SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 15, 2012

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, via teleconference. President **Jerold Hamza** called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Jerold Hamza (President)
Ms. Joan Miller (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Mrs. Carla Bizzell (Treasurer)
Sharon Roy (NAR Director)
Ginger Meeker, Ph.D. (NWR Director)
Ms. T. Ann Caell (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Ms. Alene Shafnisky (MWR Director)
Mr. Mark Hannon (SOR Director)
Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George J. Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Richard Kallmeyer (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Donna Jean Thompson, Director of Operations
Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Not Present:

Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

SUMMARY

(1) ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE.

No action items were presented, although the "cost of doing business" regarding credit card fees for Annual functions will be absorbed by CFA, rather than the hosting region.

(2) CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

Ms. Miller moved to increase the CFA sponsorship amount for the Cat Writers' Association "President's Award" from $250 to the current minimum award amount of $500 and provide a general sponsorship contribution of $500 to enable a total of $1,000, which would give CFA "Gold Level" sponsorship benefits and PR recognition. **No action** at this time**.**

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

1. Approve the following **club name change requests**:
   - **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to change *Si Sawat Society (Region 4) to Cats Ink.* Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**
   - **Ms. Anger** moved to change *Coastwind Cat Club (Region 3) to Wildcatters Cat Club.* Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

2. **Mrs. Meeker** moved to allow the Louisiana clubs to use an event name. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.** Mr. Eigenhauser voting no.

3. **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to approve Cleveland Persian Society's request to change the assignment of a double specialty judge to a single specialty and adding a recently-accepted new judge to their slate via Show rule 12.04c. Seconded by **Mrs. Baugh, Motion Carried.**

4. **Mr. Eigenhauser** moved to approve the following show rule change:

Rule # 12.04.c.	***Presented by** the Central Office*
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the show.	*Clubs are permitted to schedule one ring for which no judge(s) has been contracted (commonly known as a "to be announced" (TBA) judge). If a club chooses to schedule such a ring, include the initials "TBA" on the show license under the judging information section and the type of ring scheduled for the TBA judge. Completed judges contracts (to include the name and signature of the judge) for any previously scheduled TBA judge(s) must be received in the Central Office no later than ~~90~~ 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.

Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer**, **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to waive the existing rule for the remainder of the 2012-2013 show season. Seconded by **Mrs. Meeker, Motion Carried.**

(4) CLERKING TEST.

Mrs. Meeker moved to allow the clerking committee an extension on the clerking test to 8/1/12. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.** Mr. Eigenhauser abstained.

(5) INSURANCE.

Ms. Anger moved to invite Scott Allen of Whitaker-Myers to the CFA Annual Meeting, to make a presentation to the Board of Directors and be available for delegate questions. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

(6) NATIONAL SHOW.

No action items were presented.

(7) OCTOBER MEETING.

Ms. Anger moved to have the October 2012 board meeting via teleconference. Seconded by **Mr. Kallmeyer, Motion Carried.**

(8) SHOW SCHEDULING.

Ms. Shafnisky moved that Lincoln State Cat Club in 2013 be granted permission to hold their show on the same weekend as Dayton Cat Club, with Dayton putting on their normal Saturday 6 ring show and Lincoln State holding a Sunday only 6 ring show. Lincoln State is permitted to put on a CFA event at their show location on Saturday that has no judgings or scoring as part of their full weekend event. Seconded by **Ms. Anger, Motion Carried.**

(9) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Chair Mrs. Baugh moved to grant a medical leave of absence from the CFA Judging Program to Pat Jacobberger, ending August 31, 2012. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser, Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Baugh moved to approve the following advancements, reserving the right to vote no:

Advance to Apprentice

Jacqui Bennett – Buford GA	*(LH – 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Anne Mathis – Fowlerville MI	*(LH 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approved Specialty

Li Ling (Chloe) Chung – Hong Kong	*(SH – 1st Specialty)*	*17 yes*
Cathy Dinesen – Leawood KS	*(LH – 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*
Hope Gonano – Wexford PA	*(SH – 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Cathy Dinesen – Leawood KS		*17 yes*
Hope Gonano – Wexford PA		*17 yes*

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Marsha Ammons – Aledo TX *17 yes*

(10) NOVICE CLASS.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved that novices may only be shown once in CFA, that once the cat appears and competes in a CFA show, it is ineligible for entry at any subsequent CFA show until or unless it gets CFA registration. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Eigenhauser moved that novices be scored and included in the count for champion and premier points only, and that they not be included in the count for regional and national points; they compete just as an open/champion or open/premier [no winners ribbon]. Seconded by **Mr. White, Motion Carried.** Wilson, Shelton, Miller, Roy and Anger voting no.

(11) SCORING ISSUE.

In an executive session discussion, winners ribbons and grand premiership points were voided on a cat in question.

(12) STAR AWARDS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(13) BOARD CITE CONTINUATION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(14) MARKETING.

No action items were presented.

(15) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

No action items were presented.

TRANSCRIPT

Hamza: We've got a heck of a night ahead, so let's get the ball rolling. Rachel, would you call the roll call please? **Anger:** I will. Jerry Hamza. **Hamza:** I'm obviously here. **Anger:** OK, Joan Miller. **Miller:** I'm here. **Anger:** Rachel Anger is here. Carla Bizzell. **Bizzell:** Here. **Anger:** Sharon Roy. **Roy:** Here. **Anger:** Ginger Meeker. **Meeker:** Here. **Anger:** Ann Caell. **Caell:** Here. **Anger:** Loretta Baugh. **Baugh:** Here. **Anger:** Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** Here. **Anger:** Alene Shafnisky. **Shafnisky:** Here. **Anger:** Mark Hannon. **Hannon:** Here. **Anger:** Kayoko Koizumi. **Koizumi:** Here. **Anger:** Roger Brown. **Brown:** Here. **Anger:** George Eigenhauser. **Eigenhauser:** Here. **Anger:** Dick Kallmeyer. **Kallmeyer:** Here. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Here. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. I don't think he's going to be here tonight. He's out of the country. Annette Wilson. **Wilson:** Here. **Anger:** David White. **White:** Here. **Anger:** Ed Raymond. **Raymond:** Here. **Anger:** Donna Jean Thompson. **Thompson:** Here. **Anger:** Roeann Fulkerson. No Roeann? Is Shino Wiley on? **Wiley:** Here. **Anger:** Hi Shino. Is there anyone whose name I have not called that is on the call? Great, thank you. **Hamza:** I expect Roeann will be on momentarily, but her portion will be toward the end of the call.

(1) ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE.

Discuss the credit card transaction fee billed to the regions at the annual. The issue has to do with the regions being charged a $2 credit card processing fee when a banquet dinner is ordered. This fee is not charged to the regions for any other services and the RDs involved are wanting to discuss this "charge" to see if it can be put back to CO as a "cost of doing business" as every other cc processing fee is.

Hamza: #1 on the agenda is Annual Responsibility regarding credit card transaction fee being billed to regions. Ginger, you had brought that up, so go ahead. **Meeker:** I did. It was something that the Annual Responsibility Committee ran into while we were doing the Annual, and it seemed like an inequity. If somebody charges – goes through CFA and books their banquet ticket and uses a credit card, then the region is billed a credit card fee. That credit card fee isn't billed for any other services that they get in relationship to the Annual. For example, a delegate fee, a Winn Foundation dinner, and it seems like we really need to look at how we're doing this and make it fair across the board. Carla is far more versed in this, and I have asked Carla to – **Hamza:** OK, it's my understanding that this is a pre-existing condition. What I mean by "pre-existing" is that it's a practice that was done before I got elected. **Meeker:** Yeah, but nobody knows why it started, and it doesn't seem to be equitable. **Hamza:** Carla, what do you want to do? **Bizzell:** Let me just interject something real quick. I think probably this got started and it's something that maybe as time has passed, but back in the day when the regions were able to tack on a large amount of those banquet costs and pass it on to the consumer, and of course then they would have a profit on that banquet and the profit would go to the region. I think at that point, CFA said, "well, there's a cost associated with us transacting those credit cards, so if you're going to make this big profit", and again I'm not talking about anytime in the last few years, "if you're going to be making this big profit, then you should at least cover the cost." **Hamza:** Carla, let me ask you a quick question. How much money are we talking here? **Bizzell:** In the $1,000 range. **Hamza:** So, basically, the cost is going to switch over from the region to CFA? **Bizzell:** Right. **Hamza:** You know what? Just do it. **Bizzell:** That's kind of my thought. Like I said, it may have made sense in the days where they were able to tack on $10, $15, whatever, to the cost and pass it on to the customer. **Hamza:** If it's the only cost that's being allocated to the region, that's not fair so just move it to the other side. **Bizzell:** OK. **Meeker:** Thank you.

(2) CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

Rachel brought up the CFA sponsorship of the Cat Writers' Association conference and President's Award in late April. She forwarded the request for sponsorship from the CWA. As far as I know, CFA did not make a decision to increase our sponsorship since the CWA Newsletter lists our Award as $250. I request that CFA consider increasing the ***CWA President's Award*** *$250 to $500 (the current minimum for all award sponsors) and to provide $500 as general sponsorship – this would mean $1,000 total for a "Gold Level" minimum sponsorship, which provides many advantages listed below.*

Cat Writers' Association was co-founded by CFA. This year is the 20th anniversary of this very important and prestigious organization. Part of our outreach to the public is through the writers and media/Internet communicators. The Spring CWA Newsletter indicates that every one of the 21 awards presented at the banquet includes a $500 or $1000 amount except for CFA, and one other, which is still $250. Roeann and I discussed this and we both believe it is important for CFA to increase our award to at least $500 and the total conference amount to $1000 for a Gold Level. The President's Award is the "Best of the Best" final award presented at the banquet to the best entry among all the award winners in the contest categories. The Gold Level is appropriate for CFA and would greatly benefit a wonderful organization and conference.

I'm pleased that this year the conference will be on the West Coast in Los Angeles. It is no longer associated with a cat show. Our sponsorship needs to be determined immediately since the deadline was May 1st and the PR benefits of Gold Level will soon begin on their website.

Action Item*: Increase the CFA sponsorship amount for the Cat Writers Association "President's Award" from $250 to the current minimum award amount of $500. Provide a general sponsorship contribution of $500 to enable a total of $1,000, which would give CFA "Gold Level" sponsorship benefits and PR recognition.*

Joan

From the CWA information sent to the CFA board 4/4/12:

<<CWA has established levels of sponsorship categorized by the amount of funding. Sponsor benefits increase with the giving-level. Sponsors may choose to fund one or more awards, one or more special events, provide general funding, or any combination thereof, with the total "giving amount" defining the sponsorship level. As of January 2005, all new sponsorships must include at least $250 toward "general sponsorship" and all award sponsorships start at $500. Therefore, a new award sponsor would fund $500 for the award plus $250 toward general conference costs, for a total of $750.>>

<<GOLD LEVEL = $1,000-$1,999.
· Benefit--Award sponsors may attach their corporate name to the award, and present their award at the Awards Banquet.
· Receive a listing in the CWA newsletter, website and conference publications.
· Two free ticket for sponsor representatives to attend all conference events (Friday/Saturday workshops, receptions, meals, and cat show--Does not include hotel/travel costs, you must fund yourself).
· May provide company materials/press packets on conference info table or event you

sponsor (i.e., banquet, luncheon, breakfast).
· Given an active link on CWA sponsors' web page for the calendar year.
· Event sponsors may post a reasonably-sized sign or banner at their event (or at one day of the seminars if this is a general conference sponsorship).

Hamza: OK, #2, Cat Writers' Association. Joan, you brought this up. You want to revisit our sponsorship level? **Miller:** Yes, I would. I'm not sure what our sponsorship level was, all I know is when I got the newsletter I saw our sponsorship was still at $250. The minimum sponsorship now for awards starts at $500. It seems that CFA's award is the best of the best. It's what they call the President's Award. CFA was a co-founder of the Cat Writers' Association, it's been in existence, they're celebrating their 20th anniversary. I think we should have good support for them and I would advocate if we haven't already done it, that we have the minimum award amount of $500, plus $500 so that we can come up to the Gold Level standard as a sponsor. That's not the highest standard, but it's a standard that allows us to have a listing in their newsletter, on their website, in their conference publications, it allows two free tickets and registrations for the conference. **Hamza:** What year is this for? This year? **Miller:** For this year. The next banquet and awards, and the conference is coming up in November, the first weekend of November, and they are going to be starting their promotion on their website. They said the deadline was May 1st, but I would hope that we could still have enough time to increase our participation so that we could benefit from getting the Gold Level publicity. I think it's really an important conference. None of you may have been there [inaudible] it's where we can interact with all the writers, the media people, the editors. It's where we get our message out there. Some of us have been on panels of the Cat Writers. I for years have made the President's Award on behalf of CFA to the best of the best entry and it's quite an elaborate affair. All the writers look forward to it every year, and I think it looks frankly sort of chintzy for CFA to have the lowest amount of sponsorship for an award. So, that's my main reason for doing it. I don't know what budget it's been taken out of in the past. It was always something that I wasn't aware of. It was just handled I believe by Allene. **Hamza:** Carla, where is this taken out of? Can you hear me? Can anybody hear me? <yes> **Bizzell:** Oh, I'm sorry. We were on mute. There's a line item at Central Office for like a public relations sort of thing. **Miller:** We have done it for 19 years now. We've give out the award for 19 years. **Hamza:** I understand the concept. I'm just trying to figure out where the money is going to come from. It came out of the Central Office budget? **Bizzell:** Yes. **Hamza:** What do you have penciled in for the Central Office budget for this year? Do you have anything penciled in? **Bizzell:** I don't have that complete yet, Jerry. **Hamza:** What was last year's? **Bizzell:** Last year, $985,000. **Miller:** No, not $985,000, no. **Bizzell:** That was the total budget. **Hamza:** No, no, that's not – never mind. Um, you know what, Joan? Can we talk about this on the 12th? **Miller:** Well, what I'm afraid of is that I know we've already missed the deadline to get our benefits from the sponsorship and I think we may, we still would have lots of time because it's just May and the conference isn't until November, but it gets stickier once they start getting the promotion on their website and I feel that we're already late because the deadline was May 1st for sponsors. **Hamza:** We already agreed to one level of sponsorship. Now you want to increase it. I just want to see where the money is going to come from. **Miller:** OK. Well, I just thought $1,000 was really important for this particular need. I think the Cat Writers are – **Hamza:** Did Carla just bump off this call? **Bizzell:** No. Aren't we just talking about an additional $500? **Hamza:** We're talking about an additional $750. **Miller:** I know that we've always given $250 for the award, but I don't know what is given in addition to that award. They may have given another $500. I have no idea what we've done before. **Hamza:** Carla, can you see if you can find that in the next – you know what, Joan? We'll work on it. Some way or another, we'll get there. I just want to see where it is. **Miller:** It can't be that much extra. We

may have in the past given $500 to the conference. **Hamza:** I agree, and I told you we're going to make it work, so let's move on. I'm going to Central Office tomorrow. Carla, make sure we look at that, please. **Bizzell:** OK.

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Donna Jean Thompson***
List of Committee Members: ***Verna Dobbins – Administrative Assistant***
Kristi Wollam – Administrative Assistant

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The 2011-2012 Show Season has come to an end and brought with it the challenges of closing out the old and bringing in the new. As this meeting is called to order those challenges have been met.

The 2012-2013 Show Rules have been included with the current show packages in a timely manner as well as the Show Standards sent to our Judging Panel. Our Breed Council packages, Delegate packages and needed Ballot reminders have also gone out in a timely manner. The Amendments and Resolutions were sent May 10) as determined by our constitution. While these tasks would have been one small step for the accomplished New Jersey Staff they are a giant leap for the Alliance Newbie staff. We are truly becoming a team as we all grow together and settle in with the help and support of our off site backup team – Carol Ann, Shelly and Connie as well as our Board Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs.

And we cannot thank enough our cadre of volunteer helpers: Joel and Camille Chaney, Jim Flanik, Sharon Powell and Mariane Toth. These five fanciers come through for us time and again.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The close of the 2012-2013 Season brings us to our involvement in assisting the Regions with their Award Banquet information as well as preparation for the Annual Meeting and National Award Banquet Celebration. The certificates for the Region should be in transit.

Future Projections for Committee:

We continue our progress to bring up to speed our Foreign Pedigree Registration back log. March has been completed but for complicated issues. Monique is currently working on April and the balance of April submissions have been sent. It is apparent the goal of having Foreign Registrations up to date by June will be a dream come true. Domestic registrations are working on a four day turn around give or take a day depending upon volume. We still have desperate situations of greatly delayed and/or incorrect work appear but they are becoming less and less as we have solved internal problems and honed the skills of our registration staff.

The month of April presented 270 requests for Certified Pedigrees. All requests have been fulfilled and we work up to date once the requests are "run in".

Verna is currently working on a cross training program for the Registration Team and it is off to a great start. The team is enthusiastic and eager to hone their skills as well as meet the new challenges.

Hamza: Central Office Report. **Thompson:** OK. You've got the basic written report. I do want to add to that, on the foreign pedigrees, we have one left from March that we're waiting to get additional information on. We have four from the beginning to the middle of April and the end of April has gone over. They have all been mailed, and she's right on track to get us up to date in June. **Hamza:** OK, very good. Is Verna there? **Dobbins:** Yes. **Hamza:** Verna, you're about 3 days on regular pedigrees now? **Dobbins:** On regular pedigrees and regular registrations, yes. **Hamza:** OK. So, there you have it, folks. **Thompson:** Our pedigrees are up to date. **Hamza:** Yeah, I meant regular registrations. I'm just a little tired. We discussed it this morning. That's how I know they're about 3 days out.

Action Items:

1. Club Name Change.

a) *Current Name:* *Si-Sawat Society*
Proposed Name: *Cats Ink*
Region: *Great Lakes (Region 4)*
Reason: *Most of the members have "ink" (i.e. tattoos) and that is why we chose the name that we did (and, a play on words, per se!) Most (if not all) club members will have some sort of 'ink' or related to it (i.e. husband, wife, etc.). The club is presently a breed club (Korat) and has been limited to individuals who breed/show Korats. The show is to feature the Korat; however, we normally only have 1 or 2 Korats at this show. In order to open it up to more individuals, we would like to change the name to Cat Fanciers Ink. It would remain a Region 4 club since our secretary is still in that region, as well as the facility where we have the show, really would like us back and to stay having shows in Zanesville.*

Hamza: OK, Donna Jean, you have – let's go over your items as you have them listed. **Thompson:** OK, thank you. The Si Sawat Society, you requested last meeting for them to send in another name. They submitted Cat Fanciers Ink, I-N-K. **Anger:** Just Ink. **Hamza:** I don't think that was the board's intention. **Anger:** Excuse me. It's Cats I-N-K. They're not using the word "fanciers" anymore. That's what they took out. **Hamza:** Oh. Oh, that's – I don't have a problem with that then. **Eigenhauser:** I don't either. **Hamza:** Let me ask it this way. Does anybody have a problem with "Cats Ink"? <no> OK, so tell them OK. **Eigenhauser:** Well no. I move we approve. **Hamza:** OK. Do I have a second? **Anger:** Second, Rachel.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Si Sawat is now Cats Ink.

b) *Current Name:* *Coastwind Cat Club*
Proposed Name: *Wildcatters Cat Club*
Alternate Proposed Name: *Spindletop Cat Club*
Region: *Gulf Shore (Region 3)*
Reason: *The name we have chosen is a reflection of the area we live in. In our area where oil and gas are so important to our economy we would like our new name to give us that inside move to help people indentify with our name. In our part of the country the men and women who work on oil rigs are called "wildcatters" because they are willing to do what it takes to strike oil and they celebrate when they do. We would like to name our club "Wildcatters Cat Club" so we can move on and try again to be a locally know entity where people can come and enjoy our shows and see the wonderful cats/kittens that come to our CFA shows. We just had our 22nd annual show and we do not plan to stop having shows.*

Hamza: OK, go to b). **Thompson:** There was a later addition. We added one for the Coastwind Cat Club that would like to change their name to the Wildcatters Cat Club. I believe Rachel submitted that to all the board members. The letter. **Anger:** Yes, it was in the report they got. **Hamza:** Yeah, yeah. I recall it. **Anger:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** OK, so moved.

2. *Show License Application from Cenla Cat Fanciers (Benching Club) with the other four Louisiana clubs (Bougalie Rebels, Cajun Cowboy, Greater Baton Rouge and Magnolia State Cat Clubs) as Ring sponsors requesting their show be listed as the "Louisiana Hayride" in the Show Schedule. Our current procedure is to highlight the name the benching club in the listing. Do we wish to deviate from this policy?*

Thompson: We received a show license application from – it's from the Gulf Shore Region. It's really kind of a neat idea. The benching clubs are Cenla Cat Fanciers, and they are using as ring sponsors four other Louisiana clubs, which I think pretty much is the number of clubs that are located in the State of Louisiana. They want to call it the "Louisiana Hayride". Personally, I like the idea but I didn't know if we wanted to set a procedure where clubs would be using their theme, rather than their club name. **Hamza:** Ed? **Hannon:** Hello? **Hamza:** Ed, can you hear me? **Hannon:** This is Mark. I've got a comment. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mark. **Hannon:** We've done this for 30 years for National Capital. The show was licensed by a club. National Capital was never a club and we always had it listed in the show schedule, etc., as "National Capital Cat Show". We've got a precedent there. **Thompson:** Oh, that's' right. That is true. **Hamza:** Did you license it through a club? **Hannon:** Yes. Well, we licensed it at one point through the region and then subsequent to that, because CFA Treasurer Bill Lee had a problem with that, we licensed it under a club's name but we always made sure to tell the Central Office not to list it under the club's name, but to list it under National Capital. I don't see how this is any different. **Hamza:** No, it's not, as long as this show gets licensed under a club's name? **Caell:** May I say something please? **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead. **Caell:** Yeah, with regard to this Louisiana Hayride situation. I know that the club – let me put it this way. I'll read to you the letter that they sent to me this morning, OK? About their feelings on this whole thing. *The Louisiana Hayride is not a theme, it is an event. It marks the first time in CFA history where ALL Louisiana clubs have come together to put on "one show". All clubs will share in profits and losses. Of the 5 clubs involved, 3 produce a show each year, 1 produces a show about every 5 years and the 5th club has been a paper club. The Louisiana Hayride will not displace any of the clubs' shows, and in fact, is an additional show for the region that we hope will continue to be produced each year. It is the first time the particular show hall is being used. It is the first time Louisiana and the Gulf Shore Region, besides the regional awards show, has had a hotel show in several years. Should the poor economy continue to affect the cat fancy, a cooperative venture, such as The Louisiana Hayride, could become another means for clubs to exist and be able to continue to produce shows. There is precedent for a joint venture such as this in the National Capitol show. National Capitol was not a club but an event. Although all clubs aspire to be a "National Capitol" event, for now, we are content to start from humble beginnings and show the cat fancy that cooperative ventures CAN WORK.*

Hamza: OK. You know, that's fine. I think what they need to do, Donna Jean, is, a club has to license the show but then – **Caell:** They have. **Hamza:** Well, and then they can do whatever. The precedent has been set. **Thompson:** I do know that National Capital had to ask permission for them to do it that way and then it was just kept going. I don't have a – actually, I've spoken to the people. I told them I thought it was a wonderful idea. I just thought we really

just needed the approval of the board because it was a little bit outside of what we usually do. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Caell:** The benching club is the Cenla Cat Fanciers and they are based in Alexandria, Louisiana. **Hamza:** OK. **Caell:** That's where the show will be held. **Hamza:** George, go ahead. **Eigenhauser:** I've gotten a lot of negative feed-back on this. Most clubs on the west coast consider their shows to be events, so let's get out, this isn't about how wonderful the show is, this is about whether the club name should be included in the listing on the CFA website. I could easily foresee in the future every club thinking their show is an event and having 16 "Valentine's Special" shows in the month of February and everybody being confused as heck trying to figure out what show you're talking about, because there's no exclusivity on show theme names, and this is a show theme. I don't care what you want to call it, it's a show theme. My suggestion is that we make it a policy that there has to be a licensing club, they have to be listed on the website, but if you want to highlight the name of a show theme in there some way, let them put that in, in addition to, not instead of, a club name and just open it up to everybody. **Caell:** So, what you would say would be, "this is Cenla Cat Fanciers Presents Louisiana Hayride". Something like that? **Eigenhauser:** Yeah. **Hannon:** We didn't do that for National Capital. **Eigenhauser:** But if we opened it up to – **White:** That's true, and I know there's a show being developed in Region 1 looking to do something similar. **Roy:** That's true. Yep. **Eigenhauser:** That's the problem. National Capital slipped under the radar for a long time, but if other clubs want to do this, how far are we going to go in terms of letting people put only their theme name and not their club name in there? How are we going to maintain exclusivity in the names, when a lot of clubs are going to be doing Christmas themes or New Year's themes. **White:** How did we do it for National Capital? **Caell:** That was another time in the economy. **Eigenhauser:** They were the only club doing it. That was a special situation that the board approved once. **Hannon:** I don't think the board ever approved it. I think Tom Dent approved it. **Eigenhauser:** Well, whoever approved it, if we're going to approve it again, then we should do it for everybody. Everybody should be able to highlight how they want their show to be listed, but I think a basic piece of information for a listing has to be, you know, date, club name, judges, entry clerk. **Shafnisky:** This is Alene. If I could just throw something in here. I know National Capital did it, but so did America's Heartland. For years now, it's been a coalition of clubs that's never really been an issue. I'm not sure, you know, it seems it's not to be used lightly. It's not quite the usual show you would put on, because it does require so much more money. **Hamza:** Well, Mid-Michigan comes to mind. **Shafnisky:** Mid-Michigan was one club. **Hamza:** No, it wasn't. Mid-Michigan was a conglomeration of many clubs. **Anger:** No, that's not so. **Shafnisky:** No, it wasn't. They were one club. **Hamza:** It was an incorporation, but they were made up of – how many clubs were they made up of, Loretta? **Anger:** It was one club. **Hamza:** It was? **Anger:** Yes. **Hamza:** I thought they had like the Toledo club and the Indiana club and all that. **Baugh:** It was all one club. **Caell:** You know, we have in the Gulf Shore Region, we have the Gulf Shore Consortium, and that's a couple of clubs and they have the same show every year, but they call themselves the Consortium. **Krzanowski:** I think the precedent has already been set, so I don't see how we can limit this to just the few that we've done in the past. This is Carol, by the way. National Capital has done it. That was a bunch of people from different clubs working together. As other examples have been mentioned, I think maybe one of the parameters is, when it's more than a certain number of clubs involved, maybe they can list a theme. That's a possibility. **Hamza:** I don't know. We've got to do something. We've got to make a decision. I don't want to spend all night. It's a good marketing idea. **Eigenhauser:** I just don't see the harm in listing both. **Caell:** What? Sorry, I couldn't hear you. **Eigenhauser:** I don't see the harm in listing both. **Krzanowski:** George, we can't hear you. **Hamza:** George says he doesn't see the harm involved with listing a presenting club. **Hannon:** The problem is, there may be more than one presenting club. [inaudible, multiple speakers] Let me give you a history lesson here. The

way National Capital started, we had like 12 clubs each sponsoring different rings. It could be just a longhair specialty ring, and it drove the Central Office crazy. They asked us to change that, alright? So, if there are several clubs included in America's Heartland, it wouldn't be fair just to list one of those, you would have to list all of those clubs. **White:** Right, and most likely all the clubs on the event are going to want the same publicity. **Hannon:** Or, none of the clubs be listed, which is the way we've been doing it. **Hamza:** The only thing I'm concerned about is that there is a club on the show license, and they seem to have done that. **Hannon:** Yeah. We did that with National Capital, too. We licensed it under a club's name, but asked them not to use the club's name in listing it. **Hamza:** I don't see a problem with that. I think that the precedent has been set, so let's get a motion to allow it, and if it passes, it passes; if it fails, it fails. **Meeker:** So moved. **Hamza:** Do I get a second? **Anger:** Second. **Hamza:** Alright. The motion is, to allow the Louisiana clubs to use an event name.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no. **Hamza:** Alright, so you got it, Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Hamza:** Alright. Go on to the next thing, please.

3. Cleveland Persian Society – Requesting to change the assignment of a double specialty Judge to a single specialty and adding a recently accepted new judge to their slate via Show rule 12.04c.

Thompson: OK, we had a show license request from Cleveland Persian Society. They have an allbreed judge scheduled to do specialties and she has volunteered to drop one specialty so that a new judge could have the opportunity. **Roy:** After the show was licensed, they were going to change it? **Thompson:** Right. The show is licensed. It is not until October, they do not have their flyer out and are just requesting consideration to make this change. **Baugh:** They contacted Donna Jean and also contacted me. This is Loretta, and I told them that I really thought we needed to have board approval because the show was already licensed. I don't have an issue with it, but it thought we could – **Hamza:** OK, so just to be clear, we're taking a judge that was a double specialty and – **Hannon:** No, allbreed. **Hamza:** Oh, it was an allbreed, and that judge is now willing to do single specialty and bring in another single specialty. **Baugh:** It was an allbreed judge doing specialties. **Hamza:** OK. So, basically we have a judge that was doing double specialties, has agreed to do a single specialty to allow another judge to come in and do single specialty. **Baugh:** Yes. **Hamza:** OK. Can I get a motion to approve this please? **Eigenhauser:** I'll move we approve. **Baugh:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** OK, Cleveland Persian's change in format is approved.

i) Discussion of 90 day TBA request

Thompson: OK, and in the course of finding out about the show rules on this one, and having had another very tight request for a judging assignment in the use of a TBA judge, our show rules state that the TBA judges must be received in the Central Office no later than 90 days prior to the show. Clearly, for some time now, this has not been followed to the letter and I think it's a problem that has arisen somewhat because of now judges being considered for advancement at the telephonic meetings and people are moving faster through the Program, so we need to perhaps look into revisiting this rule and shortening that time. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I had a conversation with Tom Dent about this years ago, that we make people, we make clubs announce their TBA's 90 days before the show, but if they cancel the show and another club put on a show the same date, they could do it 60, 30,

whatever, days before the show, with a whole new show. So it seems really odd that, on the one hand we say it's OK to pick all of your judges 89 days before the show, but not one of your judges. That seems really strange to me. **Hamza:** I think it probably just evolved. **Eigenhauser:** This isn't like a substitution where you might have let people enter in reliance of a previous judge, this is a TBA. Anybody that enters with a TBA on the flyer knows they are assuming a risk that it may be a judge they don't like, so if they're willing to assume that risk, I say let them. I think 30 days is fine. **Hamza:** Alright, so you're proposing that we amend the rule from 90 to 30? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Thompson:** Yeah, that would be acceptable, and that we thoroughly begin maybe enforcing it. **Hamza:** Yeah, OK. I have a motion. Do I have a second? **Kallmeyer:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** A TBA is required 30 days or less [sic, more].

Raymond: Jerry, this is Ed. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Raymond:** This is a show rule change, so traditionally it's only effective at the beginning of the next show season. **White:** Can the board vote to make it retroactive? **Eigenhauser:** I move we waive that rule for the rest of the show season down to 30 days. **Meeker:** I second that.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** The 30 day rule takes effect immediately.

4. Request from Expocat seeking CFA participation in their Multiple Organization extravaganza held in Moscow. CFA has successfully participated in the past. However the date has been moved forward a week (from the last weekend of September to the first weekend of October) which conflicts with the club whose traditional date is that of the St. Petersburg club. The clubs have been unable to reach a solution to this dilemma and request BOD participation.

Hamza: OK, Donna Jean. **Thompson:** OK, the next thing, I sent out – included the information on the request from Expocat [sic, Expokot] for CFA to participate in their exhibition they are having in Russia. I knew Darrell wasn't going to be at last week's meeting. I did not realize he would not be here tonight. **Hamza:** Why don't we hold that over to June 12th, or is that too late? **Thompson:** I have no idea. There has been quite a bit of behind-the-scenes correspondence that I wasn't included in, and I told him before he left that I was just going to put in the three bare basics: the request for participation and the two responses on show date, because Expokot has moved their show date. I don't know, do we have anyone on the board that participated in this show? **Hamza:** You know what? [**Roy** leaves the conference] Oh well, then that isn't Sharon chiming in. That's Sharon leaving. Why don't we – you know what? I just am going to push this over until the 12th, because there is nobody here who can speak intelligently, and if we don't have intelligent information – **Thompson:** All I have to go on was, the catalog was absolutely incredible and it just seemed like something like it was someplace where we should probably have a visible presence. **Hamza:** I agree, but we need to know specifics. **Thompson:** Right. I personally do not know the in's and out's. **Anger:** This is Rachel. I move to table. Let's move on. **Hamza:** Thank you. **Anger:** Somebody is typing and they have their phone on speaker. We can hear you. **Hamza:** Yeah. That's getting on my last nerve, darn it. **Anger:** Me, too. **Hannon:** So is Rachel. **Anger:** You know it! **Hamza:** Rachel types quietly. Haven't you figured that out? **Hannon:** You've sat at board meetings and listened.

5. International data file and show package problems affecting the end of year processes and requested solution.

Hamza: Alright Donna Jean, go ahead. International data file and end-of-year show package problems. I think Dick may have spoken with Shirley about this, and then she gave a light presentation. **Hamza:** Dick, it's the same Asian clubs being tardy with their end of show season packages. Do you have any kind of solution? **Kallmeyer:** These were brand new ones. Part of the problem was that the one club actually did send a Federal Express out of Cheng Du but it took 2-1/2 days just to get out of China, due to legal restrictions, so they really tried. The other club in Malaysia actually used the post office express service. [**Roy** joins the conference] and it, so they both really tried. What I recommend is that the last month that we give a recommendation that there be at least one U.S.-based judge that will take the show packets back. **Hamza:** That's willing to take the show packages back. **Kallmeyer:** That's willing to take the show packet back. **Hamza:** Alright. Well then, why don't we make it – **Kallmeyer:** It wasn't like last year. This year they really did try and do what's right, but I guess the services they used were not very good. **Hamza:** And to be fair, it wasn't, it wasn't mindboggling crippling. It was just a few days. **Kallmeyer:** Right. **White:** Didn't we make that recommendation last year? **Hannon:** I think what we said last year, we were threatening that we weren't going to let them license a show if they did it again. **Hamza:** Yeah, but these are different clubs. Correct, then? **Kallmeyer:** These are different clubs. **Hamza:** OK. **Kallmeyer:** Once they found out or were made aware of the problem, they did copy it and email it to Shirley, so they tried to get the information there as soon as they physically could. **Hamza:** OK. So, really, at this point, we don't really need to be that stern. Dick, if you could just tell them if they're going to have the same show dates next year, that the board is requesting that they hire at least one U.S. judge who is willing to bring the package back. **Kallmeyer:** I will. **Hamza:** Alright.

6. Request from the Cat Fanciers of Denmark for CFA data access to be used to find cat owners currently participating in CFA for club membership as well as potential CFA exhibitors.

Hamza: Go ahead, Donna Jean. **Thompson:** OK. Then , there was a request from Denmark on using CFA data from its data files to find potential CFA exhibitors. **Hamza:** How do they propose to use our data? They just want us to run a search field for them? **Thompson:** He said that – he explained what they would do is, they get a worksheet where they have all their information that they could contact them. **Hamza:** No, we can't do that. They want us to give them contact information out of our database? **Thompson:** Right, so they can contact them about show entries. **Hamza:** No. We don't have that power. I mean, there's a certain trust that people expect us not to give out their personal information. Does anybody on the board disagree with that view? <no> **Thompson:** The only thing that I just didn't know. I told him I didn't think because I knew it wouldn't work here in the United States, but I didn't know how the rulings might be in Denmark for such a situation. **Hamza:** I don't think it matters. I think that anybody, regardless of where they live, expects CFA to not give out their personal information. **Raymond:** As a general matter, privacy laws are stricter in Europe than they are in the U.S. **Hamza:** OK, so it's a non-issue.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will continue to submit requests, questions, and problems that may arise requiring Board action and/or input.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Jean Thompson

Hamza: OK Donna Jean, do you have any other Central Office business? **Thompson:** The only other thing is, we had sent out the results of the breed council off-cycle poll. I don't know if you wanted to pursue anything on that or not. It's short notice, but it is here. **Hamza:** OK. Well, let's make sure that the board members all have them and they can digest what they think it means, and we can bring that up for the – Rachel, just put that we should touch base on that for the 12th? **Hannon:** Did we provide the information to the affected breed council secretaries? **Thompson:** I would have to double check with Kristi on that. **Hannon:** I think we should give it to them. **Hamza:** I'll check on that. Donna Jean, just write it down. When I'm in tomorrow, we'll talk to Kristi and make sure that gets out. That's relatively easy. **Thompson:** OK.

Hamza: Do any board members have any questions for Central Office?

(4) CLERKING TEST.

An April deadline was missed for getting out the clerking test information and the committee is requesting an extension on the testing deadline to 8/1/12.

I would also like to discuss the plan for getting the clerking manuals, tests and tracking systems accomplished on-line.

MOTION: Allow the clerking committee an extension on the clerking test to 8/1/12.

Hamza: OK, that brings us to #4, clerking test, extension of deadline to 8/1/2012. Ginger, go ahead. **Meeker:** I was contacted through Jerry by Cheryl Coleman because I work with Kathy Durdick on the Clerking Program. Apparently, the April deadline for getting the clerking information out for fees and tests was missed. The information is out now, but Cheryl Coleman requests that we extend the deadline for completing the test and getting it back to 8/1/12 to give the participants time to do what they need to do to be current in their clerking requirements. **Hannon:** I can address that to an extent in that those that want to take a hard copy of the test haven't even gotten the test yet. I'm one of them. **Thompson:** The last of them went into the mail today. **Hannon:** OK, but my point is valid, that – **Thompson:** Right. Oh yes, it definitely is, but the problem was, it wasn't realized – as far as getting the new clerking manual, it wasn't realized that it had to be outsourced. Prior it had been done in-house and here it had to be outsourced, and it took some additional time. **Meeker:** I thought the clerking – **Hamza:** Alright, so to make a long story short, the clerking committee is requesting an extension of the deadline to 8/1/2012. Can I get a motion for that? **Meeker:** So moved. **Anger:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser abstained. **Eigenhauser:** George abstains. I'll probably be taking advantage of the extension. I don't want to vote on it. **Hamza:** OK. Well, good luck to you and your extension.

(5) <u>INSURANCE</u>.

I have been in touch with Scott [Allen] on attending this year's annual; do we want him to do a 20 minute insurance review for the board meeting? He said he will be available that week and plans on staying a couple nights if this is okay with us. He also offered to be available for the delegates meeting if we are interested. Let me know you thoughts.

Thanks,
Rich Mastin

Hamza: Rachel, you have, you want to bring up the Scott Allen thing for the Annual? **Anger:** Right. We're just looking for board approval, since this is a new board since Scott Allen has addressed us, for him to come to the Annual. He is available and willing to come address the board, as well as to hang around and address delegate questions. **Hamza:** What day is he looking to talk? **Anger:** He would attend our board meeting on Thursday. **Hannon:** Why doesn't he attend it on Sunday when we have the new board members? **Anger:** He may be able to do that, too. **Meeker:** That's a great idea. **Anger:** Generally speaking, though, in the past he has given a presentation during the Thursday board meeting. **Hamza:** I don't have an issue either way. It's just what I would prefer – and, you know, I can take care of this, too, because I'm having a meeting with – Ed, when are we meeting with Scott in Rochester? **Raymond:** I think it's going to be a week from Monday. **Hamza:** OK. You know, what I would like to have is some sort of long version in print, given to the board members. How long is he looking to address the board for? **Anger:** 20 minutes. **Hamza:** That's fine. Can I get a motion to approve this? **Anger:** So moved. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** OK, we'll listen to Scott for 20 minutes.

(6) NATIONAL SHOW.

The 10th judge selected was John Colilla.

Judging Assignments 6 AB, 4 Specialty for Championship and Premiers, all specialty kittens.

Region 1 - Gary Veach, AB CH, SP Kittens, SP PR
Region 2 - Vicky Nye, SP CH, SP Kittens AB PR
Region 3 - Kathy Black, AB CH, SP Kittens, SP PR Region
Region 4 - Diana Doernberg, SP CH, SP Kittens, AB PR Region
Region 5 - Bob Zenda AB CH, SP Kittens, AB PR Region
Region 6 - Gary Powell AB CH, SP Kittens, SP PR Region
Region 7 - Jan Stevens, SP CH, SP Kittens, AB PR Region
Region 8 - Yaeko Takano, AB CH, SP Kittens AB PR
Region 9 - Michael Schleissner, SP CH, SP Kit AB PR
10th John Colilla, AB CH, SP Kittens, AB PR

Judges will select their clerk, subject to the approval of the committee and Cheryl Coleman, Clerking Program Administrator.

The Name of the show will be the CFA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CAT SHOW. Roeann is working with a sponsor and once that is determined, the title will change to add the sponsor.

Linda Peterson will again handle breed booths. We have also asked Linda to work with the BC Secretaries to provide one Pet Me cat per breed. It the Breed Council agrees to a Pet Me cat, they will get a double cage at no charge. The cage must be used be used for that purpose. Breed councils have a choice of a large Breed booth or the 8x8 booth that will fit at the end of the breed row.

Entry Fees will remain the same as last year. Vendor space fees will be 125.00 per 10x10 space. This space includes pipe, drape, table, 2 chairs.

Committee assignments were determined. They will be posted later as people are asked and accept.

Mark Hannon will handle all posts to public lists. Sharon Roy will handle all communication to the BOD.

Hamza: Sharon, you want to go over the National Show? **Roy:** Sure. Everybody I think got Rachel's report. I don't know if you have any questions on it. We did last night choose which judges were doing allbreed championship and premiership. Everybody is doing specialty kittens, as well as asking John Colilla to be our 10th judge and he did accept. That's about it. I mean, I have it here. If anybody has any questions, I'll answer them. **Hamza:** It was a great meeting. Any questions for Sharon?

(7) <u>OCTOBER MEETING</u>.

I am providing the following information related to the cost of the February "face to face" meeting. We spent $15,320.79 in total...which includes airfares, hotel rooms, chair rental, van rental, food/snacks, and some misc. expenses. I think we could safely assume $15K-$16K expense for an October "face to face" Board Meeting should we vote to do this.

Carla Bizzell

Hamza: Next, Carla, is the face-to-face meeting. **Bizzell:** I'm not sure what else I can add. **Hannon:** We have to vote on what to do. **Bizzell:** If meeting face to face gives us a return on $16,000, it's worth doing it. **Hamza:** I can't justify that dollar amount. I have a hard time between $400 and $16,000. You know, actually tonight we just gave out extra money. My request is that, even though I would like to have a face to face, until we can figure out a way to make it less expensive, I think we need to keep it as a teleconference meeting. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I agree with Jerry. I love a face to face meeting. I think we work much better together that way, but the expense is just not justifiable at this point in time. I think we have to still be mindful of our budget and our spending, and toe the line as far as extra expenses are concerned. If we can save money by doing a teleconference at least once, then we should. **Hamza:** It's not even close. I mean, we're talking $16,000 versus $400 or $500. That would be hard to explain. **White:** Yep, I agree. **Hamza:** Does anybody not agree with that line of thought? OK, it's a nice thought. I agree that we work better face to face, but just the cost is too much to justify. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** This is Ginger. I would just like to make the point that I don't think we'll ever get it below that cost, given the situation we have in Alliance. **Hamza:** No, I agree. The only thing that may change is our level of prosperity. **Meeker:** OK. **Hamza:** I think that would be the only difference that would make a difference. **Anger:** Do we need a motion to make it official? **Hamza:** If somebody wants to put out a motion. **Anger:** This is Rachel, so I move that we have our October 2012 board meeting via teleconference. **Kallmeyer:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** So moved.

Hannon: Before you leave that one, I've got a question. Since some of us do go to Alliance for that meeting, I have been asked if we would allow visitors to attend the meeting via being present in Alliance. **Hamza:** Ongoing, I'll be there, I know you'll be there, and I don't see any problem with having visitors, as long as they promise to behave themselves. **Eigenhauser:** And leave for closed session. **Hamza:** Right, yeah. OK. I mean, that building belongs to all the membership, so I kind of like when they visit. **Hannon:** They asked, because once upon a time that used to be a face-to-face meeting and they were able to attend. Now that we've gone to teleconferences, they don't get to attend. That one, some of us are present. **Hamza:** Yeah, I have no problem. I think that would be great. **Hannon:** OK, next.

(8) SHOW SCHEDULING.

Action Item: *Lincoln State Cat Club in 2013 is granted permission to hold their show on the same weekend as Dayton Cat Club, with Dayton putting on their normal Saturday 6 ring show and Lincoln State holding a Sunday only 6 ring show. Lincoln State is permitted to put on a CFA event at their show location on Saturday that has no judgings or scoring as part of their full weekend event.*

Hamza: Alene, I hope we're going in a whole different direction here. **Shafnisky:** Yes. I think you and I had last discussed this and that's what they wanted to go with. I know Loretta had made the offer that it would, in essence, be that Dayton would have the Saturday show and Lincoln State would have the Sunday show in their venue. They would like to do that. They would like to hold a Sunday-only 6 ring show, with Dayton having their normal Saturday show. Lincoln State additionally – the reason I'm bringing it back also is because they want to do a CFA event for the entire weekend, but they would have no – there is no judging, no scoring, anything of that nature on Saturday, so they would keep that Saturday completely separate for Dayton to have their show. So, the motion that I have is that Lincoln State Cat Club in 2013 is granted permission to hold their show on the same weekend as Dayton Cat Club, with Dayton putting on their normal Saturday show, Lincoln State holding a Sunday-only 6 ring show and that Lincoln State is permitted to put on a CFA event at their show location on Saturday that has no judgings or scoring as part of their weekend event. **Hamza:** OK. Loretta, I assume you have no objections to that. **Baugh:** No. The only thing I'm going to be asked is, what type of event are they planning to put on, on Saturday? I know I'm going to be asked. **Shafnisky:** What they want to do is kind of incorporate what they typically do, so they're going to have the educational rings, the speakers, they're going to want to do a parade of breeds, they want to go a little bit more in depth on the breed booths, they're probably going to have an educational ring that talks about CFA, CFA showing, how it works sort of thing. It's still all gauged as spectators, but they wanted to take advantage of their gate, basically. **Hamza:** I think that's kind of interesting to see how it turns out. **Baugh:** I do, too. Go for it. **Hamza:** OK, so the motion is to permit Lincoln State to have a show on the Sunday of that weekend. **Shafnisky:** Correct, and that they're, they have permission to put on a CFA event with no scoring on Saturday. **Hamza:** As long as the understanding is that there will be no judges or judging on Saturday. **Hannon:** They've already talked to the judges. **Shafnisky:** I just wanted to add to that. When you say "no judges", I mean, what if they want somebody to do a parade of breeds? **Hamza:** No, I mean judgings. No judges judging. **Shafnisky:** That's fine. **Anger:** I second. This is Rachel.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** Good luck, Lincoln State. I'm very interested to see how the Saturday goes. I hope it goes well, because that would give a lot of clubs extra ammunition to succeed. We're always looking forward to that.

(9) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Committee Chair:	***Loretta Baugh*** *– Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight*
List of Committee Members:	***Norman Auspitz*** *– Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator* ***Pat Jacobberger*** *– Education Chair* ***Ellyn Honey*** *– Domestic Training and File Administrator* ***Rick Hoskinson*** *– Domestic Training and File Administrator* ***Jan Stevens*** *– Domestic Training and File Administrator; Secretary (keeps all files/records and compiles for Board report)* ***Donna Isenberg*** *– New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); May teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School, Application/Advisor Coordinator* ***Wayne Trevathan*** *– Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judge (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)* ***Peter Vanwonterghem*** *– European Liaison; Application Advisor - Europe*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank You Messages:

The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from John Hiemstra, Teresa Keiger and Melanie Morgan for their recent advancements.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Leave of Absence: *Allbreed Judge Pat Jacobberger has requested a medical leave of absence from the Judging Program, commencing immediately and ending August 31, 2012.*

Action Item: *Grant a medical leave of absence from the CFA Judging Program to Pat Jacobberger, ending August 31, 2012.*

Hamza: Loretta? **Baugh:** OK, Judging Program Report, the part that's not in closed session. The first action item is to give Patty Jacobberger a four-month leave of absence. What she's basically looking for is a two-month extension. She is on leave until the end of June. She's not going to be ready to come back until the end of August, so she really wants an extension to August 31st. **Hamza:** OK. Can I get a motion to extend Patty's leave of absence by 60 days? **Eigenhauser:** Doesn't Loretta have a standing motion on these? **Baugh:** Yeah, standing motion. **Eigenhauser:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** So moved, and I hope that Patty recovers quickly. **Baugh:** Thank you.

Deaths:

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Jim Kilborn. Jim started in the cat fancy in 1954 and he started judging in CFA in 1971. He and Marj Kilborn's cattery name is: TIKI. They bred Cornish Rex, Abys, Siamese and Burmese. Their club is Red N. Ruddy Happening. Jim authored the Siamese Breeding Chart. He loved to judge and every breed of cat was special to him. He loved the exhibitors equally as much. He always had a good word to say about almost everyone and those who caused problems; he would just laugh and shrug it off. In other words, Jim was pretty easy going. We have lost more than a friend, but a piece of history Jim contributed so much to the cat fancy which he dearly loved. His memory will go on.

Baugh: Aside from reporting the thank-you notes and Jim Kilborn's death last week, everything else is closed session. Let's do advancements. **Hamza:** Ed, I'm assuming that, I know that there will be some judging, some judging issues that will be closed session. Ed, is this scoring issue a closed session event? **Raymond:** Yes, because we're naming names. **Hamza:** OK, and I know that the board cite is also a closed session event. Michael, that leaves you with the Star Awards. **Shelton:** I intended the Star Awards to be closed session, as well, because in general, based on last year, we wanted this to be a surprise. **Hamza:** OK, that's fine, that's fine. So, actually, now we are done with the open session portion of the meeting. We're now headed into closed session. **Meeker:** Is it time to send our ballots to Rachel? **Hamza:** Yeah. Well, we'll let Loretta address that, but I just would like to have, I would like to hear everybody acknowledge that they understand what closed session means. Is everybody good with that? <yes>

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Acceptance/Advancements: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for advancement:*

Advance to Apprentice:

Jacqui Bennett	*Buford, GA*	*(LH – 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Anne Mathis	*Fowlerville, MI*	*(LH – 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Li Ling (Chloe) Chung	*Hong Kong*	*(SH - 1st Specialty*	*17 yes)*
Cathy Dinesen	*Leawood, KS*	*(LH - 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*
Hope Gonano	*Wexford, PA*	*(SH - 2nd Specialty)*	*17 yes*

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Cathy Dinesen	*Leawood, KS*	*17 yes*
Hope Gonano	*Wexford, PA*	*17 yes*

<u>Advance to Approved Allbreed</u>:

Marsha Ammons *Aledo, TX* *17 yes*

Baugh: This is Loretta. I just wanted to make a quick announcement that Rachel counted the ballots and everybody was advanced unanimously. Thank you very much. **Hannon:** You're welcome. [laughter] Boy! **Baugh:** I did notice but I wasn't going to say anything.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Chair

(10) NOVICE CLASS.

Issues in regard to Novices and Show Rule 1.19a

*We had an issue in regard to scoring of Novices in Europe and the ID revolving around the interpretation of part of Show Rule 1.19a. The issue is whether the sentence which provides "**Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA**" prevents a Novice from being entered in more than one show.*

Examining past show records, it was determined that:

- *892 Novices were entered in 57 ID shows (not necessarily present) in the ID; 653 (Europe), 239 Asia*
- *39 Novices in Europe were shown in more than one show (17 at the Swiss show)*
- *3 Novices in Asia were shown in more than one show*

Some observations:

1. *If the proper interpretation is that Novices cannot be entered in more than one show, CFA has NEVER enforced this rule since it was passed in 2002*
2. *If the rule WERE applied, it should also have applied to all shows in the show year*
3. *The interpretation of the rule by the ID chair Darrel Newkirk was that Novices were able to compete in more than one show.*

Based on the above, the original Chatte Noir points were restored.

Show Rule 1.19a

The text of Show Rule 1.19a in question is ambiguous and its interpretation depends on where you stop to breathe. It leads to two possible interpretations:

1. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete

a. as Champions/Premiers on the second day of a two day show

b. or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA

2. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers

a. on the second day of a two day show

b. or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA

The first interpretation implies that Novices cannot compete in more than one show. The second interpretation implies that Novices cannot compete as Champions/premiers in subsequent shows, but they COULD compete as Novices.

No discussion is mentioned in the 2002 published board minutes
http://cfa.org/documents/minutes/Oct02-minutes.pdf

The rationale is amusing in retrospect: "Rationale – There is some confusion regarding the points that can be claimed in the Novice Class. This modification should clear up any misunderstandings."

Several board minute comments after the 2002 meeting indicate that Novices being shown in multiple shows was still not resolved:

2004 http://cfa.org/documents/minutes/Oct04.pdf (page 15)

"There was a lengthy discussion in regard to the current status of the Novice classes at CFA International shows. This discussion originated due to a report of littermates that were entered in a show as a novice and an open. One cat was registered, while the littermate was not registered for the show. The apparent attempt by the owner was to claim a championship on the novice when the cat was registered with CFA. Some of the members present expressed the desire that a cat produced by two CFA registered cats could only be shown as an open. Others expressed that we should not change our current rule for novice exhibition as it might prevent someone from entering the show if their registration was not returned in timely fashion. It was brought to the attention of those present that Gary Veach, show rules chairman, would be looking into tightening this rule. I will report any attempt to change the rule prior to the October Board meeting to get input from ID exhibitors prior to the Board meeting."

2005 http://www.cfa.org/documents/minutes/Jun05-minutes.pdf page 14

[Darrell Newkirk] "Novice Class Competition: I have received some voiced concerns in regard to our novice competition at CFA shows in the ID. It seems that some novice exhibits are not claiming their championships when they have received 6 winners ribbons as a novice. There could be several reasons for this, but some of these exhibits are entered repeatedly as a novice at subsequent shows. Some of these exhibits are very nice examples of their breeds and are making the final awards in multiple rings. Should this area of the novice class competition be further evaluated and a possible addition to the rules be made to limit the number of times a Novice can compete without claiming their championship?"

No action was taken at the 2005 meeting.

Given that Novices are eligible for entry in all licensed shows in the 2012-2013 season, it is advisable that the Show Rules be clarified as soon as possible.

Novice Data Supplement

Novices shown in Europe and Asia/Middle East/S. America in the 2011-2012 show season

Europe:	
Novices claiming CH/PR*	15 (2.7% of novices present)
Novices present	552 (16.5% of show entries present)
Novices entered	653
Total cats present in Championship and Premiership	3,349
Asia/Middle East/S. America:	
Novices claiming CH/PR*	6 (3.2% of novices present)

Total Novices present	188 (8.2% of show entries present)
Total Novices entered	239
Total cats present in Championship and Premiership	2,303

Totals:

Novices claiming CH/PR*	21 (2.8% of novices present)
Novices present	740 (13.1% of Show entries present)
Novices entered	892
Total cats present in Championship and Premiership	5,652

*** Notes:**

- The numbers for novices claiming CH/PR is less than or equal to the actual number of Novices registering with CFA. Novices may have registered with CFA, but NOT have claimed their CH/PR. There is no easy way to determine the second number. The CFA computer system allows searches by cat name (with cattery) or by registration number. A search by cat name without the cattery name cannot easily be done. In addition, Novices registering by CFA may change their name.

- When novices claim CH/PR, the show scorer records the date and the registration number in the show catalog where the novices accrued the winners ribbons. To determine the number of novices claiming CH/PR, CO staff searched all show catalogs during the 2011-2012 to record this data. At the same time, they counted the novices in championship and premiership to generate show information below.

- The show scorer was originally asked to estimate the claim rate and she had said 20 (actual was 21). When asked about previous years, she estimated about the same.

- A compilation of Novice data for 2009-2010 is being performed.

Novices in more than one show (2011-2012)

Note: The original determination of 39 Europe duplicates and 3 Asia duplicates was incorrect. It was only a sample. The numbers below are derived from all shows in the 2011-2012 show season.

Europe:

(A) Total championship/premiership cats present and counted (including Novices) = 3,349

Novice entries = 653
Novices present = 552 16.5% of total cats present (A)
Novices entering 2 shows = 78
Novices entering 3 shows = 2
Duplicate entries = 82 (78 + 2*2)
14.9% of Novice entries present, 2.4% of total cats present (A)
Duplicate entries due to 6x6 shows = 35 6.3% of total Europe Novices present(A)

Asia:

(B) Total championship/premiership cats present and counted (including Novices) = 2,303

Novice entries = 239
Novices present = 188 8.1% of total cats present (B)
Novices entering 2 shows = 13
Novices entering 4 shows = 1
Duplicate entries = 16 (13 + 3)
8.5% of Novice entries present, 0.7% of total cats present (B)
Duplicate entries due to 6x6 shows = 0

Europe: Novice Counts by Championship/Premiership and Show

Show #	Date	Location	Ch Cnt	Pr Cnt	Show #	Date	Location	Ch Cnt	Pr Cnt
600	07/30/11	German Catwalk	4	0	618	01/28/12	Austria	7	1
601	08/06/11	Estonia	4	0	619	01/29/12	Austria	8	1
602	08/13/11	Finland	8	0	620	02/04/12	Aurora	15	3
603	09/10/11	Aurora	11	1	621	02/05/12	Malta	15	9
604	09/24/11	Nika (Russia)	46	3	622	02/11/12	Benelux (Belgium)	2	1
606	10/08/11	Golfo (Italy)	6	0	623	02/19/12	Golfo (Italy)	7	2
607	10/09/11	Golfo (Italy)	4	0	624	02/25/12	Spain	7	4
608	10/23/11	Spanish	7	1	625	02/18/12	Golfo (Italy)	18	0
609	10/29/11	Germany	3	0	626	03/03/12	Chatte (Russia)	11	3
610	11/06/11	Dutch	9	1	628	03/10/12	Finland	13	1
611	10/29/11	Chatte (Russia)	7	0	629	03/17/12	Rolandus (Ukraine)	47	1
612	11/12/11	Rolandus (Ukraine)	37	1	630	03/24/12	France	42	4
613	11/12/11	Finland	6	3	631	04/01/12	Chatte (Russia)	21	8
614	12/03/11	Onyx (Russia)	18	4	632	04/07/12	Swedish	7	5
615	12/10/11	Espanol	12	5	633	04/14/12	Espanol	28	0
616	01/14/12	Swedish	9	6	634	04/28/12	Chatte (Switzerland)	23	1
617	01/21/12	German Catwalk	2	2	635	04/29/12	Chatte (Switzerland)	17	0
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Novices claiming CH/PR

Show	Breed	Date Claimed
601	Cornish Rex	12/20/2011
602	Turkish Angora	10/7/2011
602	Scottish Fold SH	8/30/2011
604	Abyssinian	1/27/2012
604	Abyssinian	4/30/2012
608	Sphynx	1/27/2012
609	Maine Coon	1/16/2012
609	Abyssinian	3/5/2012
609	Abyssinian	3/5/2012
610	Maine Coon	4/19/2012
611	Sphynx	1/27/2012
615	Exotic	3/14/2012
615	Persian - Solid	3/14/2012
616	Himalayan	4/17/2012
616	Himalayan	4/17/2012

Asia: Novice Counts by Championship/Premiership and Show

Show #	Date	Location	Ch Cnt	Pr Cnt	Show #	Date	Location	Ch Cnt	Pr Cnt
700	05/21/11	Brazil	41	0	716	12/11/2011	Malaysia	0	0
701	07/02/11	Malaysia	2	1	717	12/17/2011	China	0	0
702	07/09/11	Indonesia	5	0	718	1/21/2012	Kuwait	6	0
703	07/09/11	China Phoenix	1	0	719	1/28/2012	Indonesia	13	0
704	07/17/11	Thailand	2	0	720	2/4/2012	Hong Kong	4	0
705	07/31/11	Hong Kong	0	12	721	2/11/2012	China	0	0
706	08/21/11	Hong Kong	0	23	722	2/19/2012	Taiwan	0	0
707	08/28/11	Hong Kong	1	0	723	2/25/2012	Malaysia	0	0
708	09/18/11	Singapore	0	0	724	3/3/2012	China Phoenix	1	0
709	10/15/11	China	4	1	725	3/10/2012	China Phoenix	10	0
710	10/16/11	Hong Kong	0	0	726	3/17/2012	Thailand	5	0
711	10/22/11	Indonesia	1	0	727	3/25/2012	China	2	0
712	10/22/11	China	1	0	728	3/24/2012	Brazil	27	3
713	11/06/11	Korea	9	0	729	3/31/2012	Hong Kong	0	0
714	10/15/11	Malaysia	0	0	730	4/14/2012	China Phoenix	2	0
714	12/03/11	Malaysia	2	2	731	4/21/2012	China	5	0
715	12/03/11	China	1	0	732	4/28/2012	China	0	1
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Novices claiming CH/PR

Show	Breed	Date Claimed
700	Exotic	06/16/11
700	Exotic	06/16/11
700	Pers Tabby	05/19/12
719	Sphynx	05/16/12
719	Sphynx	05/16/12
719	Sphynx	05/16/12

Hamza: I am going to pull one item out of order tonight because I want to visit it first, and that would be the novice class issue.[**Fulkerson** joins the conference] I've received a lot of – anyway, I would like to deal with the novice class issue first. I don't see any reason not to have it in open session. Does everybody agree that this should be an open session item? <yes> OK. I want to preface before we start that the understanding of the purpose of the novice class is to allow people who are not from CFA to experience a sneak preview, as it were, of CFA in the hopes that they will come to join our ranks. That's the whole philosophy behind the novice class. We've obviously seen that it can be manipulated to do other things. There's two issues here that I would like to address tonight. First off, we know that Show Rule 1.19a is ambiguous, at best. We need to decide what the needs to say, and to make it clear and understandable. The other thing I would like to see would be to take any of the potential harm out of the novice class. My suggestion is – and I've thought about this hard and long, and I've had numerous emails and correspondence with folks – it's a balance we need to strike between allowing people to experience the CFA experience and not allowing people to abuse it for point enhancement. I would prefer to see that the novice not be scored for regional and national points, but I would also like to see the novice be treated in the same way as we treat kittens without a registration number and give these people a chance to register or at least have – begin the registration process by Tuesday or Wednesday of the following – just like we do with the expedited kittens so that if

a novice has a great show and they want to register their cat with CFA, we have the ability to bring them in. I know that it's not realistic that we will be able to complete their registration by the following Tuesday or Wednesday, but if we set up a policy saying that if they apply by the Tuesday or Wednesday, that those points will count for them. **Eigenhauser:** Question. **Hamza:** Yeah, go ahead George. **Eigenhauser:** If they can retroactively count the points, will they retroactively be added to the point count? **Hamza:** Yeah. There shouldn't be a problem with doing that. So what it does is, it doesn't harm the individual that truly came in and wanted to see what CFA was like, loved it and then registered their cat with CFA. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** I wanted to ask Donna Jean if she felt this would be a scoring problem for Central Office. **Thompson:** By adding the points later? **Meeker:** Yeah. In essence, the whole show would have to be rescored. **Thompson:** It can be, you know, it can be a little bit of a time-consuming process but, I mean, it's doable. **Hamza:** If we had enough cats to make it a problem, that would be a good problem to have. **Meeker:** I just want to make sure we're not causing Central Office a real headache. **Hamza:** Well, the real person to ask would be Dick and how he sees this fitting in with the new computer system. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah, even with the old computer system, most of the scoring is done probably Wednesday or Thursday anyway, so this could conceivably delay it a day or so, but it's probably not as major impact. Let me say, I guess that novices are important outside the U.S. If we look at Europe, it's probably 13% of their entries. Most of them actually in eastern Europe and Russia and that area. In Asia it's probably about 9%, so it is significant business. We did see, too, that there's not a whole lot of multiple novices. They'll show them one show and we saw the, I think in Europe it was about 4%. What was it, 39 entries out of 693 or whatever entries were actually shown in more than one show, and a bunch of those were actually shown on a 6x6 show on subsequent days, so that was not an issue. I did a sampling of the four largest shows of Europe to see if the novice cats were actually CFA parents and on the 4 big shows, I think I saw 6 that would possibly fall into that category, so that's not a significant issue either. **Hamza:** Dick, I have a question. I don't know if you've looked at it. The owners of the novice cats, what percentage of those people have other CFA registered cats? **Kallmeyer:** Not that many. I think the cases where we saw the ones that had two CFA parents – **Hamza:** No, that's not what I'm saying. **Kallmeyer:** No, I know, I know. You mean whether they have other CFA cats? **Hamza:** Yes. **Kallmeyer:** It's not as often. I've had a suspicion about a couple shows in Asia that have premiership counts of 60 cats where that may be a case. Probably what I would like to see is that if we do have a novice entry, I would like to see a copy of that foreign registry in the show packet for the points to count. I think that would probably be more a way to ensure that they were, #1, part of a foreign registry and actually candidates for us to get registered. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** I think I talked with you about this earlier but I would like to just run it by Dick also. I think we know the intent of the novice rule is to stimulate CFA growth in Europe and, beginning this year, also growth within CFA from other associations here. I really think we should be keeping track of the statistics that tell us how many novices actually register with CFA so we can see if this is a viable way to grow CFA or if, as many believe, it's simply a way to stuff shows and manipulate count. **Hamza:** Here's where I'm having a hard time. If somebody's trying out CFA, it's not going to matter to you that your points count. What should matter more is what the experience was when you came, and if you do have a good show and you have the ability to capture the show, I guess I'm not seeing where the upside is with counting all the novices if they don't want to register after the show. **Hannon:** I have a question. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Hannon:** If I understand it right, you're saying, somebody goes to a show with a novice and if they register the cat by the following Tuesday or Wednesday, we will grant them the points they picked up. Right? Is that what you're saying? **Hamza:** Correct, yes. **Hannon:** Just because they submit the paperwork doesn't mean it's going to be processed that quickly. It takes awhile to register cats that are coming in via pedigree. Right? So

it may be a month before they ever find out if we registered their cat. So it's going to be a month later before we go back and give them the points, correct? Which means that nobody at that show is going to know how many points they really picked up when the e-points come out the following Friday. **Hamza:** Well, I think we can – I think we can be much safer to say that if they pay to register the cat by the following Tuesday or Wednesday, that we can count that point and those points right there and then. We can even issue them a number during that time and then, you know, just confirm it once the paperwork is done. Once we verify that the registration is correct, then the number goes from a soft number to a hard number. **Hannon:** Do we have a clue as to what percentage of the cats that are attempted to be registered by pedigree are actually registered, as opposed to, "no, I'm sorry, that's a Colorpoint AOV, not a Siamese" or something. **Hamza:** I think it's in the high 90's. Wouldn't you say that's true, Donna Jean? **Thompson:** Yeah. We have had very few cats that we turned down. **Hamza:** I mean, Mark, let's say a lilac point Brit goes to the show. A CFA judge can't handle that cat. **Hannon:** Right, but we don't know necessarily by looking at the cat that the pedigree is something that we're not going to accept. **Hamza:** Right, right, but I think that we are registering in the high 90's of all the register by pedigree. We don't have a lot of people who are trying register an AOV. **Hannon:** So if somebody attempts to register their cat within a couple days of the show, you're saying that when e-points come out Friday, it will include those cats? **Hamza:** Yes. **Hannon:** So, the owners of the cats at that show will know when e-points come out how many points they picked up that weekend. **Hamza:** Yes, if that's the route this board chooses to go. **Thompson:** That's going to be very difficult, Jerry, to have something that would come from a foreign registry and have to have that pedigree and have it checked. **Hamza:** No, no. Donna Jean, it doesn't have to be done by that Tuesday. **Hannon:** It doesn't have to be processed, just received. **Hamza:** Right, right. **Hannon:** Is that a problem? Is it a problem getting it? **Thompson:** Received. Received is not going to be the problem. They can fax it, they can e-mail it. **Hamza:** In other words, Donna Jean, they have to declare their intent to register the cat by the Tuesday or Wednesday. We understand that it's going to take longer to register the cat. It could take up to a month. **Thompson:** OK, OK.

Baugh: Jerry, this is Loretta. I have a question. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Loretta. **Baugh:** OK. Not looking at national and regional points, but looking at grand points. **Hannon:** They won't get grand points if they're a novice. **Hamza:** Right, and that's something we can deal with in the rules, too. If we say they can only have one show as a novice – **Baugh:** OK. **Hamza:** – then that's satisfying the winners ribbon part of it. It's my understand that the novices – **Hannon:** Maybe. Maybe, but if they have competition, they might not get six. Unlike the opens, not everybody qualifies. Only the cat that got the winners ribbon qualifies. **Hamza:** Right, and at that point they would have to wait until a subsequent show. **Hannon:** When they're registered, because we're saying they can only show it once as a novice. **Hamza:** Right. **Hannon:** Kenny tells me he judged a show in France that had six male opens – or novices, all competing for one winners ribbon. I don't know how common that is. I've never been to a show in France. **Hamza:** I'm sure that's not very common. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hannon:** But you think it's like here; generally, if you're showing a novice, you're pretty sure of getting six winners ribbons. **Hamza:** I think it's probably similar to what we experienced before we had gotten rid of – **Hannon:** A year ago. The winners ribbon.

Miller: Jerry, this is Joan. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Miller:** I like what you're proposing. There are a couple of things that I would be concerned about. One is, sometimes people are really new, they don't understand what the process is, even if their cat can be registered and they need maybe, I don't know, maybe the application by Tuesday or Wednesday is enough, but I think for

some even to find out how to go about it might be difficult. They may need a little more time. I also think that if the points have to be rectified later and they find out that the cat cannot be registered, then I don't think that that's a problem during the show season, except when you get near the end, and it could be really touchy. The other thing is that we now have novices in our shows in America, too, so we may have a lot more coming in and I think we need to encourage them. I think this is a very good way to encourage people to give it a try. There may be some people that have a cat that they know can't be registered in CFA, but they want to come anyway, they want to see what it's like and then maybe the next time they'll buy a cat or a kitten that can be registered. I don't think we should discourage these people. **Hamza:** I agree. I agree. That's why, you know, some of the talk saying we should get rid of the novice class isn't the right way to go. It's too important off our shores. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Miller:** I just want people to have enough time so that they know what they're doing. Maybe we have to have some instructions on the website. If they go to a show and they have no idea what breed requires 5 generations, what breeds require 8 generations or even how to go about it, they need some – I don't think they can get all that by Tuesday or Wednesday following a show. **Hannon:** These cats already have the pedigree in hand. **Miller:** Yeah, but if they need 8 generations, they may not have it.

Wilson: Jerry? **Hamza:** Annette. **Wilson:** Yeah. I'm going to be devil's advocate here and I'm going to say I think the points, novice points should count for points defeated and I'm saying that not just because we count kittens that don't have registration numbers, but we also count – basically, our stance has always been, you calculate the count based on present and competing, whether or not the cat is eligible. For example, if I judge a cat that's entered in championship and then the next judge judges it and hangs a purple ribbon and then the next judge says, "wait a minute, this cat is neutered" and it gets transferred to premiership, that cat counts actually twice; it counts as a champion and it counts as premier. We have a lot of history of cats competing count as points. I agree with Joan, however, and I think that everybody who enters and shows a novice should get a welcome packet – very simple – from CFA explaining how they can go about registering their cat and continuing to show in CFA. Finally, I think that anytime that something is brought to our attention where someone appears to either, by a simple error or knowingly, has entered their cat incorrectly, they need to get a strong letter explaining that they violated the rules and if they continue to, they need to get some kind of penalty. I don't understand why in the world if a cat is defeated in competition, why it shouldn't count as a point. **Hamza:** Let me ask you this. You know, this comes down to really abuse of the rules. You know, the fear is, and it's clear that it can be exploited more than it has been, that a bunch of cats can be brought in to add to count without ever having the intention that the novice was created for, which is to have new people experience CFA. **Wilson:** This is Annette. I judged the show in Switzerland. I have the catalog. I went through the catalog after this all hit the fan, but I can tell you that I finaled a novice. I know that in the Russian Blue class there were three novices, and I talked to the owner who also was showing two CFA-registered Russian Blues in that class. She shows in TICA, she had just gotten one of the cats from Russian. She hasn't registered them with CFA yet because in Switzerland, at least, there's more TICA shows to go to. So, you know, I think there's all sorts of reasons why someone might enter a novice in competition. The people who are abusing the system, we need to deal with the abuse, that's all. We just need to get more strict about, first of all, clarifying the rule and then secondly following up when we see that there's people showing the same cat over and over again, or when we know there's two CFA parents. We need to tell those people to stop. **Hamza:** The fact is, though, that we can – in this particular instance, we can end the abuse without hurting the intent, by not having them count for regional or national points. Or, if you just want to take it – if you want to give them even more,

just have it not count for national points. It would take almost all the incentive away for even wanting to do it, without hurting the people who are in for the true meaning of what the novice was intended for. **Wilson:** We haven't found a way to stop people from stuffing CFA-registered cats in this country. **Hamza:** That's bad enough, but to say that – you know, to justify one bad behavior by another, I have a hard time with that. **Wilson:** I think people, they may be going around the rules, but they're going to go around whatever rule we find, and now we're going to complicate things by saying, "well, if you send in your pedigree paperwork that we receive by a certain date", I see all sorts of rules for errors – not on-purpose errors, but we're never going to have an official count anymore at a show, especially if we start counting those for grand points. I mean, if a cat is present for competition and someone defeats it, they should get the point. I really don't give a rip about all these national campaigners and their whiney hiney stuff. I do think that we have a structure that works and if there's abuse being done, we need to find out who is doing the abusing and address that with them. Once the word gets out that we're going to do that, and then on the other side of it we take advantage of having exhibitors able to contact and, as Joan said, send them information and help them register the cats in CFA and help them to continue showing that cat in CFA. **Hamza:** The reality is that there's a perception that the playing field is not level and that the majority – you know, I knew we were going to cross this bridge when we talked about novices I don't know how many meetings ago before Europe came in and I didn't even want to have the novice class in CFA. I wanted Europe to perform just like the rest of CFA without the novices, because I knew that it was going to be an issue and it is an issue and it's a heartfelt issue by a lot of CFA exhibitors. You know, this is not a great position. We're in a place where we could lose some exhibitors over this. There's a lot of hard feelings and it's up to this board to try to figure out a way to subsidize those hard feelings.

Eigenhauser: George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** If I understand the proposal correctly, we would allow people after the show to decide whether or not their stuffers count in the count. Now, that means that if I am a campaigner and a better campaigner comes up and I get my clock cleaned at the show, I choose not to count those cats in the count after I know what the results of the judging was, or I choose to pay the fee and have them scored after I know the results of the judging. I think this creates a whole new level of stuffing. **Hamza:** Do you not think that the money to pay for a registration and to pay for the expedited would deter that? **Eigenhauser:** It would deter it, but what I'm saying is, what if a campaigner puts in a bunch of stuffers, has a bad show and says, "you know, it's not worth paying whatever the expedited fee is to count these stuffers." **Hannon:** Why are we charging an expedited fee? **Eigenhauser:** Or any fee. **Hannon:** OK. **Eigenhauser:** "It's not worth my money to have these stuffers included because I didn't do well at that particular show. My cat performed badly," or, you know, whatever. **Hamza:** Yeah, negative stuffing, I get it. **Eigenhauser:** Negative stuffing, after the judging is over. **Hamza:** Well then, the real solution is just to count novices for national or regional points. **Eigenhauser:** And that's why I kind of floated the suggestion of counting them for grand points, like we had opens. I think the level of anger over stuffing and the level of head-to-head competitiveness is different in grand points, where you're competing against a fixed standard, than it is with regional and national points, where you're trying to out-compete the other guy. It's a different kind of competition. It may generate less animosity and would still give them an incentive to register. **Hamza:** Alright. I have no problem with that. **Baugh:** Yeah, I really like George's idea. **Kallmeyer:** As a corollary to George's, novices would compete basically as opens/champions, right? **Meeker:** But not count in the national and regional scoring? **Baugh:** Yeah, just for grand points. **Hamza:** That's perfectly fine with me. I like that idea. **Kallmeyer:** Except, I could see that somebody might stuff – in outlying areas they might stuff it with invalid novices in order to grand easy. **Eigenhauser:** But that isn't giving them an

advantage over the competition the way that regional and national points are advantaging them. **Hamza:** And it doesn't burn all the way back to the United States. **Baugh:** Right. I liked it when I first read it. I think it's a great idea. **Hamza:** OK. Well, can we get a motion on that, then. **Meeker:** So moved. **Miller:** Wait. You mean the novices would not get winners ribbons with this idea? **Roy:** No, they would just compete as opens and champions. **Miller:** But they get winners ribbons. I thought that's what we wanted to do. **Hannon:** They would qualify just like an open does, by going into six rings. **Hamza:** So, basically they would fall in line with the open rule. **Miller:** They can say they are CFA champions and they might know that they could never, ever be registered cats. **Meeker:** They can't use the title until they're registered, though. **Miller:** Well, they still will. **Hannon:** They can claim that anyway. **Hamza:** If you want to see made up CFA titles, just email me and I'll forward you a bunch of really cool websites. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** I see a hue and cry from people who now are being replaced in the three champion or six champion spots by a novice who may or may not ever actually be able to claim the points. I mean, from a judge's standpoint, I don't have a problem with that but I see a hue and cry about that down the road, too. **Miller:** I do, too. **Hamza:** But it has no effect on anybody else, except for granding. **Wilson:** It takes a place in the final. **Eigenhauser:** If you get beaten by a better cat, you got beaten by a better cat. **Wilson:** I agree. A better cat, however, that is apparently only good enough to give a grand point, not a national or regional point. But nonetheless. **Hamza:** OK. I'm looking for resolution so we're not here until 4 in the morning. **Roy:** This is Sharon. I think we should go with George's proposal and perhaps get Monte to write it up for us and present it at the annual. **Anger:** Let the delegates decide. **Shelton:** Jerry, this is Mike. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mike. **Shelton:** I kind of feel the same way Sharon does. Although I kind of like this proposal, I don't think dealing with the points is something we should be doing. If we want to approve something that we can have written up to be presented to the delegation, that would be great but I think when we get to what we're going to do with the points for novices, that's something the clubs need to decide, not the board. **Hamza:** Well, I respectfully disagree. This board placed this system in place and we're just basically dealing with the problem that one part of it has been here since 2002 when this rule was written. I don't think there's anybody here that feels that was written correctly. Is there? **Meeker:** No. **Miller:** No. **Hamza:** So, we need to fix that tonight and we – I'm certainly willing to have George – what I would like to do is have the resolution put forward so we can vote on it, and if we pass it, we can write the resolution in such a way that it's passed but George and Monte can work on a final version and we just approve it in June. **Hannon:** The show rule? You're talking about, they can only show once? **Hamza:** Well, that part needs to be cleaned up and I would like to approve George's proposal.

Hannon: I think it should go to the delegates. **Shelton:** I'm all for us cleaning up the "whether or not they can be shown once" tonight, but when it comes to awarding points, that's something I think should go to the clubs. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I agree 100% with that. I think this should go to the delegates. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Eigenhauser:** Can I ask a question? **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Eigenhauser:** Are we going to have our June 12th meeting? **Hamza:** I haven't even thought that far ahead. We probably, we probably will, just to get rid of some of the minutia before – so we don't have to deal with it at the end of the month. **Hannon:** So, what are you suggesting, George? That if we have the meeting, we do what? **Eigenhauser:** Well, if we weren't going to have the meeting, then I was going to say, as long as it's going to be the Annual before we vote on it – you know, before we see a final final from Monte – we might as well put it before the delegation. I think this needs, if nothing else, if the board approves something, I would at least like a resolution from the floor for the delegation to ratify it, and if they look at this and say "no, this is terrible, this is not what we want", then I think we should be

open to rethinking it. I think we need to put something in place and I think we need to exhibit some leadership, but I also think there ought to be some ratification, too, because I don't want to be accused of making a bad situation worse by us acting unilaterally. **Hamza:** And, I want to bring this up, because I know what's going to happen. We are going to have polarization at the Annual. **Roy:** Right. **Hamza:** There's going to be people – there's going to be hard feelings between Region 9 and the rest of CFA, so that's what I'm warning about here. **Hannon:** But Jerry, don't you think if we bring something, if we pass something now, don't you think the delegates are going to bring it up anyway? **Hamza:** I don't know. If we pass something that's agreeable to everybody, I think we have enough other business that it won't be. If it's done correctly, I think there will be a certain amount of trust and that it will be fine. The problem – I'm just letting everybody know that what's going to happen if we bring this to the delegation, this is going to break along regional lines and there's going to be hard feelings and there's going to be hurt feelings at the Annual. **Miller:** Jerry? **Roy:** Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Roy:** This is Sharon. Don't you think you're going to that if the board just passes something, as opposed to letting the delegates decide? **Hamza:** You know, things are much different. You know, if the board comes up with a resolution, what it takes away is the heat of the moment that's going to be present at the Annual if this goes to the floor. Look, this is the CFA Board. I'm the President. I don't vote. Whatever this board decides, if this board decides they want to bring it to the floor, but I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't point out the fact that this has a real dark side potential to it. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Baugh:** This is Loretta, Jerry. I agree with you. It's something I had talked about with a couple people the other night. I think it could make for a very contentious situation at the Annual. They may be happy with what we do, and if they're not, they're going to let us know and we can fix it. That's what we did with the open thing. **Hamza:** And that's really what leadership is about. You know, sometimes we do what's right and we try to avoid situations that divide us and try to steer into situations that unify us.

Meeker: Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** What I've heard in my region and from some of the people that contacted me from 5 and 3, I think most people are fairly happy with the novice as it stands, if the intent that the cat can only show in one show is specified. Is that something we can do now, before the Annual? **Hamza:** Absolutely. That goes to clearing out – I believe – is there anybody here that was on that board in 2002? **Kallmeyer:** Joan was. Rachel was. **Hamza:** I believe – and Joan and Rachel, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that was the intent when that was written. **Anger:** What do you mean, "that was the intent"? The one turn? **Hannon:** The cat could only be shown once. **Anger:** Yeah. **Hamza:** One show for the novice. **Anger:** Yes, and at the time the wording seemed to fit, and now that we have the era of the six ring, one day show [sic, 6x6], that puts a whole different light on it, and so it's something that definitely needs to be updated. **Baugh:** I looked at it a number of times and, to me, the intent was pretty clear, but as you said, I think the fact that we have not so much the six ring, one day show as the 6x6. **Anger:** Exactly what I meant, thank you. **Hamza:** In reality, there's something else here that we're not talking about that compounds the problem immensely, and that's the fact that CFA has never chosen to enforce that rule in the 10 years since it was written, so that needs to be dragged out of the closet, but now we can't – what we need to do is, we need to tighten that rule up, we need to enforce that part of the rule, but we also need to deal with the potential for abuse. I think that's the board's job. **Baugh:** I do, too. **Hannon:** One of the things that compounds the situation about showing them more than once is that, until May 1st, this is something that was in the International Division where English was not their primary language, and to expect them to read intent into there is expecting a little bit too much. **Meeker:** That's why we have to tidy up that rule and make it extremely clear. **Hannon:** Right. I think we need to make it clear that they can only show a novice once. There are two issues here. That's one of them, and the other is

Jerry's suggestion or George's suggestion on how to deal with scoring the cats. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. Can we deal with the issue of showing only once and then pass that, and then move on to the other thing?

Miller: What I don't understand is, I'm looking at the Show Rules, and it says, *Novice class cats are not eligible for national and regional points.* Why – **Caell:** I'm reading that, too, Joan. **Miller:** Why are we talking about this all over again? I don't get it. It has already been in the show rules. There hasn't been any brouhaha. **Caell:** It's in the Show Rules. **Hamza:** Joan, Joan. It's the other side of it. They are counted in the count to help other cats. **Baugh:** "Not eligible" means they themselves can't earn, but it doesn't mean they're not counted. **Hamza:** You know, when I read that part of the rule, I think the intention back then was not to have them affect regional and national standings, but again it wasn't spelled out clear enough.

Hannon: Can we have Monte write the rule that clarifies you can only show it once, and we can vote on that at the June 12 board meeting. **Caell:** Jerry, this is Ann. Can I also say that, in the Show Rules, that we make sure that we continue to have the sire and dam, and the parentage and everything that's in there written up clearly, because we haven't even touched on that tonight. **Hannon:** But that's clear. **Kallmeyer:** That's clear. **Caell:** It's clear, right. Exactly. **Hannon:** People may not be following it, but it's clear. **Hamza:** Donna Jean, the directive is, in this show season that we are currently in, the rules that are clearly put in place for the novices have to be followed. Any cat whose parents aren't listed is ineligible. **Hannon:** Shirley has been knocking those out. She told me that. **Krzanowski:** I think that issue has already been handled. **Hamza:** But we've had a few scored in the past. I just want to make sure. **Kallmeyer:** No, not this season. **Thompson:** I wouldn't think so, no. **Kallmeyer:** Shirley has gone over that really hard. **Hamza:** And two CFA parents, as well. **Kallmeyer:** Well, that's a harder one and, as Annette can attest, it's not an easy thing to find out. **Hamza:** No, I know. **Kallmeyer:** I think Donna Jean probably spent a day going through stuff, but I surfaced it. **Thompson:** Oh, yes she did. **Kallmeyer:** One thing I did see at the Swiss show and a couple other shows is that people entered the show as a novice and then they must have gotten their CFA registration. They show up on the morning of the show and they transfer the cat from a novice to an open, and have a magical registration number inserted. You know, the way that we could possibly detect that, if we ask when you enter the show that you have a copy of your foreign registration included in the show packet, that would help us do a determination right then. **Hannon:** Is there a requirement that the cats be registered in another association, or are we just assuming they are? **Kallmeyer:** Well, I guess we're assuming, and if they're going to be registered with CFA, how do we determine that? **Hannon:** It may be a kitten that they decided all along that they were going to show in CFA so they never registered it elsewhere. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. **Roy:** But then wouldn't it have two CFA parents? **Hamza:** No. **Hannon:** No. **Hamza:** They may have the pedigrees all ready to go and everything else. **Hannon:** But can't the Central Office do a search just based on the cat's name to see if it's registered in CFA? **Hamza:** Yes. **Kallmeyer:** Yes, but it's time consuming. Donna Jean, I gave you a list of 12 cats. How long did it take you to look up the parents? **Thompson:** That list going by name? **Kallmeyer:** Yes. **Thompson:** Actually, that one was done fairly quickly. **Hamza:** I've done that myself. **Kallmeyer:** [inaudible] would be their parent. **Hannon:** So, we're saying that, this show season, we want the Central Office to check and make sure the cat's not being shown more than once, check and make sure that it's got the registration – or, the parents listed in the catalog, and check to make sure that they don't have two CFA-registered parents, right? **Meeker:** Yep. **Hannon:** And we want that done when they score the shows every week? **Hamza:** As best as possible. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. For a novice show, you're probably adding 3 or 4 hours, but not ever show is a novice show.

Eigenhauser: George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** It sounds like we have multiple issues. One issue, I think we're pretty much all on the same page – show once, you're ineligible for entry at subsequent shows. The next issue is, how do we score them at the one show? Then, the third issue is, procedurally, how do we handle all of this. So, let's break it down into little pieces. I would like to make a motion that novices may only be shown once in CFA, that once the cat appears and competes in a CFA show [as a novice], it is ineligible for entry at any subsequent CFA show until or unless it gets CFA registration. **Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I'll second that motion. **Miller:** George, would that mean – would that be true for the 6x6 shows, as well? **Hamza:** They can only compete on one day of the 6x6. **Miller:** Do they get their choice of the day? **Kallmeyer:** Sure. **Hamza:** No. If they compete – yeah. **Eigenhauser:** The can compete one day but not the other. You enter them as separate shows. **Miller:** OK, alright. Just as long as it's very clear. **Eigenhauser:** I know you haven't exhibited in a 6x6, but you enter them as separate shows. **Hamza:** OK, we have a motion, which is to limit the showing of novices to one show only.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza:** George, would you be the guy that would work with Monte on that? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Hamza:** OK.

Hamza: Now, as George said, the second part is, how do we want to approach the scoring? I really like George's suggestion. **Baugh:** I did, too. **Meeker:** I do, too. **Caell:** OK. Make a motion. **Hamza:** George, why don't you make your motion? **Eigenhauser:** OK. I'll move that the novices be scored and included in the count for champion points only, and that they not be included in the count for regional and national points. **Hannon:** Champion and premiership. **Eigenhauser:** Champion and premier, yeah. **Kallmeyer:** And George, you will probably have to say they will compete as open/champion class or whatever. **Eigenhauser:** They would compete just as an open/champion or open/premier. **Kallmeyer:** OK. **White:** Second.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, Shelton, Miller, Roy and Anger voting no. **Hamza:** We have three no's – Annette, Mike and Joan. Are there any other no's? **Roy:** Sharon, because I think it needs to go to the delegation. **Anger:** As do I. And Rachel. Rachel is trying to vote no. **Hamza:** Five. Alright, five no's. Any abstentions?

Hamza: George, at this point, what we really need to do is have you and Monte work that up, and so we can approve – we've approved the idea. Now the idea has to be written specifically and brought back to the board so everybody – it says what we thought it was going to say. **Eigenhauser:** Understood, and we have a third issue. **Meeker:** Jerry? **Eigenhauser:** Procedurally, do we want to require novices to present a copy of a registration certificate with another association? That's been mentioned. I don't know if people have energy on that or not, but it's an issue. **Hamza:** Dick? **Kallmeyer:** What's that? **Hamza:** Dick, George is sort of echoing what you said about having novices be required to present basically proof of registration in other associations. **Kallmeyer:** Yeah. I guess my only concern is what Mark said, but I guess we have – I think it still would be a good idea. By championship, they probably should have that. **Hamza:** OK, so, in championship and premiership, George, basically what you're saying is that there should be some sort of proof of parentage belonging to, and/or the cat belonging to other associations. **Eigenhauser:** Actually, what I was saying is, I heard other people make that suggestion during the meeting tonight, and I was just saying we ought to make a decision about whether we want to go that way or not. I'm not really sure which way I feel on it. **Hamza:** I don't know, either. I know, part of me is a little cagey because you don't want to put too many barriers to have people come and try the CFA experience. **Anger:** This is Rachel. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I support that, because anybody that is showing a novice with good

intentions will have that anyway. **Hamza:** OK. **Anger:** My concern about the first motion is, what if I enter my cat and show it as Fluffy on Saturday and Smoky on Sunday? So, this way, I'm proving that this is a legitimate entry and not the same cat recycled. **Hamza:** That's a great point. A great point. **Kallmeyer:** Is this open session or closed? **Hannon:** It's open. **Hamza:** This is open session, so don't be using any specifics. **Kallmeyer:** OK. There is a foreign club that has actually been issuing their own basically pedigrees and registration numbers. **Hamza:** Yeah. I don't want to go down that road here. **Kallmeyer:** It's not a European club. **Hamza:** I know exactly who you are talking about, and that has some other issues. **Kallmeyer:** Right.

Meeker: Jerry? **Hamza:** Yeah. **Meeker:** This is Ginger. **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Meeker:** Are we looking to make these rules retroactive to May 1, 2012? I think that needs to be made clear, also. **Hamza:** OK. Well, thank you for bringing it up. I think that's what everybody assumed. **Meeker:** Well, you know what "assumed" gets you. **Hamza:** Yeah, yeah. **Hannon:** What are we going to do about this issue of requiring the registration? **Hamza:** I am open to whatever the board wants. I see the merits on both sides. **Wilson:** This is Annette. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** Maybe if there is a question on a novice entry, that is something that can be requested without Central Office's following up on it. In other words, expect proof to have to be offered if you're beating the system. **Hamza:** You know, that could be something that could be inserted into the show rules very easily. **Meeker:** Jerry, I think that puts the entry clerks in a position of either knowing to trust or not trust people. I think it should be just a hard and fast criteria or not, so that we don't put folks in that position. **Hannon:** I thought we were going to have Central Office ask for it, not the entry clerk. **Meeker:** Well, if it has to come in with the entry clerk, with the show package, it's got to be there when they enter the shows. **Hamza:** Yeah, it's got to come in with the entry. It's got to get in with the show package. **Meeker:** Maybe it needs to be required. I agree with Rachel, that if somebody is serious about trying CFA, they probably are involved in some other registry and aware of the process. **Hamza:** It does one thing for sure. I don't know how, you know, I don't know if there's any truth, but some people are claiming that some of these cats aren't even registered in any association. **Hannon:** But now we're going to require it, if we pass this. **Hamza:** That's basically what we're talking about here is requiring that these cats be registered with another association. **Eigenhauser:** George here. **Hamza:** Go ahead, George. **Eigenhauser:** I'm just kind of thinking. I'm still thinking out loud on this one. It occurs to me that I've seen people, when I was more active in show production than I am now, I used to get calls from people all the time that wanted to enter their cat Fluffy that they got from a breeder and never got papers, and they weren't trying to game the system, they just wanted to take Fluffy to a cat show. Maybe if they could and maybe if they got a good experience out of it, they would come along. I don't know if we're not maybe cutting off some people that aren't [inaudible]. We're thinking of all this in terms of somebody that's already a breeder, already registering their cats with another association, ready to move forward into CFA as a breeder, but what about just the general pet owner that gets a cat without papers and they know it's a purebred because they got it from a breeder, and they just feel like taking it to a cat show on a lark. **Meeker:** George? **Miller:** I would like to – **Meeker:** That wouldn't be a cat that would be registerable with CFA. It wouldn't meet the criteria as a novice. **Miller:** Also, I would be concerned about the fact that many shelters adopt out cats and say they are Maine Coons, they are Russian Blues, they're Korats, whatever. I would hate to think that our shows would encourage these people to enter and then they find out that their cat can't be registered. I just think it's opening up Pandora's box. **Hamza:** Do we need to decide – why don't we push this – let everybody think about this for June 12th? On this particular issue. Whether we require the cats to prove registration with other associations, and just be ready on the 12th because we're going to look at the resolutions that are written by Monte and on this one it seems to be fairly simple. Do

we require novices to prove parentage with another association? **Caell:** Jerry, this is Ann. If they went from – if they came in under another registry and then they just provided that registration information and then decided after they have gone through the show, gotten their points or moved along, whatever, then they want to go to CFA, can we just hold them until they get their CFA registration before they attend another show? I'm thinking out loud. In other words, if they come in, let's say they want to go to a show and we require that they have to have a registration – documentation from another registry and yet they really – we hold that – we keep that – they are tied into that registry. When can they – can we make it a part of the show rule that if they want to go to the CFA, then we can offer them a CFA registration number. **Hamza:** We already have that. If they have, I mean, there's lots of cats that are registered in CFA that are multiple registered in other associations. We register cats every day that are coming from other associations. **Caell:** Right, so we can go ahead and give this novice cat a CFA registration, along with, let's say, a TICA registration? **Hamza:** Let's say, Ann, if there's a novice there and it has it's parentage, it has it's pedigree from another registration and it meets our requirements, they can register that cat almost immediately. **Caell:** OK. So, that doesn't eliminate them from going on to another show? **Hamza:** No, it never has. Once a cat is registered with CFA, it enjoys all the privileges of any other cat that's a CFA-registered cat. **Caell:** I just wanted some clarification there. Thank you.

Raymond: Jerry, it's Ed. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Ed. **Raymond:** As I currently read the Show Rules, a cat that is from the breeding of a CFA registered parent and a non-CFA registered parent can be shown as a novice. **Hamza:** Correct. **Miller:** Right. **Hamza:** Yeah. **Raymond:** If you require a registration from another association in that circumstance, aren't you then basically forcing the cat to be registered somewhere else before they can come into CFA? **Hamza:** No. Basically the rule would be parents. So, that cat in that instance would have obviously a CFA registered parent and a parent registered with some other association. **Raymond:** OK. I think that makes a difference. The talk has been largely about the kitten or cat itself being registered. **Hannon:** Right, the novice. **Hamza:** Right. **Hannon:** But now we're talking about the parents of the novice. **Hamza:** When we talk about needing to have proof that that cat is registered in another association, you may have a situation where that cat isn't registered yet, so in either instance, you know, the parents would be registered. **Hannon:** So you would accept – if it's not registered in another association but one of the parents is and one of them in CFA, you would accept the paperwork on the parent or parents? **Hamza:** Yeah, if we decided to say that the cat has to prove that it's registered with another association. **Hannon:** Even though it's not but the parents are? **Hamza:** Well, you know, yeah. What are you going to do if a cat just stops - 8 months old? **Hannon:** I brought that up already. I said that was my concern about requiring the novice itself to be registered in another association. **Hamza:** Right. I agree with you then. I think that either it has to be or it can prove both parents are. **Hannon:** One or both. **Hamza:** You're doing the same thing. **Hannon:** OK. Donna Jean following all this? **Thompson:** Oh, she's trying. **Hamza:** I'm going to Central Office tomorrow. I'll buy her a cup of coffee and sit her down. Anyway – **Miller:** Jerry, what about – **Hamza:** Go ahead. **Miller:** What about a breed like the Sphynx that has a domestic outcross allowed? Would that be – what would we do with that? **Hamza:** I don't know. That's something we've got to think about. When we talk about proving parentage – like we're saying that they need the paperwork – when we talk about that, there are going to be issues and that's why I think we need to sit on that one until the June 12th meeting and really get our head around that, because there are going to be issues. It's going to exclude cats. **Hannon:** Can we just we're going to put that off until the June 12th meeting that that we finish with novices? **Hamza:** Yeah, I would like to do that. Does anybody have any problem with moving ahead? <no> OK.

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to amend federal regulations to require federal licensing and inspection of many home hobby breeders.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) unit currently regulates large-scale commercial breeders who sell animals at wholesale or for research. Hobby breeders selling directly to the public at retail are exempt from federal regulation. Since consumers have access to the breeders in direct sales, small retail breeders are regulated by local government.

The USDA is currently under fire for lax enforcement of existing law. Last year Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin introduced in the US Senate the Durbin-Vitter "Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act" (PUPS) to require federal licensing and inspection of many home hobby breeders. As the PUPS bill has become stalled in congress, HSUS and others are attempting to obtain the same results by having the agency amend regulations without need of new legislation. The text of the proposed new rules will be published in the Federal Register next week but is broader than the PUPS bill. The proposed new regulations include all small animal species, including cats, and regulate catteries who sell even one kitten outside of their home if they have over 4 breeding females. (Of course, since this is a regulation and not a law that limit could be lowered even more.)

The CFA Legislative Group is aware of the proposed new federal regulations and is working on our response. Joan Miller is preparing an article about this USDA/APHIS proposal with background information for the CFA Newsletter out on Tuesday. We will be providing guidance for letters to the USDA as soon as possible. Updates, links to sample letters and other information will be on the CFA website legislate alerts page as they are developed.

Respectfully Submitted,

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Hamza: Do we have any other questions? OK, I think we did a great job tonight with the challenges that were in front of us. I don't know if that will help any of you go to sleep. Anyway, can I get a motion to adjourn? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Meeker:** Second. **Hamza:** Mark, you have been so good tonight. **Hannon:** The new me. **Hamza:** OK everybody. **Hannon:** I'm moving out of regional director. **Hamza:** Good night everybody.

Hamza called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary