



Annual General Meeting

20th May 2018

Dye House Farm, Corsley, Warminster, Wilts

Committee Present:

Chairman	Maureen Smith (MS)
Treasurer	Sally Rainbow-Ockwell (SRO)
Secretary	Alison Southcombe (AS) Hannah Quay-Clark (HQC) Sarndra Devereux (SD) Margaret Lloyd (ML)

Members Present: Rosemary Fisher (RF), Elisabeth Amies (EA), Phil Smith (PS).

1. Apologies:

Diane Brown, Penny Akehurst, Helen Hewitt, Margaret Walkden, Stevie Hillman.

2. Chairman's welcome

(MS) welcomed everyone once again to Dye House Farm.

3. Minutes of the last AGM - May 2017

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed: (SRO) and seconded: (EA). The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

The meeting briefly discussed Cyndy Robertshaw who had been co-opted to the Committee but no longer responded to any emails from the Club. Had she even paid her subs for 2017? (AS) to write to her and let her know she was no longer considered a member of the Committee.

5. President Vice Presidents to be re-elected

Helen Hewitt President, Yvonne Bruckel and Elisabeth Amies joint Vice Presidents - to remain as is.

6. Election – Chairman, Committee, BAC Representatives, GCCF Representative

Alan Ward's details have been sent to (SRO) to facilitate handover of treasurer's role to Alan.

(MS) commented that there were three vacancies on the Committee now that Gerald and Linda Martin have stepped down and Cyndy Robertshaw is no longer active as a member.

Alan Ward would fill one of these vacancies. Margaret Lloyd was invited to become a member of the Committee and she accepted. Margaret Lloyd now co-opted onto the Committee.

GCCF Representative

The GCCF Representative is presently (SRO) and all were in agreement that she should continue. This was proposed by (MS) and seconded by (SD). There was a discussion about a sub' delegate and agreement was reached that this would be (HQC).

BAC Representatives

The BAC Representatives are (MS), (SRO), (SD). (ML) to be reserve representative. The above information to be confirmed with Penny Akehurst.

7. GCCF Report from (SRO)

Show structure

(SRO) outlined the new show structure that would be coming in from 1st June 2018. Burmese would be with Asians, Tonkinese, Australian Mist Cats. This structure will not affect Breed or Grand classes but will affect Burmese Imperial Classes.

Star System

Star System is the new show technology and resources tool implemented by GCCF. This supports online entries for shows. The implementation of this system is going well with only the occasional glitches.

GDPR

These data requirements apply to all clubs. The GCCF will be writing to all clubs and club secretaries about GDPR.

GCCF

(SRO) commented there were huge staffing issues at GCCF due to mid and long-term sick leave. Mark Goadby had gone and Heather Montague has taken over his role. Rosemary Fisher and (SRO) are helping out as everyone is doing their best under difficult circumstances. There is a programme of recruitment under way.

8. BAC Report, update on Breeding Policy - (SD)

The BBAC Report is attached to these minutes. The following actions arose from this report: (SD) to send (AS) Asian Registration Policy.

9. Accounts Report – (SRO)

(SRO) commented on the Club's **Current Account** as follows:

Membership down to 72 in 2017 and costs were also down and we have gone into the black once again because of these reduced costs.

If we can keep membership where it is in terms of numbers going forward we will make a small profit.

Current Account: £2850.59

Paypal: £51.03

Welfare Account

The legacy from the Peggy Paris estate to the welfare account is an amount of £19,869.05.

Show Account

In 2017 we had lower entries but still a small surplus of funds and were able to give the honorarium once again.

Balance in show account: £1,199.84

Accounts were accepted by the meeting by a unanimous show of hands.

10. Welfare Report (MS)

(MS) commented on the Welfare and Lost and Found as follows:

Helen Hewitt was helping with the Welfare and Lost and Found. Helen's report on Lost and Found is attached to these minutes.

This year there has been 8 lost and 3 found and 3 cats rehomed.

All rehomes have had a vet check as part of the rehoming process. The Welfare team did not decide to offer insurance as when Phil Smith looked into this there were too many drawbacks and the reasons not to take it outweighed the reasons to have the insurance.

The meeting also discussed the website 'Love Burmese' commenting that it had been inactive for a while.

11. Website Report (SRO)

(SRO) outlined to the meeting that when she handed over the treasurers job to Alan Ward she was going to have a look at the website and bring it up to date. (SRO) said she was looking at the possibility of other operating systems. She was also looking at the topic we had been discussing “What members want” after the summer.

The meeting noted that details for Elisabeth Amies were still appearing on the website as were the details for Linda Martin that must be removed despite the difficulties of the operating system.

(HQC) commented that she was managing the Facebook account and had increased the likes and followers and had encouraged people to post a picture of their Burmese. (HQC) was also managing the Instagram account for the club.

12. Championship show 2018 / 2019 discussion led by (MS)

(MS) commented that it was a lovely day and that the social side worked really well with the hall at Wootton Bassett having a side room which allowed for more of the public to come in to the show.

Information about the show had been placed in the Swindon Advertiser, on local radio, Metro newspaper and on parenting and local Facebook sites.

Elisabeth Amies said that the local Cats Protection League were immensely helpful and brought really good quality stuff which sold well and boosted the overall professionalism of our stalls and event.

(SD) to speak to Roy at Crystal Clear about a stall for 2019.

The catering was very good and a letter of thanks had been sent to Gary and Andrew Rainbow-Ockwell for their contribution.

(MS) commented that she really enjoyed returning to judging.

There was a plea from show manager Lynda Ashmore that the closing date for next year’s show entries would be 3 weeks before the show itself to allow for better admin and organisation.

(AS) requested a copy of the show licence which she would keep on the Club's official record.

Show 2019

The same hall has been suggested for our Championship Show 2019.

Elisabeth would follow up with the CPL lady and ask if she would like to have a stall in 2019. Also ask this lady about local accommodation as the rooms were just about ok.

The following were discussed as potential judges:

Anna Virtue – Household Pet

Maria Chapman-Bear, Lynne Fryer – to be confirmed.

John Trotter to be asked.

13. Questions to the Committee

There were no questions tabled this year.

14. AOB

Expenses for travelling was discussed and forms completed for reimbursement.

15. Date and venue for AGM in 2019

Should the AGM take place between 9-10am on show day? No conclusion reached.

(MS) mentioned that the Committee would need one more face to face meeting this year and suggested October. (AS) to email round suggesting dates.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.