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Annex 1 – Lux Cat Club-FFL – Request for secret voting

From: LuxemburgLCC Lux
Sent: 13 July 2021 10:39
To: FIFe General Secretary <general-secretary@fifeweb.org>; Eric Reijers <nlpdragon@iol.cz>
Subject: assemblee generale FIFe 2021 - art 4.5

Cher Monsieur Reijers, cher secrétaire,

selon l' article 4.5 des statuts, nous faisons par la présente la demande pour le vote secret à l' assemblée générale de la FIFe 2021.

gemäß Artikel 4.5 der Statuten, beantragen wir hiermit die Geheime Abstimmung bei der FIFe Generalversammlung 2021.

concerning the article 4.5 of the statutes, we hereby request the secret voting at the general assembly of FIFe in 2021.

Salutations sincères

Pohl M.-F.

pour le comité du

LUX CAT CLUB FFL

Annex 2 – Report of the President

Dear Delegates and advisors, Ladies and gentlemen,

As every year, we ask you to consider this report in combination with the reports of the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Commissions. This provides you with comprehensive information about the work of the FIFe board from the 2019 GA until this 2021 GA.

Since more than a year and a half, the cat fancy functioned under very strange circumstances, but even without shows, or very few shows, the cat fancy, our Members and individual members have been able to continue with a lot of activities. There have been a lot of virtual meetings, within boards but also activities, such as seminars regarding breeds and breeding, for individual members. We saw that the numbers of registrations increased substantially, which proof that FIFe is the largest feline organisation in the world!

During these strange times the board had to consider several questions regarding exceptions: not only regarding shows but also regarding judges' education, like exams and seminars. This all in the interest of our Members and Judges. Almost all exceptions are valid until the end of 2021, some until the GA 2022. I sincerely hope that we will be able going back to "normal" as soon as possible.

The 2020 FIFe World Show had to be cancelled and was rescheduled to this year, because of the worldwide pandemic. Individual members from several countries already signed up to participate at this upcoming 2021 World Show in Italy. We witness that a lot of countries, at least in Europe, are changing their regulations regarding the COVID situation and hopefully these will facilitate travelling and the organisation of shows again.

Because of the worldwide pandemic, the World Cat Congress had no annual meetings in 2020 and 2021 and currently we do not know when and where the next annual WCC meeting will be held. There has been mention about a meeting without show and seminar, but we do not have any information yet.

The FIFe board had plenty of virtual meetings, some were work meetings without minutes but of course also traditional board meetings. This was not an easy task, and I must say I prefer physical meetings which in my opinion give the possibility for more and more effective discussions.

As mentioned above, we had all registration statistics from all our Members over 2019 and 2020 and with these numbers there is no question about it; no other organisation in the world can compete with these numbers, not even half! And this also counts for the entries at shows even if some Members have difficulties to get the minimum required number of cats entered, but at least, we have a limit! Other organisations do not have this, and their shows sometimes have only 25-50 cats entered.

The 2019 FIFe World Show was organised by the German Member 1. DEKZV e.V., in Freiburg, Germany and approximately 1500 cats were entered for this show. It was an excellent well organised event and again a great success for FIFe! I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the work and public relations done to promote FIFe in Germany and around the world.

At the FIFe GA this year, we do have some interesting proposals regarding judges training. I do not have any objections but say that FIFe has a very good training programme when compared with other organisations. We also have proposals regarding the health of our cats, which are not only very important but, in some countries, compulsory and demanded by government regulations.

Lastly, I would like to thank the FIFe Members for all the support that I feel the board and I have had during this difficult COVID period and from the bottom of my heart I thank all of you! My gratitude also goes to all commission members and my fellow board members, Eric, Leo, Dietmar, Karl and Charles.

Gothenburg, September 2021
Annette Sjödin, FIFe president

Annex 3 – Report of the General Secretary

Dear Delegates and advisors, ladies and gentlemen,

The figures and background information, which I will share with you are not from one past “FIFe year” but from the beginning of June 2019 until the end of September 2021, this GA in Riga.

This overview is not comprehensive but provides you with a summary of a large part of the daily work done at the FIFe secretariat.

The Minutes of the 2019 GA in English, German and French were sent to you on 12 September 2019, which is according to our Rules. The 3 supervisors, Paula van de Wijngaart for the English, Robert Lubrano for the French and Herbert Steinhauser for the German version once again checked the Minutes meticulously and swiftly. Thank you for your excellent cooperation!

The standard items that the Secretariat dealt with in the past period were the following:

Members’ matter

1. Dispensations to the number of cats at shows (per day) were granted to 18 Members:

AFA (AR)	2	LFA -Bubaste (LT)	1
ÖVEK (AT)	7	CFCA (LV)	1
NFFe (BG)	1	FFM (MX)	3
CCU (CN)	6	Felikat (NL)	1
ČSCH-SCHK (CZ)	5	NRR (NO)	1
EKL-Felix (EE)	1	FPL (PL)	2
ASFE (ES)	3	CPF (PT)	4
FFF (FR)	1	FFS (SK)	2
ANFI (IT)	1	UFU (UA)	1

This gives a total of **79** exceptions (counted per show day) to the Show Rules. In almost all cases these were requests to consider shows as “International” with less than 150 cats entered in the catalogue for shows in Europe and less than 100 cats for the shows held outside Europe.

This is not a lot, especially in these COVID times, and we should be proud of the fact that we have a lower limit of 150 cats in most countries in Europe and 100 cats outside Europe.

2. Permissions given to FIFe Members to invite non-FIFe judges at their shows

The Board granted a total of **10** Members, permissions to invite **8** non-FIFe judges to officiate at **26** FIFe shows (counted per show day).

-1 permission for 1 LOOF judge in SVERAK (SE) – 1 day

-1 permission for 1 GCCF judge in FB (GB) – 1 day

-6 permissions for 1 CFA judge in EKL-Felix (EE), SK (FI) and NRR (NO) – 12 days

-6 permissions for 5 TICA judges in AFA (AR), FFB (BR), SK (FI), FB (GB) and FFM (MX) –12 days

This is a significant increase compared with the previous period, from June 2018 until May 2019.

Student Judges matter

From June 2019 until last week, we dealt with **6** requests from **5** Members to check the requirements set to prospective FIFe student judges for which the JSC set exams. We dealt with:

- 2 requests for preliminary exams in cat. 1 – FFH (CH) and FFF (FR)
- 2 requests for preliminary exams in cat. 2 - FRU (RU) and SVERAK (SE)
- 1 request for a preliminary exam in cat. 3 - Mundikat (NL)
- 1 request for preliminary exam in cat. 4 – FFF (FF)

Five candidates passed this exam and have been listed on the FIFe website.

Since the last GA, **14** FIFe Members informed us that **22** of their Judges and **7** of their student judges wished to be listed as a student judge in 1 or 2 additional category/ies:

- 4 for category 1
- 6 for category 2
- 9 for category 3
- 9 for category 4
- 1 for Breed Group A

I refer you to the student judges list on the website to see all detailed information.

Judges Matter

At this moment, we have a grand total of **223** judges; 8 NE, 19 dormant and 4 probational judges included.

The database driven judges list on the website makes it very easy for to see how many judges we have in which categories. A total of **4** judges resigned between June 2019 and this week and **3** judges were removed from the judges list because their judges’ fee had not been paid.

Since the 2019 GA, a total of **31** permissions to sit judges' exams were granted:

3 x cat. 1	(all in English)	4 x BG A	(all in English)
8 x cat. 2	(all in English)	1 x BG B	(all in English)
7 x cat. 3	(6 in English, 1 in German)	1 x BG C	(all in English)
5 x cat. 4	(4 in English, 1 in German)	2 x BG D	(all in English)

In summary, **29** exams were done in English and **2** in German. All candidates passed the exams, but 1 student judge did not sit the exam. A total of **29** judges were appointed as International between the end of May 2019 and this week and **2** still need to finish their stage/s, practically the same as the last time. Since the 2019 GA, **8 judges** were appointed as **International All Breed**.

Two dormant judges followed the rules for reactivation and can again, freely judge.

At the first theoretical judges' exam session on 21 February 2020 in Vienna, 4 candidates successfully passed. One, now probational judge, also passed the practical exam and will be appointed as an international category 4 judge very soon.

A total of **19** judges requested **38** times permission, with reference to art. 3.7 of the Judges Rules to judge at non-FIFe shows. They officiated at the following non-FIFe show-weekends:

- 2 x at ACF shows (Australia)
- 11 x at CFA shows
- 4 x at CCA shows (Australia)
- 10 x at GCCF shows
- 9 x at TICA shows
- 4 x at IDP shows (Canada)

In **55%** of the cases there was a national FIFe Member in the country where the FIFe judge was invited to officiate at a non-FIFe show, who granted permission

Collecting the so called "judges engagement forms" (judges activity reports) was very satisfactory in 2019. As you know, the Board granted an exception to all judges; they do not need to send this form for the years 2020 and 2021.

I hope this summary was of interest to you, but of course other work has been done, which you can read about in the Board Minutes.

I wish to thank our Members, their secretaries and contact persons for their cooperation. I also want to thank all commission members and the cattery-name, show-list and breed-council administrators for their excellent work and amicable and effective cooperation.

As always it has been a privilege to work with my Board colleagues, Annette, Leo, Charles, Dietmar and Karl and I thank them for their support, input and help.

Lastly, I wish to thank my Pepa; we are now almost 25 years together and it is still wonderful!

I truly hope that we will have a constructive GA for the good of all of us, our breeders and exhibitors and mainly our cats.

Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou, 24th September 2021
Eric Reijers, General Secretary

Annex 4 – Report of the Treasurer

Dear Delegates, Members, ladies and gentlemen.

Here is a brief explanation of the financial report for the years 2019 and 2020. The year 2019, was a normal year. For the first time in years there was a slight drop in International show income, only 100,000 euros, 6,000 euros under budget. Everything else was almost within budget. On the expenditure side, everything remained within budget. On balance, there was a surplus of 3,677 euros.

All necessary financial documents for 2019 were sent to both controllers for verification. We made an appointment for a meeting in Luxembourg, but then COVID struck. We were not able to meet and so it was necessary to send many emails with copies. In good conscience I have sent as much information as possible to both controllers. A 2019 report of the controllers has been provided to you.

In April the chaos started to become more noticeable; most shows were cancelled, and the planned General Assembly could not take place either. Many tickets had already been purchased by the various commission- and board members for the planned meeting in Riga. Fortunately, most tickets were refunded by the various airlines. A substantial deposit was also paid to the hotel in Riga and to the company that takes care of the interpreters. In total, this amounted to EUR 22.099. Everything according to the agreed contracts. A portion of these amounts will be deducted if this GA in Riga goes ahead.

The WCC meeting in Perth, Australia was also cancelled. Of the 3 tickets bought, only 2 were refunded, because a company went bankrupt. Hopefully, some of that amount will come back.

The revenues of the International shows in 2020 have fallen dramatically to 24,660 EURO (-75,000), Cattery names revenues increased in 2020. (+5.680). There is already an even larger increase for 2021. Expenses in 2020 were also substantially less; board meetings (-12,000), commissions (-25,000).

On balance, there was still a small surplus of 768 EURO

All necessary financial documents for 2020 were sent to both controllers for verification; as stated above, due to COVID it was again not possible to meet. So many emails with copies were sent. A 2020 report of the controllers has been provided to you.

I wholeheartedly say that checking in this way is not my preference, seeing each other and giving verbal explanations is a bit easier. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the FIFe over the past two years.

Leopold van de Haterd, Treasurer

Hoorn July 2021

Annex 5 – Reports of the two Controllers

Luxemburg / Mägenwil, July 2020

Dear Delegates,

According to the FIFe statutes Art. 7 we performed the requested audit and report as follows about our findings:

We again received various documents by post in advance of our planned revision meeting. This enabled us to prepare optimally for the planned meeting and to correct some errors in the Excel presentation in advance.

Unfortunately, the COVID situation did not allow our meeting to take place, so the treasurer had to send various documents that we still wanted to inspect and/or check by e-mail. Our questions, arising from these documents, were promptly answered by the treasurer by e-mail. This situation was not particularly pleasant neither for the treasurer nor for us auditors and it prolonged the whole audit. Finally, however, we were able to get a comprehensive picture of the bookkeeping and we can confirm that the requested documents were presented in full and that the bookings have been made accordingly.

We therefore propose to the General Assembly to approve the annual accounts 2019 with a profit of EUR 3'677 and a balance sheet total of EUR 179'755 and to discharge the treasurer, thanking him for his work.

Marie France Pohl - FIFe Controller

Jürg Keller-Friškovec - FIFe Controller

Luxemburg / Mägenwil, June 2021

Dear Delegates,

According to the FIFe Statutes Art. 7 we have tried to carry out the control of the books conscientiously. It is a responsible work, which took us a lot of time.

We inform you about our findings below:

For this year, it was clear from the beginning that we would have to carry out the audit without a physical meeting. We received the usual documents from the treasurer by letter post. Unfortunately, this year again, some corrections had to be made to the Excel presentation so that they correspond to the figures presented to us. Various questions have arisen from the documents sent to us. Since it was not possible to check the documents on site, we also had to ask to send us various documents and receipts for checking. The requested records and documents as well as answers were delivered in several mail rounds to our satisfaction. We thank the treasurer for the prompt delivery of the documents and answers. We hope that we will finally be able to have a "normal" audit for the financial year 2021, which will cause then less work for both the treasurer and the auditors. In the end, however, we were able to get a comprehensive picture of the bookkeeping and can confirm that the requested documents could be presented in full and that the bookings have been made accordingly.

Finally, we were able to get a comprehensive picture of the bookkeeping and can confirm that the requested documents could be presented in full and the bookings were made accordingly. We have requested that for the following years, in the presentation for the General Assembly, some items in the income statement should be shown at a different position in order to obtain a clearer and more comprehensible presentation. We propose to the General Assembly to approve the annual accounts 2020 with a profit of EUR 768 and a balance sheet total of EUR 180,574 and to discharge the treasurer, thanking him for his work.

Marie France Pohl - FIFe Controller

Jürg Keller-Friškovec - FIFe Controller

Annex 6 – Report of the Breeding & Registration Commission

The Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC) consists of three persons elected at the GA 2019: Cecilia Wennergren from Sweden, Maria Myrland from Norway who is Secretary of the BRC and yours truly, Ole Amstrup, from Denmark.

During these last two years, the BRC only had a physical meeting in connection with the General Assembly in Bratislava in 2019. All other matters have been dealt with via e-mail and other electronic means.

This year the Commission prepared a seminar for registrars in connection with this General Assembly. The last GA (2019) we did not have this seminar. We would like to draw your attention to the Facebook group for registrars, where registrars can ask questions and discuss matters regarding registrations. If your registrar is not yet a member of this exclusive group, we strongly recommend joining this group. Just contact one of the commission members and we will be happy to add your registrar to this group.

During the last two years, the BRC dealt with requests for recommendations from the Board regarding new colours, member's violation of the Breeding & Registration Rules (BRR), problems with understanding the BRR in connection with the registration of cats and working with two new breeds, the Bombay (BOM non) and the Lykoi (LYO non). Even if the BRC did not support the preliminary recognition of the Bombay and Lykoi this year, we still have been working on making registration rules for these breeds, so it will be easier for the breeders that will work with Bombay in FIFe to register the cats the same way.

We dealt with:

- FB on how to register MCO with polydactyl cats in the pedigree.
- FFS on how to register an OSH albino kitten, with red eyes, the recommendation was to register it as XSH w 68 <OSH>, not for breeding; 68 is a new code for red eyes.
- FD on how to register longhair JBT.
- FBE and others on how to register blue-eyed BSH without white.
- UFU on how to register blue eyed MCO and other breeds without or with only 09 white.
- ČSCH on how to register Lykoi (LYO non).
- NRR on how to register red kittens (males and females) from a black mother.
- Mundikat on odd eyed in bicolour BSH/BLH.
- ASFE on how to register imported SPH with non-recognised breeds in the ancestry.
- CPF on how to deal with problems in ancestry and unsure colour on an imported cat.
- SK on the quality of the pedigree of imported cats.
- EKL-Felix on TICA pedigrees.
- ICA on how to deal with charcoal, silver and solid in Bengal cats (not recognized colours)
- NRR on how to register silver offspring of an imported non silver cat.

For the first time we present statistics of cats bred and registered and imported and registered in FIFe! Following this report you find separate documents with the two first years of statistics, 2019 and 2020.

I would like to thank the Board for their cooperation, and especially Charles Spijker, for helping with translations, formulating proposals.

Last but not least I would like to thank my two fellow commission members, Maria and Cecilia, for their work and cooperation in the commission.

On behalf of the Breeding & Registration Commission,
Ole Amstrup, chairman

Esbjerg, 31.07.2021

Annex 7 – Reports of the Disciplinary Commission

Members: Chairman Mrs. Paula van de Wijngaart; Secretary Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt
Mrs. Anne Paloluoma; Mr. Herbert Steinhauser, Mrs. Marina Vinkel

Glabbeek, 25th July 2021

In the period of June 2019 until July 2021, the DC had no physical meetings. All contacts between Commission members were executed by e-mail. During this period, we have had following cases:

1. KKM – several irregularities at shows in Malaysia (03/09/2019)

The DC discussed the case and send in a recommendation to the board on 15/10/2019:

Based on the facts and documentations, the DC could only conclude that 4 FIFe rules have been broken by KKM. Although the DC sympathised with the position KKM is in, the DC does not feel this is sufficient reason to not abide by the FIFe rules. The DC also took into account, that KKM already received a strong reprimand and even a fine for similar reasons in the past.

Therefor the DC recommended **for each violation a disciplinary action**: a fine of € 500,00, a conditional fine of € 1.500,00 for the coming 5 years, a close follow-up by the board and a reprimand

2. SVERAK, Felis Belgica, Felikat and Felix – granting exceptions to all of their individual MCO breeders regarding the addition of BRR, article 6.14, concerning HD tests for MCO (03/10/2019). A similar notification from Felis Danica and a request for an exception from ANFI were added to this case (11/10/2019)

Regarding this issue, only 3 members of the DC discussed the case, as 2 members of the DC were directly involved and for ethical reasons, they did not take part in the discussions. However, all 5 members could support the recommendation send in on 15/10/2019:

The DC concluded that although a **member cannot grant an exception to the FIFe rules**, the abovementioned members had no choice in bringing clarity to their members. We recommended **no further action** was necessary against these members and urged the **Board to take a more active approach**.

3. Felis Britannica – dispensation request for a GCCF club committee member to become member of Viking Cat Club (1/11/2019)

In line with the DC advice of 2018, we recommend the board to **grant FB dispensation** to accept a GCCF club committee member, as a member of a FB club.

4. CCU & one of their individual members – complaint against an alleged fraud at the WW19 (17/01/2020)

The DC had to wait a long time, as hardly any response was coming from CCU and still a lot of detailed info was not available. The DC based itself only on the facts at hand and send this recommendation to the board on 5/06/2020:

- 1) The FIFe board is not empowered to take any disciplinary actions against an individual member of a member when she is not carrying out certain duties, but CCU should. **CCU should receive a reprimand to correct their member regarding art. 5.1.1 of the FIFe breeding and registration rules.**
- 2) The actions of the breeder have led to the probable fact a cat became world winner in the wrong class. It should be evident for exhibitors that fraud is absolutely intolerable. The DC recommended to **withdraw the World Winner title 2019** for category 4 - class 12, which is in the full power of the FIFe board, as the World Show is a FIFe event.

5. Felikat, Mrs. Bazzotti, Mrs. Stoa – invalid stage at Felikat show 11.01.2020 (31/01/2020) And in addition to this, the behaviour issue of Mrs. Pocci at this show.

The DC send in the recommendation on 5/06/2020:

Regarding Mrs. Barbara Bazzotti: The DC feels Mrs. Bazzotti has been **punished enough** because her stage certificate has been made invalid.

Regarding Mrs. Caroline Stoa: The DC believes Mrs. Stoa learned a lesson by making this mistake and is unlikely to repeat it. Therefore, the DC feels **no further action** was required.

Regarding Felikat as organiser of the stage: Felikat, as all other show organisers, should respect art. 6.1.4 of the show rules (**call to order**) and send advance notice to all supervising and instructing judges. The DC feels that advance notice regarding these matters is **at least 1 week**. The DC recommended recognizing the certificates, written by Mrs. Bazzotti as valid and to acknowledge the results of the Best in Show voting.

Regarding Mrs. Katia Pocci: The DC did not feel any rule has been broken.

Mrs. Paula van de Wijngaart
DC Chairman

Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt
DC secretary

Annex 8 – Report of the Health & Welfare Commission

Members: Mrs. Carin Sahlberg (Chairperson), Mr. Martin Urban (secretary), Mrs. Vanja Knez

The HWC had one physical meeting, otherwise the members have communicated by email and by Zoom. The showing of cats worldwide has been greatly reduced during the last 18 months. Feline research has continued nevertheless, and new feline genes have been recognised. However, there are no new commercially available gene tests for health issues that we would add to the list in Annex I of the BRR.

We have dealt with the following issues:

- In the autumn 2019 we initiated a survey amongst all FIFe Members concerning the new rule of compulsory radiographic evaluation test on hip dysplasia for Maine Coon cats. We asked for approximate number of MCO cats to be tested, existing national plans for testing HD and veterinarians licenced to making and/or evaluating X-rays. Sadly, about one third of the Members never answered the survey even after a reminder.
- We wrote a guideline on the *Methodology for Feline Hip Dysplasia evaluation in Maine Coon* which was sent to the general secretary of FIFe. Later, the board issued a statement also referring to this guideline.
- We had information about an increased interest in breeding of dominant blue eyed BLH/BSH and MCO (some called Altai or Topaz) and discussed it in several emails during 2020. The genetics behind this trait is still largely unknown. Although dominant the trait seems to have variable expression and an incomplete penetrance. It is often seen in combination with low white spotting. Unfortunately, many of the cats (homozygous?) are deaf and may also have other congenital defects.
- We received health data on the Bombay (BOM non) breeding from the BOM non Breed Council in the beginning of 2020. Due to small breeding stock and reduced genetic diversity as well as rather few breeders we were not in favour of a possible preliminary recognition. We sent a report to the BOM non Breed Council, the BC coordinator and the BRC. As there was no GA in 2020 the breeders have had more time to develop their breed and we have received additional data this July. The breeding stock appears healthy but is still rather small and contains several carriers of the Burmese Head Defect (BHD). We discussed this and if in future there is a proposal for preliminary recognition of the BOM non we will propose an obligatory DNA test for BHD.
- We discussed proposals for the upcoming GA in Riga 2021:
 - We will bring a revised version of our withdrawn proposal on PER/EXO standard.
 - The list of faults in the Standards General Part gives breeders and judges ample guidance on undesirable features. We decided to bring some changes on the anatomical faults as a proposal.
 - Information on the various health programmes implemented by our members is crucial for the knowledge and handling of the health situation in FIFe. We decided to propose a new article in the General Rules requiring the members to send the information to FIFe.
 - On behalf of the Maine Coon Breed Council, we bring two proposals concerning this breed:
 - an obligatory DNA test for the A31P mutation in the MyBPC3 gene causing Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and
 - prohibition of blue eyed non-white MCO.

I thank my two commission colleagues for their work, contribution and cooperation in the past year.

On behalf of the Health & Welfare Commission,
Carin Sahlberg, Chairperson

Helsinki , 31st July 2021

Annex 9 – Report of the Judges & Standards Commission

The FIFe Judges and Standards Commission (JSC) is composed by the following members:

Mrs Donatella Mastrangelo (Chairman 2019/20), Mrs Marie Westerlund (Chairman 2021), Mr Steven L. Jones (Secretary), Mrs Satu Hämäläinen, Mrs Katia Poggi and Mr Gerardo Fraga y Guzman

During the past period we performed our duties mostly by email and via videoconference, aiming to a more efficient and less expensive system for FIFe. Since the 2019 GA, we have utilised video conference for JSC meetings. Physical meeting have not been possible before this GA. On 27/28.06.2020, we organized an Internet based Compulsory Training Seminar and a total of 8 student judges attended. The seminar was very well received by students and may be considered in future as a supplement to physical seminars.

Judges Training Seminars have not been possible prior to the one that will take place on Saturday.

Below is a more detailed list of the various tasks that the FIFe JSC has performed during the last 2+years.

- All Exam Questionnaires 2020 were ready before the end of 2019 and will remain valid through 2021
- All anonymous Exams Sets for 2020 exams in English (preliminary, final and breed exams) were prepared and made available before the end of 2019. These exam sets remain valid through 2021. No exams in French or German have been required yet.
- Upon request of two Dormant Judges, we have prepared reactivation exams
- We provided the GS with support in order to update the Judges and Student Judges Rules 2020 in all 3 languages. These Rules remain valid in 2021 supplemented by some small exceptions granted by the Board to cater for the COVID19 pandemic

- We prepared proposals for this GA and we really hope our FIFe Member Countries will support them.
- We worked with the BEN and BOM non BCs to prepare colour recognition of silver BEN and preliminary recognition of BOM non. Some of the results of this work are contained in proposals to this GA

Of course, the activity within the JSC has been severely restricted over the last 18 months along with the shutdown that has affected us all. The FIFe JSC is looking very much forward to this GA and renewing acquaintance with old friends.

On behalf of the FIFe JSC,
Marie Westerlund – Chairman

Riga (LV), Sept 30th, 2021

Annex 10 – Report of the Show Commission

During the period from May 2019 until September 2021, the Show Commission had the following members: Mr. João Noronha (PT) – chairman, Mrs. Thea Friškovec-Keller (CH) – secretary, Mrs. Waltraut Sattler (DE), Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) and Mrs. Gøran Vinje (NO).

During the past year, the work in the Show Commission (SC) was performed timely, with pleasure and enthusiasm and based on an excellent teamwork and contact with the Board.

During this period, the SC had two physical meetings, in September 2019 in Aveiro, Portugal and in February 2020 in Amsterdam, Holland and two web-meetings, one in June and one in October 2020.

We discussed and dealt with several matters concerning the Show Rules, for which a recommendation was asked by the Board:

- Complaint on OSH c – WW19 4-7 months
- Request for recommendations SK (FI)
- Request for recommendations SVERAK (SE)
- Request of the SC to the Board regarding JW for 2020
- Request for the recommendation to FFB (BR).

The minutes of the meetings and all SC recommendations were sent to the General Secretary. During this period also, whenever necessary, emails were exchanged to respond and follow up on any type of question.

As in the years before the Vice-secretary assisted the General Secretary in producing the 2020 edition of the Show Rules in English, German, and French languages. The SC checked the final versions. We thank both, the GS and the Vice-Secretary for the work and collaboration.

As we all know, life changed significantly from March 2020. In this troubled situation and reality of life, about 80% of the shows were cancelled, including the 2020 World Show and many Winners Shows. The SC suggested ways to adapt the rules, and we are open to suggestions and ideas which could help everybody.

The SC appreciated the permission of the Board to directly contact the Members regarding the Show Survey.

Unfortunately, after the first sending out of the Show Survey, only a quarter of the Members responded. We thank all these Members for their prompt cooperation. We hope we will get more response on sending of the reminder, which is planned to be sent out before GA in Riga. Only a sufficient number of responses enables us to make a proper summary and conclusions on remarks, ideas and suggestions of the Members.

This year the SC prepared 7 proposals for the GA. Most of these proposals are based on events which have been happening in the last year's practice and need, in our opinion, attention or clarification.

Finally, we would like to thank all members of the Show Commission for the excellent teamwork.

On behalf of the FIFe Show Commission,
João Noronha - Chairman

Thea Friškovec-Keller - Secretary

July 2021

Annex 11 – Report of the Breed Council Administrator

It was a good 2 years for the Breed Councils (BCs). 2019 showed a big increase in the memberships of the BCs. Some BC secretaries resigned and there is still a vacancy at the CHA and RUS BC.

In 2020, the cat-fancy came almost to a full stop due to the Pandemic, still 30 new BC members applied for membership. In November 2020 elections were held. The MCO and SIB BCs elected new BC secretaries.

BC administration is the busiest in the months of December and February. This year the process was long and slow, partially because BC members did not pay in time but more that the response of the Members itself was late or even absent.

In December 2019 we had 21 BCs, and 332 individual members. At the time of writing this report we have 29 BCs, 28 Members and 309 individual members. Sadly, the LaPerm BC is already dissolved. Good news is that there is now a starting a DRX BC.

I would like to ask the FIFe Members for their assistance when the renewals are going it would help a great deal. I would like to urge all our Members to encourage their breeders to join the BC so that they may have an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise and have their voice heard where it matters most.

Nathalie Smits, FIFe Breed Council Administrator

July 2021

Annex 12 – Report on cats bred/imported/registered in FIFe in 2019

BREEDING STATISTICS 2019

STATISTICS PER BREED

Ranking 2019	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
1	MCO	25.459	25,7%
2	BSH	16.071	16,2%
3	RAG	11.716	11,8%
4	NFO	5.545	5,6%
5	SBI	4.746	4,8%
6	SIB	4.466	4,5%
7	BEN	3.844	3,9%
8	DRX	3.437	3,5%
9	PER	3.334	3,4%
10	SPH	2.383	2,4%
11	NEM	2.273	2,3%
12	RUS	2.098	2,1%
13	EXO	1.733	1,8%
14	BUR	1.611	1,6%
15	OSH	1.416	1,4%
16	ABY	1.158	1,2%
17	CRX	1.123	1,1%
18	CHA	1.090	1,1%
19	SIA	1.049	1,1%
20	BLH	994	1,0%
21	BML	284	0,3%
22	EUR	233	0,2%
23	KBL	232	0,2%
24	SOM	230	0,2%
25	OCI	219	0,2%
26	DSP	214	0,2%
27	LPL	171	0,2%
28	MAU	171	0,2%
29	THA	169	0,2%
30	SRL	154	0,2%

Ranking 2019	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
31	PEB	126	0,1%
32	ACL	123	0,1%
33	KOR	104	0,1%
34	TUV	99	0,1%
35	XLH * (XXX)	97	0,1%
36	GRX	89	0,1%
37	TUA	76	0,1%
38	XSH * (XXX)	70	0,1%
39	BAL	70	0,1%
40	OLH	55	0,1%
41	SIN	55	0,1%
42	SNO	53	0,1%
43	SRS	46	0,0%
44	XSH	42	0,0%
45	XLH * <XXX>	38	0,0%
46	XSH * <XXX>	34	0,0%
47	ACS	26	0,0%
48	LYO non	19	0,0%
49	BOM non	18	0,0%
50	KBS	17	0,0%
51	MAN	12	0,0%
52	SOK	8	0,0%
53	CYM	8	0,0%
54	XLH	5	0,0%
55	TOS non	3	0,0%
56	BRX non	1	0,0%
57	JBT	0	0,0%
58	LPS	0	0,0%
TOTAL		98.917	100,0%

STATISTICS PER CATEGORY

TOTALS PER CATEGORY		
Category	Number registr.	%
Category 1	21.681	21,9%
Category 2	38.184	38,6%
Category 3	25.238	25,5%
Category 4	13.654	13,8%
Non recognised breeds	41	0,0%
XLH/XSH	119	0,1%
TOTAL	98.917	100,0%

CATEGORY 1		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
EXO	1.733	8,0%
PER	3.334	15,4%
RAG	11.716	54,0%
SBI	4.746	21,9%
TUV	99	0,5%
XLH * (XXX)	46	0,2%
XSH * (XXX)	7	0,0%
TOTAL	21.681	100,0%

CATEGORY 2		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ACL	123	0,3%
ACS	26	0,1%
LPL	171	0,4%
LPS	0	0,0%
MCO	25.459	66,7%
NEM	2.273	6,0%
NFO	5.545	14,5%
SIB	4.466	11,7%
TUA	76	0,2%
XLH * (XXX)	45	0,1%
TOTAL	38.184	100,0%

CATEGORY 3		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BEN	3.844	15,2%
BLH	994	3,9%
BML	284	1,1%
BSH	16.071	63,7%
BUR	1.611	6,4%
CHA	1.090	4,3%
CYM	8	0,0%
EUR	233	0,9%
KBL	232	0,9%
KBS	17	0,1%
KOR	104	0,4%
MAN	12	0,0%
MAU	171	0,7%
OCI	219	0,9%
SIN	55	0,2%
SNO	53	0,2%
SOK	8	0,0%
SRL	154	0,6%
SRS	46	0,2%
XLH * (XXX)	6	0,0%
XSH * (XXX)	26	0,1%
TOTAL	25.238	100,0%

CATEGORY 4		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ABY	1.158	8,5%
BAL	70	0,5%
CRX	1.123	8,2%
DRX	3.437	25,2%
DSP	214	1,6%
GRX	89	0,7%
JBT	0	0,0%
OLH	55	0,4%
OSH	1.416	10,4%
PEB	126	0,9%
RUS	2.098	15,4%
SIA	1.049	7,7%
SOM	230	1,7%
SPH	2.383	17,5%
THA	169	1,2%
XSH * (XXX)	37	0,3%
TOTAL	13.654	100,0%

NON RECOGNISED BREEDS		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BOM non	18	43,9%
BRX non	1	2,4%
LYO non	19	46,3%
TOS non	3	7,3%
TOTAL	41	100,0%

XLH / XSH		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
XLH	5	4,2%
XSH	42	35,3%
XLH * <XXX>	38	31,9%
XSH * <XXX>	34	28,6%
TOTAL	119	100,0%

Annex 13 – Report on cats bred/imported/registered in FIFe in 2020

BREEDING STATISTICS 2020

STATISTICS PER BREED

Ranking 2020	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
1	MCO	25.322	23,9%
2	BSH	17.449	16,5%
3	RAG	13.585	12,8%
4	NFO	5.632	5,3%
5▲	SIB	5.087	4,8%
6▲	BEN	4.639	4,4%
7▼	SBI	4.162	3,9%
8	DRX	4.076	3,9%
9	PER	3.755	3,5%
10▲	NEM	2.609	2,5%
11▲	RUS	2.604	2,4%
12▼	SPH	2.476	2,3%
13▲	BUR	2.015	1,9%
14▼	EXO	1.847	1,7%
15	OSH	1.578	1,5%
16▲	BLH	1.294	1,2%
17▼	ABY	1.111	1,1%
18	CHA	1.037	1,0%
19	SIA	1.016	1,0%
20▼	CRX	919	0,9%
21▲	LPL	284	0,3%
22▲	SOM	283	0,3%
23▲	OCI	272	0,3%
24▼	BML	265	0,3%
25▼	EUR	258	0,2%
26▼	KBL	223	0,2%
27▲	SRL	219	0,2%
28▼	DSP	214	0,2%
29▲	PEB	180	0,2%
30▼	THA	152	0,1%

Ranking 2020	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
31▲	XLH	147	0,1%
32▲	KOR	123	0,1%
33▼	MAU	122	0,1%
34▲	TUA	93	0,1%
35▼	TUV	84	0,1%
36▼	ACL	72	0,1%
37▲	OLH	67	0,1%
38▲	BAL	66	0,1%
39▼	XSH * (XXX)	65	0,1%
40▲	SIN	53	0,1%
41▲	SNO	49	0,0%
42▲	XLH * (XXX)	45	0,0%
43	SRS	41	0,0%
44	XSH	37	0,0%
45▲	MAN	29	0,0%
46▲	ACS	23	0,0%
47▼	GRX	20	0,0%
48▼	XLH * <XXX>	15	0,0%
49	BOM non	15	0,0%
50▼	LYO non	13	0,0%
51▼	KBS	12	0,0%
52▲	LPS	10	0,0%
53▼	SOK	10	0,0%
54▼	XSH * <XXX>	8	0,0%
55▼	CYM	5	0,0%
56▲	JBT	5	0,0%
57▼	TOS non	4	0,0%
58▼	BRX non	1	0,0%
TOTAL		105.807▲	100,0%

STATISTICS PER CATEGORY

TOTALS PER CATEGORY		
Category	Number registr.	%
Category 1	23.461	22,2%▲
Category 2	39.142	37,0%▼
Category 3	28.181	26,6%▲
Category 4	14.783	14,0%▲
Non recognised breeds	33	0,0%
XLH/XSH	207	0,2%▲
TOTAL	105.807	100,0%

▲ / ▼ = increase / decrease in ranking position, number of registrations resp. percentage compared to 2019

CATEGORY 1		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
EXO	1.847	7,9%▼
PER	3.755	16,0%▲
RAG	13.585	57,9%▲
SBI	4.162	17,7%▼
TUV	84	0,4%▼
XLH * (XXX)	23	0,1%▼
XSH * (XXX)	5	0,0%
TOTAL	23.461▲	100,0%

CATEGORY 2		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ACL	72	0,2%▼
ACS	23	0,1%
LPL	284	0,7%▲
LPS	10	0,0%
MCO	25.332	64,7%▼
NEM	2.609	6,7%▲
NFO	5.632	14,4%▼
SIB	5.087	13,0%▲
TUA	93	0,2%
TOTAL	39.142▲	100,0%

CATEGORY 3		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BEN	4.639	16,5%▲
BLH	1.294	4,6%▲
BML	265	0,9%▼
BSH	17.449	61,9%▼
BUR	2.015	7,2%▲
CHA	1.037	3,7%▼
CYM	5	0,0%
EUR	258	0,9%
KBL	223	0,8%▼
KBS	12	0,0%▼
KOR	123	0,4%
MAN	29	0,1%▲
MAU	122	0,4%▼
OCI	272	1,0%▲
SIN	53	0,2%
SNO	49	0,2%
SOK	10	0,0%
SRL	219	0,8%▲
SRS	41	0,1%▼
XLH * (XXX)	22	0,1%▲
XSH * (XXX)	44	0,2%▲
TOTAL	28.181▲	100,0%

CATEGORY 4		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ABY	1.111	7,5%▼
BAL	66	0,4%▼
CRX	919	6,2%▼
DRX	4.076	27,6%▲
DSP	214	1,4%▼
GRX	20	0,1%▼
JBT	5	0,0%
OLH	67	0,5%▲
OSH	1.578	10,7%▲
PEB	180	1,2%▲
RUS	2.604	17,6%▲
SIA	1.016	6,9%▼
SOM	283	1,9%▲
SPH	2.476	16,7%▼
THA	152	1,0%▼
XSH * (XXX)	16	0,1%▼
TOTAL	14.783▲	100,0%

NON RECOGNISED BREEDS		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BOM non	15	45,5%▲
BRX non	1	3,0%▲
LYO non	13	39,4%▼
TOS non	4	12,1%▲
TOTAL	33▼	100,0%

XLH / XSH		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
XLH	147	71,0%▲
XSH	37	17,9%▼
XLH * <XXX>	15	7,2%▼
XSH * <XXX>	8	3,9%▼
TOTAL	207▲	100,0%

Annex 14 – Budget for the financial year 2022

INCOME (EUR)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Membership Fee	15,225	14,875	14,875	14,875
International Show Fee	100,000	106,000	106,000	<u>90,000</u>
National Show Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Examinations	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Judges´ Fee	22,000	22,000	22,000	<u>11,000</u>
Cattery Names	28,000	30,000	30,000	<u>40,000</u>
Rosettes	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Advance payments 2020				<u>18,000</u>
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,125	1,125	1,125
Loss	19,775	23,000	23,000	20,000
	197,000	207,000	207,000	205,000

EXPENDITURE (EUR)	2019	2020	2021	2022
General Assembly	45,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Judges <i>GA Seminar</i>	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
<i>Standards, Rules, Golden & Silver Pins</i>	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
<i>Seminars</i>	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Judges	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Board	18,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Commissions	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Allowance General Secretary	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Administration	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Rosettes	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Rosettes for shows (free rosettes)	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Depreciation	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
World Cat Congress	6,000	6,000	6,000	<u>4,000</u>
Promotion	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Website	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Profit	0	0	0	0
	197,000	207,000	207,000	205,000

L.B. van de Haterd, FIFe Treasurer
Hoorn, The Netherlands

Annex 15 – Application for patronage membership

	<h3>Cats of San Marino International Club</h3> <p>mentor: 1. DEKZV (DE)</p>	<p>(SM) COSMIC</p>
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28 July 2021

Dear FIFe General Secretary,

Some cat lovers have come together to revive an old tradition, a cat club in San Marino Republic. There has been a FIFe Club in San Marino until 1993 but since then there have been only some WCF and CFA shows. In the closest area around San Marino there are no associations or clubs promoting knowledge and culture about cats and breeds, the nearest FIFe show has been held in Ravenna by ANFI every two years in the past. Due to its geography, we believe that San Marino can be a strategic place to get breeders and exhibitors from the south of Italy closer to FIFe: they could participate at shows where they get foreign certificates avoiding long travels.

For this purpose, we founded an association in San Marino. We set up a pedigree book here and would like to organise again cat shows in San Marino Republic. For us, membership in the FIFe is the only option, so we ask for admission as a probationary Member.

We would like to introduce COSMIC, Cats Of San Marino International Club.

The Board:

The President is Maryna Yakavina, born in Belarus, lives and breeds DSP in San Marino.

The Vice President is Carla Rotini, born in Italy, lives and breeds Maine Coons in Italy. She is FIFe International Judge for categories 1 and 2.

The Treasurer is Romina Casadei, born in San Marino, lives in San Marino.

The Secretary is Raffaele Sanchi, born in Italy, lives and breeds SPH in San Marino.

At the moment the only Technical Board is on the Pedigree Book, and Carla Rotini is its President.

Below, you can find the Statute, and following you can find the translation of the part according to FIFe Statute request:

Cats of San Marino International Club – COSMIC **Titolo I Constitutive Act and STATUTE**

Art.1 Establishment

An association called "Cats of San Marino International Club" is established, hereinafter referred to as "COSMIC", with REP N. 3448 - Custodia N: 2099

Art. 2 Duration of the Association

The duration of the association is established at 31/12/2121, it can still be dissolved in advance or extended by a simple resolution of the member assembly.

Art. 3 Registered Office

The association is based in San Marino at the domicile of the elected President.

Art. 4 Membership of other organisms

The Association, within the scope of its own purposes, may adhere to other national and international organizations of any kind that have similar purposes.

COSMIC shall undertake the FIFe affiliation process. In this perspective, COSMIC inserts the following commitment into this Statute: It is not allowed to sell or deliver cats, which are FIFe registered, to pet shops or similar organizations or for any research or experimental tests. Furthermore, individual or collective members of FIFe Members are not permitted to offer or trade cats or services, such as stud service, auction, or similar actions, either on virtual or real events.

Art. 5 Social Purpose

The association is non-political, non-party, non-denominational, non-profit and is characterized by the democratic nature of the structure, by the equality of rights of all members, by the election and gratuitousness of the associative positions. The Association encourages the breeding and study of domestic cats, intending to improve the different breeds and varieties, spread knowledge and appreciation as social and companion animals.

The association promotes initiatives aimed at the well-being of domestic cats and their diffusion, it sets up scientific, technical, and cultural commissions and committees. In particular, for the achievement of the social purposes:

- Promotes initiatives aimed to make the most advanced knowledge relating to the well-being of domestic cats and a full and lively coexistence between humans and felines, incl. the establishment of scientific, technical, and cultural.
- Keeps a common registration pedigree database of purebred cats (hereafter Book of Origins) and offer lists that may be necessary for the correct achievement of social purposes, in harmony and in compliance with national regulation.
- Takes care of and encourages the preparation and updating of judges and any other specialists.
- Promotes, recognizes, sponsors, and organizes exhibitions and reviews aimed at promoting knowledge of cats in general, and individual breeds in particular, through direct exchanges between breeders and simple enthusiasts.”

The complete translation is available on request.

COSMIC also declares unconditional acknowledgment of the FIFe regulations and restrictions, which we included in our statute and general regulation.

We are aware we will be under the Mentorship of a FIFe Member. Mr. Sagurski, President of 1. DEZKV e.V. and Vice-President of FIFe can confirm that we submitted our request to be under their mentorship, we would like to express our gratitude to 1. DEZKV e.V. for this opportunity and support.

Hoping to have a positive response and to be on the agenda to introduce ourselves to the audience of the next General Assembly, we send our best regards

Maryna Yakavina - President of Cosmic

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Annex 16 – Full recognition of silver Bengals

The BRC, HWC and JSC propose the full recognition of silver varieties in Bengal.

The Board granted permission to seek Preliminary Recognition of these varieties with Felis Polonia (PL), rather than the Bengal Breed Council, to be responsible for the process to full recognition. However, the BEN BC has taken over the responsibilities for this recognition.

All requirements in § 11.2.4 of the Breeding & Registration Rules have been fulfilled.

According to § 11.2.5 the proposal for full recognition must include:

1. the changes in the breed standard and the scale of points (if any); the changes in the table of varieties (EMS codes) and the group (if any) in which the new variety will be judged at shows; all and only varieties (EMS codes) which are genetically possible according to the presented pedigrees can be included in the proposal
2. the description of varieties which are not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part to the Standards (if any)
3. the breeding restrictions and registration rules of the new variety (if any)
4. the report of the BRC (pedigree information on cats bred/shown)
5. the report of the JSC (information on cats shown / evaluation of issued judges reports and results)
6. the report of the HWC (health issues)
7. the recommendation from each Commission for the full recognition of the variety.

1. BEN Standard including the scale of points, the varieties and the category

Standard

No change in standard for the BEN (see also remark below under point 2 - Description of varieties).

Scale of points

No change in the scale of points.

Varieties

Couleur/Farbe/Colour	EMS code
Black SILVER MARBLED / Schwarz SILVER MARBLED / Noir SILVER MARBRÉ	BEN ns 22
Seal sepia/Seal mink/Snow SILVER MARBLED/MARBRÉ	BEN ns 22 31/32/33
Black SILVER SPOTTED / Schwarz SILVER GETUPFT / Noir SILVER MOUCHETÉ	BEN ns 24
Seal sepia/Seal mink/Snow SILVER SPOTTED/GETUPFT/MOUCHETÉ	BEN ns 24 31/32/33

Please note the full recognition does not include any charcoal silver variety, these remain non-recognised varieties (EMS code: BEN x nts *).

2. Description of varieties in BEN which are not yet recognised or not described in the General Part

The description of the Silver varieties, including all the EMS codes, of the BEN is provided and published in the non-recognized breed/varieties booklet, issued in 2019. The JSC started working on this description already in 2015 and no variation is needed from the version published and no major difference in description of colour from other silver varieties in other breeds.

The patterns of the silver varieties are the same as those of the non-silver varieties.

3. Breeding restrictions and registration rules for BEN ns *

As already defined in Breeding & Registration Rules § 6.3.

4. Report of the Breeding & Registration Commission on the BEN ns *

In December 2019, the BRC received from the Bengal Breed Council an extensive list of cats and their respective pedigrees as a step in the procedure for full recognition of silver Bengal.

The BRC checked the validity of these pedigrees in accordance with § 4 and 5 of the Breeding & Registration Rules. The BRC also checked whether the requirements regarding the full recognition of a new variety had been met (§ 11.2.4). All cats whose pedigrees have been received are BEN ns * and offspring of BEN ns *. All pedigrees showed four generations.

The BRC has no comment on the registration of the BEN ns *, which are correct and in accordance with the EMS System and genetic principles.

Conclusion of the checking of the pedigrees and conditions for proposing full recognition:

- the checking of these pedigrees has not revealed any registration mistakes
- all requirements according to BRR § 11.2.4 (Step 4) have been met.

The BRC finds that the requirements for recognition of the silver Bengals (BEN ns *) have been met.

On behalf of the Breeding & Registration Commission, Ole Amstrup, chairman

5. Report of the Judges & Standards Commission on the BEN ns *

1. Requirements

The Judges and Standards Commission (JSC) checked the Silver Bengal show reports with reference to the requirements listed in art. 11.2.4 of the Breeding and Registration Rules. The relevant Breed Council provided the Commission, in due time, with the following information:

- a) The total number of cats that have been exhibited at shows (in classes 7-12) have been 23, each of them participated in at least 3 different shows with the following EMS codes: x ns 22, x ns 24, x ns 24 33.
- b) Each cat received a judgement from min. 3 different Judges (the minimum of 60 EX is fulfilled but some cats have been showed more times both in class 12-11 and adult classes)
- c) Judges reports collected from more than 41 different Judges including some countersignatures.
- d) The cats participated in shows organized in more than 3 different countries (8 countries in total).
- e) All the cats belong to individual members of 7 FIFe Member countries.

Based on the above, the JSC consider all the recognition requirements fulfilled.

2. Conclusions

The silver varieties were preliminary recognized during the GA of 2014 (based on the old recognition process, including a presentation show) and the preliminary recognition phase started on 01.01.2015 based on the new recognition system.

The work performed by the JSC, in cooperation with the BEN Breed Council, went on smoothly and all relevant papers have been received in due time. Two nts varieties have been included at the beginning, but these were not allowed for the final recognition. The BEN Breed Council provided 3 more BEN *s cats to add to the list to fix the problem and a total number of 23 cats have collected within the necessary timeframe and papers carefully examined but the JSC which didn't require any additional information from the BCI.

From the examination of the Judges reports, the following considerations can be done:

1. Most of the judges' reports points out and describes the characteristics of the silver (white ground colour, extreme contrast with pattern, rufism when present). Sometimes a colour description was not provided.
2. As a general comment, the JSC would like to underline that in most cases the show organizer indicated the wrong EMS code (BEN ns 24 instead of BEN x ns 24, for example).
3. In some cases, the reading of the reports has been particularly difficult due to the unclear handwriting.
4. Some reports were written in other languages than the 3 official FIFe languages. The JSC would underline, once more, that in case of new colour variety recognition, it is essential that the colour itself is better described, including the good and bad features.

In consideration of the above and in compliance with article 11.2.5 of the Breeding and Registration Rules the requirement have been met.

On behalf of the Judges & Standards Commission
Marie Westerlund, chairman

Steven L. Jones, secretary

6. Report of the Health & Welfare Commission on the BEN ns *

As there are no health issues in combination with the silver varieties in any breed the HWC is happy to agree with the recommendations of the JSC concerning the recognition of the silver Bengals.

On behalf of the Health & Welfare Commission,
Carin Sahlberg, chairman

7. Recommendation from the commissions

Based on the presented documentation and information, the commissions recommend the full recognition of the silver Bengal varieties indicated in point 1 of this report under "Varieties".