



## **The UK FIFe member**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD ON  
10th February 2024  
At Rose Hill Community Centre  
(Norman Brown 1 Room), Carole's Way, Oxford, OX4 4HF**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>President</b>	-	<b>Debbie Downham</b>
	<b>Vice President</b>	-	<b>Sarah Johnson</b>
	<b>Acting Gen Sec</b>	-	<b>Sarah Johnson</b>
	<b>Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Tracey Milne</b>
	<b>Registrar</b>	-	<b>Margaret Scott</b>
	<b>Chairman, SC</b>	-	<b>Sharon Armstrong Taylor</b>
	<b>Garden of England CC Represented by</b>	-	<b>Gem and Nicholas Chapman</b>
	<b>Strictly Cats Club represented by</b>	-	<b>Kavita Vincent and Roy Holleley</b>
	<b>Viking Cat Club represented by</b>	-	<b>Nadine Duffin and Isabela Bien</b>

### **1. Presidents Welcome Speech**

The President opened the meeting, welcoming the delegates and members of the Executive Committee, noting that it was nice to see some observers present.

### **2. Election of a Chairman and Secretary for the meeting**

Debbie Downham proposed, and Nicholas Chapman seconded Sarah Johnson as Secretary for the meeting.

Nadine Duffin proposed, and Margaret Scott seconded Debbie Downham as Chairman for the meeting.

### **3. Proposal no 1 from the Executive Committee: Appendix 1**

The Executive Committee propose to amend the statutes with regards to the way in which the Clubs votes are determined. If passed, this statute change will become effective from this meeting date henceforth until amended – amendment attached.

This amendment changes the current proportional representation method of allocating votes per Club to a simple one Club, one vote method. This method held value when the statutes were created as we had so many more clubs. It does not now have the same validity with only three members Clubs.

The Executive Committee had asked for this proposal to be dealt with as the first item of business so that if passed, we could proceed with voting on this new basis.



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There was no discussion from the floor and the voting from all Clubs was unanimous.

#### **4. a. Roll Call of Delegates**

Garden of England CC Gem Chapman, Delegate; Nicholas Chapman, Advisor  
StrictlyCats CC Kavita Vincent, Delegate; Roy Holleley, Advisor  
Viking Cat Club Nadine Duffin, Delegate; Isabela Bien, Advisor

#### **b. Determination of right to vote:**

Each Club will have one vote  
Simple majority is 2; qualified majority 2

#### **5. Determination the meeting has been called correctly:**

Agreement unanimously

#### **6. Determine the order of the meeting and approval of Agenda:**

Approved unanimously

#### **7. Apologies for absence:**

Wendy Chapman, Stacey Edwards, Monica Maudlin, Josie Hughes

#### **8. Election of two people to ratify the minutes and two people to count the votes:**

Gem Chapman and Nadine Chapman were nominated by Debbie Downham to check the minutes.

Isabela Bien and Roy Holleley were nominated by Debbie Downham to count the votes.

Agreed nem con

#### **9. Acceptance of Minutes of AGA dated 25th February 2023:**

Agreed unanimously.

#### **10. President's report: Appendix 2**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.

#### **11. Secretary's report: Appendix 3**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.



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### **12. Treasurer's report: Appendix 4**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.

### **13. Financial Statement and acceptance of the 2023 Felis Britannica accounts: Appendix 5**

The Treasurer had sent these in written form.

A question was raised as to the "sundries" item including the new laptop purchases and whether these should actually be listed as capital purchases. It was agreed that this was a better way of recording these purchases.

Accounts accepted unanimously.

### **14. Discharge of responsibility of the Executive Committee:**

Discharge given unanimously.

### **15. Determination of fees for the coming year**

#### **a. Membership fees:**

FIFe fees have been increased to 500 Euros (an increase of 150 Euros). It is therefore proposed that each club will pay an equal share of the total fee (for 2024 this fee is GBP150 each and FB will pick up any shortfall).

There was a question as to how this might translate should a fourth Club join us as this could create a surplus. It was concluded that in the event of more than three Clubs being members, the cost of FIFe membership fees would be split equally across the Clubs at that time.

b. Other fees – See the attached document for proposed new fees which if approved, will be effective from 1.03.2024.

There were no questions regarding this proposal.

### **16. Approval of fees:**

Approved unanimously.

### **17. Election of an Independent Examiner of Accounts:**

Wendy Attwell has been our examiner for some years and is happy to continue.

Approved unanimously.

### **18. Presentation of an activity plan for FB for the coming year and interim budgets Appendix 6**

#### **a. January 2024 to Dec 2024:**

The Treasurer had already circulated this document. It was noted by the Treasurer that she was aware that some of the printers used by various EC members were fairly elderly and may need



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replacing in the near future. It was also noted that the laptop used by the General Secretary in the past was very old and probably past its useful life. A new laptop may be needed for the incoming General Secretary.

It was also noted that FB would have a presence again at the GCCF Supreme Show as this was a good way to promote ourselves and we had gained members in the past. There is also the possibility of taking part in a Expo event in London being planned by Sam Marsh (TiggaTowers).

This years FIFe AGA would be in Austria.

### 19. Commission Reports

#### i. Registrars Report: **Appendix 7, 8**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith. A vote of thanks for all of the Registrars hard work was given.

Margaret has compiled the FIFe stats in a different way this year and has individual stats for each Club available should they want them.

#### ii. Show Commission **Appendix 9**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.

#### iii. Breeding Health & Welfare **Appendix 10**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.

#### iv. Disciplinary Commission **Appendix 11**

A written report was read to the meeting and attached herewith.

### 20. Elections

*\* Under normal circumstances, the period of office would be 3 years. Unfortunately, the cancelled AGA in 2021 meant that those who should have been re-elected at that point were not and this has led to a situation where we are re-electing almost a complete Executive Committee and two complete Commissions. This is far from ideal as this could mean that potentially a complete loss of continuity of work may occur. For this reason, the Executive Committee has varied the terms of office so that the original balance of elections is put back to where it was post-pandemic. The shortened terms of office are not a reflection of the importance or otherwise of those persons standing.*

<b>a. Vice President (two year term)*</b>	<b>Sarah Johnson</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>b. General Secretary</b>	<b>Stacey Edwards</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>c. Deputy General Secretary</b>	<b>Gemma Chapman</b>	<b>GoE</b>



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<b>d. Treasurer (two year term)*</b>	<b>Tracey Milne</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>e. Registrar</b>	<b>Margaret Scott</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>f. Disciplinary Officer (two year term)*</b>	<b>James Bates</b>	<b>VCC</b>

The election of all Executive Members a-f was unanimous.

**g. Two full members for the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission for a three year term\***

<b>Nadine Duffin</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>Andrea Dean</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>Monica Maudlin</b>	<b>VCC</b>

Nadine Duffin – 3 votes; Andrea Dean – 2 votes; Monica Maudlin – 0 votes. There was one abstention. Nadine Duffin and Andrea Dean were therefore elected.

**h. Two full members for the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission for a two year term\***

<b>Vicki Adams</b>	<b>GoE</b>
<b>Glenn Matthias</b>	<b>VCC</b>
<b>Suzanne Trusler</b>	<b>GoE</b>
<b>Yvonne Scales</b>	<b>VCC</b>

Vicki Adams – 2 votes; Glenn Matthias – 3 votes; Suzanne Trusler - 1 vote; Yvonne Scales – 0 votes. Vicki Adams and Glenn Matthias were therefore elected.

**i. Two supplementary members for the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission**

***N.B. The unsuccessful candidates for the positions above will be nominated for the Supplementary positions and a ballot will be held to determine election.***

Monica Maudlin – 0 votes; Suzanne Trusler – 3 votes; Yvonne Scales – 2 votes. There was one abstention.

Suzanne Trussler and Yvonne Scales were therefore elected.

**j. Three full members for the Show Commission for a two year term\***

<b>Nicholas Chapman</b>	<b>GoE</b>
<b>Josie Hughes</b>	<b>GoE</b>



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Both candidates elected unanimously

#### **k. Two full members for the Show Commission for a three year term\***

Sharon Armstrong Taylor      VCC

Candidate elected unanimously.

#### **Two supplementary members for the Show Commission for a one year term\***

No candidates

#### **21. Determination of Deputies for the Commissions:**

Andrea Dean will be Deputy for Breeding, Health & Welfare

Nicholas Chapman will be Deputy for Show Commission

#### **22. Proposals from the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission. Appendix 12, 13, 14**

**1. To amend Rule 2.1 – Vaccinations (effective 1.3.2024):** changed primary vaccination interval to between 12 months and 15 months. Reworded proposal attached.  
Approved unanimously.

**2. To amend Rule 2.3 – Rejection From Shows (effective 1.3.2024):** changed to remove infectious or non-infectious. Reworded proposal attached.  
Approved unanimously.

**3. To add a new Rule 4 - Prevention of spread of infectious disease (effective 1.3.2024):**  
Approved unanimously.

#### **23. Proposals from the Show Commission. Appendix 15, 16, 17**

**1. To add a new Rule 4.4. formalising the categories for National Winner titles (effective 01.01.2024.)**  
Approved unanimously.

**2. To add a new Rule 4.5. formalising the points awarded for wins counted towards National Winner awards (effective 01.01.2024).**  
Approved unanimously.

**3. To amend National Winners Show Rule 3.1.1. regarding qualification for the National Winners Show**  
Approved unanimously

#### **24. Proposals for the 2024 FIFe Annual General Assembly – none received**



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#### **25. Any other competent business:**

1. Statutes: our statutes are a direct translation from those at the time of our mentor and they are not particularly relevant to our domestic situation. One such matter is the election of Deputies for the commission which are required during the AGA. It makes more sense that these are elected at the time of the first meeting of that commission as are the Chairmen. It is hoped that the new format of Statutes which will make more grammatical sense will be presented at the 2025 AGA if time allows.

#### **26. Close of Meeting:**

Closed at 12.10pm.