce training time. The client data is connected to many child records for cattery, breeds, litters and registrations, so that one client has many connections.

The future Work Flow Automation will be accomplished with by completing the transition to TDS by enhancing the system to support realtime work-piece tracking with Scoring and Confirmations at the center of the system to notify clients of pending titles and automate the scoring process.

Since many changes were made to produce one data system, a transition period that trains the Executive Office staff and confirms the business rules in the new system must be conducted. Then the foundation for Scoring/Confirmations and work flow tracking will be in place to complete the system. The work in the Executive Office is measured, for the most part, on what is most visible to the membership. Scoring and confirmations is the most visible. It is the measured result of breeding and shows. The speed and accuracy that work is completed is secondary. By moving to one data system we are prepared to finish the scoring system so that it receives data from the shows and tracks confirmations for TICA registered cats.

In addition, most often when the phone rings at TICA it represents a question about the status of work in process. The staff at TICA needs the computer system to know this status so that the call consumes the least time and effort and immediate information is given to the client. That is work flow automation and will now be possible with an integrated system.

The TICA Data System is a proprietary system owned solely by TICA. All the resulting programs, reports and data are the property of TICA. It has financial value and should be secured. It is important to remember that much of the development at TICA is done in a production environment. In this way, the programs match the work and fit the business processes. It is how a new system is produced and installed while continuing the regular work flow. It has been made possible through the applied knowledge and great effort of the TICA Executive Office Staff.

TICA Trend Financial Report, July-December 2001
Volume 22, Numbers 4-6

Production Cost:	\$24,211.93
Total Income:	<u>5,726.90</u>
Total Cost:	\$18,485.03

2001 Year-End Report: Volume 22, Number 1-6

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
#pages:	64	#60	36	*48	•68	36	312
#printed:	2,450	2,600	2,900	2,350	3,100	3,300	16,700
Total Production:	\$7,948.34	\$7,455.28	\$6,337.97	\$7,286.92	▣\$11,096.22	\$8,900.13	\$49,024.86
Income:	<u>2,478.80</u>	<u>922.00</u>	<u>1,983.60</u>	<u>3,193.40</u>	<u>2,772.00</u>	<u>2,842.00</u>	<u>14,191.80</u>
Total Cost:	\$5,469.54	\$6,533.28	\$4,354.37	\$4,093.52	\$8,324.22	\$6,058.13	\$34,833.06
Per Copy Cost:	\$2.23	\$2.51	\$1.50	\$1.74	\$2.69	\$1.84	\$2.09

Show Reports removed from Trend

*Regional Awards Trend

•International Awards Trend

▣Printing costs increased due to having extra copies printed after the first printing

Because of the dramatic increase in Trend postage in Volume 2, Number 5, I feel it's appropriate to add the following chart:

International members, including Canada:	No. 1	746
	No. 2	812
	No. 3	921
	No. 4	879
	No. 5	1,403
	No. 6	1,452

Three-Year Comparison

	<u>Vol. 20 (1999)</u>	<u>Vol. 21 (2000)</u>	<u>Vol. 22 (2001)</u>
#pages:	348	368	312
#printed:	16,520	14,900	16,700
Total Production:	\$53,010.14	\$46,060.82	\$49,024.86
Income:	<u>11,946.20</u>	<u>13,570.60</u>	<u>14,191.80</u>
Total Cost:	\$41,063.94	\$32,490.22	\$34,833.06
Per Copy Cost:	\$2.49	\$2.18	\$2.09

CHAUSIE (CU)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	7
Ears	7
Eyes	5
Chin	4
Muzzle	4
Nose	5
Profile	6
Neck	2
BODY	40 points
Torso	8
Legs	8
Feet	6
Tail	4
Boning	7
Musculature	7
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	20 points
Texture	6
Pattern	8
Color	6

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid and Tabby Divisions.

COLORS: Black, Brown Ticked Tabby, and Silver Tipped.

HEAD:

Shape: Broad modified wedge, medium in size with a long, sloping forehead and high angular cheekbones. The muzzle is long and squared at the end. A change in direction at the sides of the muzzle gives the appearance of rounded whisker pads.

Eyes: Medium, walnut-shaped and set on bias to just below the outside edge of the ear. Preferred eye color in the brown ticked tabby is gold, with hazel to light green and yellow allowed. Preferred eye color in black and silver tipped is yellow, with gold and hazel allowed.

Profile: Long sloping forehead flows into the rise between the eyes, continuing down with a slight change of direction before the end of the nose. End of nose turns down slightly to meet the nose leather.

Ears: Large, wide at the base, should be taller than the width of the base set equally on top and the side of the head with a slight flare and tapering to slightly rounded tips. Ears tufts preferred, but lack of tufts is not a penalty.

Neck: The muscular neck is of medium length and thickness.

Muzzle: Long and squared at the end with a whisker break that enhances appearance of rounded whisker pads.

Chin: Strong, full, both in profile and frontal view and with substantial depth.

Nose: Medium-wide with good breadth between the eyes. Nose leather is full and fleshy.

BODY:

Torso: Long, lean and substantial; the large rectangular body is strong and athletic, with a full chest and good depth of body without any roundness of the ribcage.

Legs: The legs are moderately long, well muscled with medium boning. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front, as the cat is built for running and leaping.

Feet: The legs are round and small in comparison to the overall size of the cat.

Tail: Three-quarter or full length tail acceptable; the 3/4 tail has less vertebrae and is preferred. Both tail lengths should be of medium thickness and fully articulated.

Musculature: The musculature of the Chausie is long and lean rather than bulky.

Boning: The Chausie has a medium to large boning with long, lithe legs, giving the Chausie a tall, substantial yet elegant look.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Short to medium, with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking. Allowance for slightly longer coat in kittens.

Texture: A dense, coarse, resilient coat.

COLORS:

Brown ticked tabby: A mouse-gray color next to the skin with sandy-gray to reddish-gold base coat. The coat will have two or more bands of color in the ticking. Reverse ticking and/or flecking may also be present on the face and barring should appear on the upper front legs, to the hock on the back legs and on the black tipped tail. Barring may or may not be present on the neck. Faint tabby markings on the body may be present but not preferred. The backs of the ears will have "thumbprint" markings of a lighter color. A white or off-white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. Nose leather pink to brick red. The underside will range in color from white or off-white to sandy-gold. Stomach may appear flecked, speckled or spotted.

Black: Solid black.

Silver tipped: This is a black-based cat with agouti ticking ending in either lightened tips, dark tips, or a combination of both on the same cat. Faint tabby markings may occur. This color is derived from the Jungle Cat—it does not seem to be determined by the inhibitor gene I as known in the domestic cat. Ear furnishings will appear silver and will be banded. Nose leather and paw pads will be black.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Chausie is a statuesque cat, tall, upright, medium to large framed, and regal in stance with the musculature of an agile hunter. Males will be proportionately

with the males being proportionately larger than the females. The goal of the Chausie program is to create a good-natured domestic cat with the look and beauty of the Jungle Cat. They have large, mobile, tufted ears, long legs and a naturally short tail, reaching to the hock. The Chausie should be amenable to handling and must not show signs of challenge.

ALLOWANCES: Hazel to light green eye color allowed. Full-length tails are acceptable though not preferred.

PENALIZE: Gooseberry Green eyes. A cat that is refined or too heavily boned. A cat void of tabby markings on the legs or tail. Definite spotting on the body (faint pattern only allowed).

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene (MX /PB/BB). Tail kinked or lacking flexibility. Polydactyl feet. True mackerel or classic pattern. White lockets. Any colors other than the three allowable colors.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm."

Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), male cats in the adult championship class which do not have two descended testicles, and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.

See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for comprehensive rules governing penalties/disqualifications applying to all breeds.

NORWEGIAN FOREST (NF)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	8
Ears	8
Eyes ..	8
Chin	4
Muzzle	4
Profile	8

BODY	35 points
Torso	7
Legs	7
Tail	7
Boning	7
Musculature	7

COAT AND COLOR	25 points
Length	5
Texture	20

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: All Divisions.

COLORS: All Colors.

HEAD:

Shape: Triangular, where all sides are equally long when measured from the outer base of the ears to the chin and between the outer base of the ears; good height when seen in profile; forehead is sloped back.

Eyes: Large, almond shaped, set obliquely. Alert expression. All eye colors except odd-eyes or blue permitted regardless of coat color. Odd-eyes and blue eyes permitted in white and with white only.

Ears: Large, wide at the base, arched forward as if listening, slightly rounded tips that appear pointed when lynx tips are present. Lynx tips and furnishings that extend beyond the outer edge of each ear are desirable. The outer edge of the ear should follow the line of the head down to the chin.

Muzzle: Following the line of the triangular head, with no evidence of pinch or snippiness.

Profile: Long, straight profile from tip of nose to brow without break in line, i.e., no stop.

Neck: Muscular; medium in length.

BODY:

Torso: Medium long and substantial.

Legs: In proportion to the body length, with hind legs higher than fore legs.

Feet: Large, round, well-tufted.

Tail: Long and bushy. Should be at least as long as the body.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Strongly built and sturdy.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Semi-long.

Texture: The dense, woolly undercoat is covered by a smooth, water repellant upper coat which consists of long, coarse and glossy hair covering the back and the sides. A fully coated cat has a full ruff and britches.

Colors: All colors of all divisions of the traditional category are recognized including all colors with white. Any amount of white is allowed anywhere on the cat.

OTHER:

Balance: Muscular and well- proportioned.

Condition: Not applicable/ assumed.

Temperament: Intelligent and independent.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Norwegian Forest cat has evolved through the centuries as a product of its environment. They had to feed, defend, and protect themselves from the elements in the forests. Only the cats that were good hunters and fast to escape from predators survived. Norwegian Forest cats that survived their first winter had the correct, semi-long, water-repellant coat and were well-proportioned, strong, and intelligent. These no nonsense traits carry into the show ring. The Norwegian Forest cat is intelligent, independent and alert to its surroundings. A Norwegian Forest cat A Norwegian Forest cat is large to medium-large size overall and strongly built. They are high on their legs, with a medium long, rectangular body. Their hind legs are higher than their fore legs. They are muscular and heavily boned. Their head is tri-angular, with all three sides equal when measured between the outer base of each ear and from these points to the chin. The profile is long and straight with no break or stop and displays a strong chin. Their eyes are expressive, large, wide almond-shaped, and set on an oblique tilt. Their ears are large, open and set in line with the triangular shape of the head. They may be well-tufted and have lynx tips. Their tail is long, flowing and carried high. The Norwegian Forest cat is known for its dense, rich fur with a woolly undercoat covered by long, coarse guard hairs. This coat is warm and water-repellant. A fully coated cat has a full ruff and britches. In the summer, the coat is short. The coat feels dense, especially on tabbies. Solid, bicolor and tri-color cats often have a softer coat. The length of the Norwegian Forest cat coat is semi-long, which means that it should not be as long as a Persian coat. The overall appearance is of an alert, healthy, firm, muscular and well-proportioned cat. The males are large and imposing, often weighing 12-15 pounds or more. The females can be considerably smaller. This breed is not fully developed until 5 years of age.

ALLOWANCES:

Buttons, spots and loquets allowed in all colors. Length of coat and density of undercoat vary with the seasons. Under no circumstances should a cat be penalized for having a semi-long coat. Coat is evaluated primarily on texture and quality. Allow for size difference between males and females. Very slow maturing of this breed should be taken into account. Mature males may have broader heads than females.

PENALIZE:

Too small and finely built cats. Round or square head; profile with a break (stop). Round eyes. Ears too small or narrow at the base. Legs that are short, thin - not in proportion to the body, or cowhocked. Short tail. Cobby or extremely long body. Dry or silky texture on coat.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm."

Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.

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