



Minutes of the Meeting of the
World Cat Congress
Christchurch, New Zealand
7th June, 2005

Present: Mr John Blythe (WCC President and in the Chair)
Mr Eric Reijers (President of FIFe and Vice-President of WCC)
Mrs Penelope Bydlinski (WCC Secretary/Treasurer)
Ms Pam Delabar (President of CFA)
Mrs Anneliese Hackmann (President of WCF)
Mr Albie Jobson (NZCF delegate)
Mr Allan Raymond (International Liaison Officer of ACF Inc.)
Mrs Key De Vilbiss (President of TICA)

In attendance: Mrs Dara Robbins (NZCF President), Mrs Julian Schuller (ACF President), Mr Atilla Kovesy (translator for Mrs Hackmann), Mr Richard Nelson (former president of NZCF).

1. The President opened the meeting at 9.30 a.m. and welcomes those present. Ms Delabar asked what rules of procedure were used and Mr Blythe said that Rostrum Rules of Order had traditionally been used at the WCC meetings.

2. There was some discussion about the presence of observers. Mr Raymond moved that Mrs Julian Schuller be allowed to attend as an observer, this was seconded by Mr Jobson and accepted unanimously.

Mr Raymond moved that Mr Richard Nelson be allowed to attend the whole meeting, this was seconded by Mr Jobson and accepted unanimously.

3. Breaks were established for mid-morning coffee/tea, lunch and mid-afternoon tea/coffee.

4. Ms Delabar moved for the formal acceptance of the Minutes of 2004, this was seconded by Mr Raymond and unanimously accepted with the exception of Mr Jobson who abstained as he had not been present at said meeting.

5. Business arising from Minutes of 2004

a) It had been decided in 2004 that Mr Don Williams, the then President of CFA, together with Mr Nelson and the President should work on amendments to the existing Constitution. As Mr Williams had ceased to be CFA President in the meantime, he had not taken part in this work. An amended Constitution had been presented for the consideration of the delegates and this was taken point for point:

para. 1: Ms Delabar moved to replace the word "body" with "organisation" throughout the document, seconded by Mr Raymond. Accepted unanimously.

Para. 2.: Mr Reijers moved to replace the word “unite” with the words “promote harmony within,” seconded by Mr Raymond. Accepted unanimously.

It was agreed that para. 3 and 4 should be reversed.

In para. 3 (1) Mr Reijers moved that the member organisations should be listed in alphabetical order throughout the document. Seconded by Mr Raymond. Accepted unanimously.

Para. 3 (2) Re-worded to delete the sentence “and shall be present at the meeting when their nomination is considered” and final part commencing “after payment of the annual membership fee to be changed to read: “Should the nomination be successful, the president or designee of the new member body will be entitled to participate in the remainder of the meeting provided the annual membership fee has been paid.” This amendment was moved by Mr Reijers and seconded by Ms Delabar. Accepted unanimously.

Para. 3(3) Mr Reijers moved that an addition be made to the first sentence, following the words “membership shall” insert “make application to the WCC /secretary. They shall...” Regarding the proposed additional sentence, Ms Delabar was concerned as to what was implied by the term “first hand.” Mr Raymond moved that the sentence be removed, seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss. Accepted unanimously.

Para. 3 (4) Ms Delabar moved that the word “agreement” be replaced by “a vote”, seconded by Mr Reijers. Accepted unanimously.

Para 3 (5) Mrs de Vilbiss moved that the word “members” under a) be changed to “individuals,” seconded by Mr Raymond. Mrs Hackmann expressed astonishment. All others in favour.

Mr Reijers moved that the number of years under b) should be increased to ten, seconded by Mr Raymond. Accepted unanimously.

The para. Listed as (5) appeared to be misplaced and Ms Delabar moved that this should become para 3 (5) e), seconded by Mr Jobson. Accepted unanimously.

4. changed from formerly 3. Ms Delabar moved to accept it, seconded by Mr Jobson and accepted unanimously except for Mr Reijers who had left the room.

Mrs De Vilbiss moved to reconsider para. 3 (5) a) regarding “must” and “should,” seconded by Ms Delabar and unanimously accepted with Mr Reijers still absent. Mr Jobson moved that in this paragraph the word “must” to be replaced by the word “should,” seconded by Ms Delabar. Mrs Hackmann abstained and the rest of the delegates accepted unanimously.

Para. 5 (1) needed clarification and if was agreed to use the wording of the original Constitution. Ms Delabar moved that the proposed addition of e) be deleted, seconded by Mrs Hackmann. Mr Reijers abstained and the rest of the delegates accepted unanimously.

Para 5 (2): new wording “..... for a period of two years or until the AGM of the year in which the original term expires.” Moved by Ms Delabar, seconded by Mrs Hackmann. Accepted unanimously.

The original requirement that the President and the Vice-President be elected in odd and even years was no longer considered desirable. In order to come into line Mr Reijers stated that he would resign and stand again at the current meeting.

Para. 6 (2) Acceptance of Addition moved by Mrs De Vilbiss, seconded by Ms Delabar and accepted unanimously.

Para. 6 (3) Acceptance of addition with deletion of last four words moved by Ms Delabar, seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss and unanimously accepted.

Paras. 6 (4) and (5) remain unchanged.

Para. 6 (6) Acceptance of new wording with deletion of all words following “,,,,” accepted as final.” Moved by Mr Reijers, seconded by Mr Raymond and accepted unanimously.

Para. 6 (7) Mrs De Vilbiss moved to delete, seconded by Mr Reijers and accepted unanimously.

Para. 7 (1) Ms Delabar moved to accept the additional wording, seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss and agreed unanimously.

Para. 7 (2) Ms Delabar moved to accept the amendment, seconded by Mr Reijers and agreed unanimously.

Para. 7 (3) This paragraph was modified, changing the period from one month to two months and deleting the final new wording commencing “after which period....” Mrs De Vilbiss moved to accept with those modifications, seconded by Mr Reijers and agreed unanimously.

Para. 8. (1) Mr Raymond moved to accept with the deletion of the words (whether physical or electronic), seconded by Ms Delabar and agreed unanimously.

Para. 8 (2) Mrs Hackmann moved to accept with the addition of the words “receipt of an invoice” inserted after the words “three months” and deletion of “the preceding Annual General Meeting.” Seconded by Mr Raymond and agreed unanimously.

Para. 8 (3) Mr Jobson moved to accept, seconded by Mr Reijers and agreed unanimously.

Para. 8 (4) Mr Raymond moved to accept, seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss and agreed unanimously.

Para. 8 (5) Ms Delabar moved to accept, seconded by Mr Raymond and unanimously accepted.

Para, 9. Mr Raymond moved to accept with the addition, at the end, of the following sentence from the rationale “However, this should not impinge on the right of each member organisation to conduct its own internal affairs according to its own constitution or rules.” Seconded by Mr Reijers and agreed unanimously.

Para. 10. Ms Delabar moved that this should be tabled until a better wording was found. The paragraph was then re-worded by deleting the word “matter” at the end of the paragraph and substituting the words “decision made.” Ms Delabar then moved to accept, seconded by Mr Jobson and agreed unanimously.

Para. 11. Mr Reijers moved to accept, Mr Raymond seconded and it was agreed unanimously.

Regarding the need for registration or incorporation of the WCC, Ms Delabar stated that incorporation could easily be effected by the CFA lawyer; she estimated that the cost would be around US\$ 500 and agreed to look into this. Mr Reijers moved that Ms Delabar be delegated to seek incorporation in the United States once she had received a copy of the updated Constitution and Charter. Mrs De Vilbiss seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

5. b) The President had drafted a letter regarding the fur trade. This was to be used to lobby local politicians. Mrs De Vilbiss supported the issue and Ms Delabar stated that the WCC representing all major cat bodies could petition the governments. She would draft a letter from all organisations for local use.

5 c). WCF/ACF Inc. Mr Raymond explained the situation whereby an expelled member club of ACF Inc. had been accepted by WCF. Mrs De Vilbiss asked if this was not a problem based on people, but Mr Raymond refuted this suggestion. He explained that the Waratah club had refused to comply with the Constitution of ACF. ACF had been reluctant to expel Waratah, a special meeting had been set up in Sydney which ACF attended but Waratah had not appeared. Ms Delabar said that she had knowledge of what was going on in Waratah. Mrs Hackmann said that currently WCF had no problem with Waratah but would react if and when one occurred. Mr Raymond pointed out that this organisation is not trying to mend bridges; he quoted the case of a judge against whom 25 complaints had been received officially, after two years of receiving such complaints this judge had been expelled from ACF and Waratah had taken her on. Mr Reijers asked how a judge was accepted? Why had ACF not been consulted? Mrs Hackmann said that WCF had thought it was personal. Mr Jobson then spoke of a judge in New Zealand who claimed to be an all-breed judge. A new registry with a questionable data base had been formed.

Mr Reijers asked that Mrs Hackmann check into these things. Mr Jobson moved that to recommend that WCF fully investigate the judges of Waratah and Catz Inc. as well as their registration policies. Seconded by Mr Reijers. Mrs Hackmann abstained but all other delegates agreed. Mr Raymond asked that it be minuted that ACF could not accept this since it could not recognise either Waratah or Catz Inc. ACF felt that its concern had not been addressed.

Mrs Hackmann asked why WCF was not listed as a WCC member in the New Zealand magazine. Mr Jobson explained that the names in the magazine were those registries where judges were automatically accepted. WCF's association with Catz Inc. prohibited this.

6. Financial.

Financial statements had been received by the delegates. Ms Delabar asked how the sponsorship of Royal Canin was to be used. It was stated that it was for administration and for the web site. Mr Reijers moved that the costs of the closed meeting would be covered by WCC, seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss and unanimously agreed.

Ms Delabar moved that the annual subscription should be £150 and the costs of the transfer to be borne by the organisation concerned. Seconded by Mrs De Vilbiss and unanimously agreed.

7. Members' Reports

a) ACF reported that they had a new affiliate member in Queensland, this was a transfer from CC of A.

b) CFA reported that their Annual would take place on 13th June. They also reported that registrations were down and greater costs could not be absorbed. They were installing health insurance and a DNA finger printing data base. They had negotiated a contract with a

licensing and branding company in which all things connected with cats would have a CFA brand.

c) FIFe reported a new member in Indonesia as well as the expulsion of the current Polish member. The FIFe World Show would take place in Italy in November and the General Assembly of 2006 would be in Rome.

d) NZCF reported that Mrs Dara Robbins was their new chairman. Whiskas had agreed to extend their sponsorship. They were concerned in encouraging young people into the fancy. They were trying to make money by selling data etc. and were concerned with sale of kittens through pet shops.

e) TICA reported that all registrations were done from their Central Office. They had members of Waratah registering with them and they asked for recognition of these registrations. They had more new judges. They required a written test with a pass mark of 90% to be accepted. They currently had problems with their web site as their web master was not able to cope with it at present. They were working together with CFA and ACA on rescue of purebred cats.

f) WCF reported that the Mekong Bobtail and Australian Mist had been recognised. They had changed their rules for judge training. Their World Show was together with other specialties, for example classes for children. They planned their AGM in Dubai together with a show. They had a club in Teneriffe in the Canaries and additionally in the Czech Republic, Mexico and Cuba. Their general secretary was Ortrun Wagner.

Mr Reijers asked about the Australian Mist and was told that TICA registers them and uses the Australian standard. The Californian Spangled were just registered, there was no recognition involved.

8. Proposals from Members

a) Scottish Folds and Health issues. This had been brought by ACF who would like to see agreed procedures in place. Ms Delabar pointed out that it was impossible to police these matters. She suggested a 'code of ethics' for breeders. Mr Jobson moved for this, seconded by Mr Raymond and agreed unanimously. This would be produced by Ms Delabar, Mr Reijers and Mr Raymond.

b) the WCF proposal concerning ACF Inc. had already been dealt with.

c) FIFe's proposal regarding inconsistency in the recognition of breeds between the different organisations of WCC had been mostly dealt with at the Open meeting.

9. Matters raised at Open Meeting

Disaster Relief: Members should be advised as to how to deal with disasters, a link which was helpful was: www.code3associates.org. Ms Delabar had been involved with rescue at disaster scenes.

Mr Raymond moved that Ms Delabar's information be made available, seconded by Mr Reijers and unanimously agreed.

ACF had raised the matter of the Fur and Meat trade at the meeting. The facts were very distressing. The New Zealand dog club had brought in rules and welfare officers would be prepared to move in. It was known that cats were sent in great numbers to the Middle East and there was a great need to lobby. The major organisations should become involved.

10. Election of Officers

President for a period of two years: Mr Reijers proposed Ms Delabar for this position, seconded by Mr Jobson. Ms Delabar stated her willingness to stand for office and was elected unanimously, CFA not taking part in the vote.

Vice-President for a period of two years. Mr Reijers was no longer President of FIFe, but was the appointed delegate. He was nominated by Mrs De Vilbiss and seconded by Mr Jobson and unanimously elected.

Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs Bydlinski was nominated by Mr Reijers and seconded by Mr Jobson. Mr Raymond questioned whether Mrs Bydlinski had the time to continue in this position and said that Mrs Julian Schuller would be prepared to stand if this were the case. Mrs Bydlinski felt that she would be able to carry on. She was appointed by acclamation with a unanimous vote.

11. Forward Planning

The 2006 meeting would take place in the UK on 11/12 March. The Royal Veterinary College premises in North London had been booked for the seminar and it was planned to hold a show in conjunction with the meeting.

WCF offered to host the meeting in 2007, confirming that it would be in March that year.

CFA offered to host the meeting in 2008, again confirming that it would be in March.

12. Any Other Business

Mr Reijers thanked Mr Blythe for what he had done for WCC. He had made an enormous contribution to WCC in the shape of its Constitution and, more recently, in obtaining sponsorship. The secretary was instructed to write to Royal Canin thanking them for their sponsorship and support.

The Meeting closed at 5 p.m.

Signed by:

John Blythe, Retiring President of WCC and in the Chair

Pam Delabar, President of CFA

Albie Jobson, NZCF delegate

Eric Reijers, Vice-President of WCC

Anneliese Hackmann, President of WCF

Allen Raymond, ACF ILO

Kay De Vilbiss, President of TICA