

Southern British Shorthair Cat Club

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 6 April 2008, at 2.30 pm at New Haw Community Centre, New Haw, Surrey.

The meeting began at 2.40 pm.

Present:

Viv Clerkin, Val Duplock, Sue Featherstone, Shelagh Heavens, Brenda Hollandt, Dee Marsland-Round, Adrian Miller, Pat Ross, Heather Rowe, Maggie Whiteley.

(Note: This was the day when there was a heavy fall of snow on the Home Counties. There was only one additional member, other than those from the Committee, who braved the weather to come to the AGM. This accounts in part for it being a slightly surreal meeting – the business being re-enacted for one person.)

**1. Chairperson's welcome and apologies:**

Brenda Hollandt thanked everyone for coming.

Apologies had been received from:

Pat Brice, Ronnie Brooks, Sharon Frost, Carol Gardner, Eileen Graham, Ursula Graves, Sheila Henty, Sandy Holloway, Sharon Keegan, Liz Knott, Lesley Miles, Susan Newman, Claire Norman, Maggie Piggon and Jane Spall.

**2. Minutes of the AGM of 15 April 2007:**

The minutes were agreed.

(Proposer: Dee Marsland-Round; Secunder: Viv Clerkin.)

**3. Matters arising:**

None.

**4. Officers' Reports:**

Chairperson's report:

Brenda did not give a report.

Secretary's report:

Maggie informed those present:

(i) The Supreme: The Club had had a successful presence on Club Row. Adrian, Heather and Maggie had organised the exhibition.

(ii) Charity: Maggie reported that the Committee had taken the decision not to continue to support Riverhaven but to investigate sponsoring a rescue pen at the local branch of Cats Protection. The reasons being explained, this was agreed. Maggie would contact the Woking branch and report back.

(c) Treasurer's Report:

Pat presented the annual accounts. She said that the Club's finances continued to be in a healthy state. It was proposed:

“The accounts be approved.”

(Proposer: Maggie Whiteley; Seconder: Heather Rowe.)

It was passed unanimously.

It was further proposed:

“Margaret Clarke be re-appointed auditor.”

(Proposer: Viv Clerkin; Seconder: Sue Featherstone.)

It, too, was passed unanimously.

Pat was thanked for all her work.

(d) Membership Secretary’s report:

Adrian said that the membership now stood at 320. This was a little lower than in the previous year.

(e) Show Manager’s report:

It was agreed that the show under the management of Jackie Pell and Sue Featherstone, had been a great success. An honorarium would be sent to Jackie to express the Club’s gratitude. The next Show would be held on 7 March 2009. Maggie was asked to book the hall. It was agreed that Pamela Beard-Smith be asked as the Probationer Judge. It would be important to identify a decent hotel after this year’s disaster.

(f) Web Site Manager’s report:

Adrian reported that work was steadily progressing. He was now engaged in updating the breeder links.

## **5. Representatives’ reports:**

(a) Breed Advisory Committee:

Adrian and Maggie had attended on behalf of the Club. The meeting was informed that five persons had been approved as full Judges. They were Mrs A Ivinson, Mrs SP Hamilton, Mrs H Marriott-Power, Mrs S Newman and Mrs L Machin. Mrs C Rouse had been re-instated after a period out of judging. Mr S McConnell had become a Probationer. The Red Self had been put forward for Provisional status and the Ticked Tabby’s application for recognition for purposes of registration had also been supported.

(b) Governing Council of the Cat Fancy:

Sue Featherstone and Maggie had attended on behalf of the Club. It had been a year of some excitement. Matters as detailed in the BAC report were all approved. Early in the session some attempts to render Governing Council a more democratic body were defeated. Subsequently the Executive Committee without any consultation with Council decided to remove from “Our Cats” its official status. This led to a major furore in part relating to the failure to consult Council and in part from conflicting views as to how effectively “Our Cats’ had been doing its job. It resulted in the arrangement for a special meeting to be held shortly after the AGM.

## **6. Ratification of Officers, Committee and Representatives for 2008-2009:**

(a) Officers and Committee:

The Committee had agreed to recommend to the membership the following way of trying to keep track of how long individuals had served on the Committee since standing for election. The Committee had three main office holders, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. It also had nine other members. It is required that one Officer and three members stand down each year. The Chairperson and three members would be of the category Tortie; the Secretary and three more would be Tabby; the Treasurer and the remaining three would be Self. No person would need to change their category unless they were elected to an office of a different category or possibly when standing down from one.

In the previous year Brenda Hollandt had been elected to the chair by the Committee. It was thought suitable therefore that she be the office holder put to the AGM for ratification. The other two would be Shelagh Heavens and Sandy Holloway. They were all Torties. The Committee now consisted of the following members:

Chairperson	Brenda Hollandt	TORTIE
Secretary	Maggie Whiteley	TABBY
Treasurer	Pat Ross	SELF
Committee	Sue Featherstone	SELF
	Shelagh Heavens	TORTIE
	Sandy Holloway	TORTIE
	Sharon Keegan	SELF
	Dee Marsland-Round	SELF
	Adrian Miller	TABBY
	Jane Spall	TABBY

This was agreed. Two places, one Tortie and one Tabby, remained to which co-options could be made. In 2009 the Tabbies would stand for re-election. In 2010 it would be the Selfs.

It was unanimously agreed that Ronnie Brooks be re-elected President.

(b) Representatives:

Breed Advisory Committee: The following two persons were elected:

Sue Featherstone  
Adrian Miller

Governing Council: The following two persons were elected:

Dee Marsland-Round  
Patricia Ross

## 7. Rules – proposals for change:

The proposed amendments had been circulated. There not being a quorum, it was agreed that Maggie would arrange for a postal vote.

## 8. PKD:

Arrangements were in hand to hold a testing session for members' cats. FAB had arranged for Langford to analyse the results at a very reasonable rate. Claire Bessant had recommended an experienced vet who would be willing to help. It was hoped that the first testing day would take place in June.

**9. Any other business:**

9.1 Rehome list: Presently the upper limit on the amount which an owner could seek in exchange for a cat put on the re-home list was £100. The following resolution was put forward:

"That the upper amount which might be sought for a cat placed on the Re-home List be £150."

(Proposer: Adrian Miller; Seconder: Dee Marsland-Round.)

After some discussion, it was defeated by five votes to two with one abstention.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

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