

SURREY & SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SURREY & SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE EAST COURT COMPLEX, EAST GRINSTEAD, WEST SUSSEX ON SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2009 AT 3.00PM

Present:

Miss M Chapman, Mrs J Spall, Mr D Drury, Mrs J Drury, Mr V Simmons, Mrs J Simmons, Miss V Marriott, Mrs P Randall, Mrs B West-Kelsey, Mr I Macro, Mrs H Marriott-Power, Mrs M Hawke, Mr M Hawke

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs V Brooks, Mr J Spall, Mr A Burgess, Mrs D Bubb-Porter, Mr A Porter, Ms S Joyce, Dr I Jarvis, Mr P Robinson, Mrs C Stimson and Ms A Delnevo.

2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting

These had been circulated to members and were approved subject to including Dr K Jarvis and Miss V Marriott as present at the meeting. Proposed by Mrs H Marriott-Power and seconded by Mrs Simmons.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Committee Reports

Secretary

Mrs Spall was sad to note that this would be her last report as Secretary as she was resigning following the AGM and she wished the new incumbent – Mr Hawke lots of luck and hoped he would enjoy his role.

She reported that there had been three committee meetings held during the year with good attendance. The show date for 2010 was 20th March.

Ms Chapman then thanked Mrs Spall for her 20 years+ service as Secretary to the club and confirmed that she would be happy to stay on as a committee member.

Membership Secretary

Mrs West-Kelsey reported that club membership stood at 170, plus three junior members.

Subscriptions were broken down as follows:

Single	80
Joint	27
Life	36
Junior	3

Jill Bamford had not received her schedule and AGM papers – her membership details would be checked.

Show Support Secretary

Mrs Bubb-Porter was not well enough to attend the meeting and everyone sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

During the year she had contacted a number of clubs for the usual show support with mixed success i.e. some clubs do not put on club classes and would continue to do so. She had also arranged for special rosettes for Imperials to be called 'Imperial Grand' and was also getting UK Grand rosettes, which would have personalised tails. A small number of rosettes had been claimed during the year – mostly by Burmese exhibitors.

Ms Chapman then gave a vote of thanks to the three Secretaries for all their hard work during the year.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

Mrs Hawke was happy to report to the meeting that the Association was now in a much healthier state than it had been for many years, thanks to the transfer on 1st May 2008 of £10,000 into a high interest deposit bond, currently paying 4.3% interest, which was giving a monthly income of around £35 interest against a few pence monthly last year. This situation was unlikely to continue when the bond matures on 1st May 2009 and the committee will need to discuss what they consider best to do with the capital amount of £10,000 in view of the recession and drastically reduced interest rates. This would be done via email.

Balance at the bank was £9,400. Bank interest for 2007/08 was £153.98 against £10.50 last year. The balance sheet showed a healthy surplus of £2,235 compared with £497 last year.

Mrs Hawke thought that in the coming year, the committee may wish to discuss whether there were any charities that it would wish to benefit from the surplus or whether in view of the present recession, it might feel it more prudent to retain this in case of a fall in membership, show entries etc.

The club accounts were then presented for adoption and approved. Proposed by Mrs West-Kelsey and seconded by Mrs Marriott-Power. Ms Chapman thanked Mrs Hawke for her help and support with the club accounts.

6. Annual Subscriptions

Noted and accepted.

7. Show Manager's Report

The 2008 show had gone well, but there had been a serious problem with the catering arrangements. Thankfully, Sue Joyce and Barry Coverdale saved the day and managed to provide lunch for everyone. This resulted in a £1600 saving on the show expenses. Mr Simmons presented the show accounts, which were approved. Proposed by Mr Hawke and seconded by Mrs Macro.

All was proceeding on time for the 2009 show. Of particular note:

Mr & Mrs Simmons and Mrs Marriott-Power were attending a meeting at Woking Leisure Centre on 10th March. They would be taking hard copies of requirements in

priority order to avoid last year's problems with the catering and to ensure that the hall is open at 7am.

Mrs Simmons had held a Body Shop party in December and raised £48 from two raffles and had £110 value of products (gift wrapped) for the show raffle. Proceeds from the raffle and tombola will go to our preferred charity – Felix Rescue and if the show makes a profit, there will be donations to other local charities.

8. GCCF Delegate's Report

There were four meetings held during 2008, rather than the usual three. The additional meeting in April was convened specifically to deal with the competitive bids to publish the GCCF official journal or at least provide a means of GCCF notices and news, judges reports etc being made available to members of the Fancy. There were presentations from the three potential publishers and a final vote, which went in favour, by a large majority, to Axis Cook Media whose proposal to continue with Our Cats under the editorship of Nick Mays, was well received.

The June Council meeting saw the election of several S&SCA committee members being elected. These were Maria Chapman and Helen Marriott-Power to Executive Committee, Kym Jarvis to Investigations Committee and Helen also to Appeals. John Hansson was elected as Chair and Keith Scruton to Vice-Chair.

A new series of awards were proposed and agreed for non-pedigree exhibits – the Master Cat, Grand Master Cat and Imperial Master Cat, which come into effect on 1st June 2009. Copies of the new system were handed out to those who were interested.

A constant theme which had run through meetings this year had been that of finance, ever increasing costs and of the financial loss made by the Supreme Show in 2007. A good deal of discussion had taken place both inside and out of the Council meetings and Prof Jarvis was sure there would be changes to the 2009 Supreme show.

9. Club Website

Mr Macro reported that the site was getting a good number of hits and that exhibitors were downloading the show schedule. He would be working on improving the design of the site and would send out visitor and download figures.

10. Election of Officers and Committee for 2008/09

The following officers and committee were confirmed for 2008/09:

President: Mr A Burgess

Vice-Presidents: Mr D Drury, Mrs B West Kelsey, Mrs P Randall,
Mrs J Green, Mrs V Brooks

Chairman: Miss M Chapman

Vice-Chairman: Prof K Jarvis

Secretary: Mr M Hawke

Treasurer: Mrs M Hawke

Membership Secretary Mrs B West-Kelsey

Show Support Secretary Mrs Bubb-Porter

Committee

Miss V Marriott, Mr & Mrs V Simmons, Mrs J Spall, Miss S Joyce,
Mr I Macro, Mrs D Bubb-Porter, Mr A Porter, Mrs J Drury

Co-opted: Mr P Robinson and Mrs C Stimson

GCCF Delegate

Dr K Jarvis

11. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Miss Chapman then thanked club members for attending the meeting and gave a vote of thanks to those committee members who had provided the refreshments.

The meeting closed at 4.05pm

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