

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2021 Special Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, March 10, 2021

President, Vicki Jo Harrison
Vice President, Ralph Stadter
Asia East RD, Akiko Ishimura
Asia West Interim RD, Jeff Shi
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem
Europe South RD, Steven Meserve
Europe West RD, Delsa Rudge
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo
Mid Pacific Interim RD, Ann-Charlotte Joseph
Northeast RD, Tania Antenucci
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli
South Central Interim RD, Jim Armel
Southeast RD, Steve Lawson
Southwest RD, Canie Brooks
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Akiko Ishimura.

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CST.

Antenucci and Rudge were not present.

Dickie and Shi were not present but joined later in the meeting.

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve 2-1 of the consent agenda. Without objection.

2-1 Approve Minutes – Winter Meeting, January 27-29, 2021(electronic)

2. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to move 2-2 of the consent agenda to Executive Session. Without objection.

2-2 Ratify the decision to take no action on the Brown vs. Kennedy complaint as the previous motion (#7) didn't pass, the matter was re-discussed, a new decision was made but not voted.

3. Motion by Armel/Lawson to amend the budget and approve \$150k for the completion of the initial IT project and the website. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Faccioli/Stadter to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 309.9.2 (Accepting non-TICA pedigrees). Motion carried with Brooks and Joseph opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

(Registration Rule 39.9.2 provided for context)

39.9.2 Be accompanied by a minimum of 3-generation certified pedigree (from another registry) of the cat for which application is being made and a photocopy of a registration certificate from that registry showing proof that this cat is owned by the person making the application and asking to be named the owner of this cat.

309.9.2 Pedigrees from Other Registries

309.9.2.1 In addition to the currently recognized registries, with effect from [effective date], the Executive Office shall accept pedigrees from other registries that meet one of the following criteria:

- 309.9.2.1.1** The registry is from a World Cat Congress member or an association with which TICA has a formal agreement for mutual acceptance of pedigrees.
- 309.9.2.1.2** The registry is an active TICA chartered club that produces TICA shows, provided that the measures and procedures implemented by the club for issuing their own pedigrees are at least as stringent or as restrictive as TICA's rules. The registry must also be approved by the relevant Regional Director.
- 309.9.2.1.3** The registry is an independent club that has licensed judges and holds shows and must also be approved by the relevant Regional Director.
- 309.9.2.2** If the registry is not approved by the relevant Regional Director (as required by 309.9.2.1.2 or 309.9.2.1.3), either the registry or the person requesting registration may appeal to the Board to review the decision. The decision of the Board is final.
- 309.9.2.3** If considered in the best interests of the Association, the Board may approve a registry that does not meet the above criteria.
- 309.9.2.4** The Executive Office shall maintain and make available for the membership a list of the registries recognized for registration in TICA.
- 309.9.2.5** The Board may direct the Executive Office to refuse recognition of new pedigrees from a registry if that registry no longer meets the above criteria.
- 309.9.2.6** In the event that a registry does not issue registration certificates, the Executive Office may request additional documentation to prove ownership and authenticity.
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There was a discussion about adding a co-chair and co-liaison to the Toybob Working Breed Group. No action was taken.

5. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go into committee of the whole to allow Wood to speak. Without objection.

The Board discussed and agreed that the 2021 Annual will not take place in Germany. Further discussion and planning will take place at the Spring Meeting.

Harrison and Brown will work on a proposal to make the TICA Mentor Program an official TICA committee.

6. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.
7. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.
8. Motion by Lawson/Brown to take no action on the Brown vs Kennedy complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Meserve had to leave meeting.

9. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.
10. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 9:08 AM CST. Without objection.