

SOMALI CAT CLUB

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting Held by Zoom on Sunday 7th July at 2pm

In attendance: Carol Hack (Chair), Lorraine Burns, Nadine Daniel, Linzey Friend (Secretary), Brenda Horsley, Sandra Melia, Di Taylor, Vicky Taylor, Emily Butler, Kathy Hines, Sally Masey, Beverley Watson, Gill Mackenzie, Joanna Shackleton, Shelagh Heavens, Ketill Game, Mary Nation, Elinor Bostock, Lynn Richardson, Paula Rousseau, Emma Kemble, Toyah Robson

1. **Chairman's opening remarks:** Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Whilst it would have been lovely to all meet in person, holding the meeting by Zoom has enabled a much larger number of people to join than would otherwise have been able to attend.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies had been received from Barbara Bullivant, Lisa Dillon, Heather Moger, Catherine Blundell, Sarah Lunn, and Rita and Keith Masters.
3. **Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting:** the minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Emily Butler, seconded by Brenda Horsley
4. **Matters arising:** Carol welcomed Mary Nation onto the Committee. Mary has owned a variety of different breeds of pedigree cats over many years, and has both shown and bred Somalis. With her experience she will be a valuable addition to the Committee.
5. **Committee Report:** Linzey reported on the this year's Annual Show, again held jointly with the Norwegian Forest Cat Club in February. It was well attended, due in no small part to the hard work members had done in publicizing on social media. There was an impressive amount of sponsorship raised, both monetary and in all the goodies given to exhibitors and those in the top pens.

Carol reported that membership remains fairly stable with 110 paid members including some joint memberships and with eight Honorary members, giving us 118 against 121 last year. An email reminder was sent in April for people who had not renewed in January and that proved very successful with a flurry of renewals. To date 17 people have not renewed although hopefully a few more will yet rejoin. However, we have welcomed a lot of new members which keeps the numbers stable.

In order to keep up with rising costs, prices were increased in January and to date, there have been no issues with the increase. Most people now pay online but there are still a few cheques received every year.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the accounts had been circulated to all attendees. The SCC Current account currently stands at £6,252.82, The Reserve Account £512.98. The BAC Current Account £514.01 and the Reserve account £205.71. The club account was accepted, proposed by Nadine Daniel and seconded by Brenda Horsley. The show account was accepted, proposed by Sandra Melia and seconded by Mary Nation. Shelagh Heavens was approved as an independent person to inspect the Club accounts, and also going forward the Show accounts, proposed by Nadine Daniel and seconded by Lorraine Burns.
7. **Announcement of Committee Members of the Somali Cat Club 2024:** Due to the Pandemic there were no Committee Members standing for re-election.
8. **Ratification of GCCF Delegate** Nadine Daniel was ratified by the membership and Linzey Friend was ratified as substitute.
9. **Breed Advisory Committee Report** The report submitted by BAC Secretary Naomi Johnson had been circulated to all attendees.
10. **Welfare & Rescue Report.** The report submitted by Alison Lyall had been circulated to all attendees
11. **GCCF Delegate:** The report submitted by Alison Lyall had been circulated to all attendees - all the details of meetings are now on the GCCF website.
12. **Show Managers Report:** for the benefit of those not familiar with the work involved in putting together the annual show, Kit ran through the many areas that needed to be covered. He admitted that an error had been made on the delivery date for the rosettes but stressed that great efforts had been made to rectify this and had been assured that the rosettes would be delivered in time. Unfortunately DLH failed to deliver and despite re-ordering with an alternative rosette company we were left without sufficient rosettes on the day. Shelagh said she was sorry that the Somali Cat Club Committee no longer wished to have them as show managers and wished us well with wherever we go. She read out the Best In Show Line-up as this had been overlooked on the day. Carol thanked them for all their hard work and support.
13. **AOB:** Lorraine announced the results of the Awards and Certificates for cats performances at Shows:

Best Adult: IGrCh Hacker Quessi Ella

Best Kitten: Somantikks Diamond In The Ruff

Best Neuter: OGIGrCh & UK OSIGrPr Supatoft Somantix Tygalily

The Muriel Harvey Award was presented to Alison Lyall for her many years devoted to work with the Club and as Welfare officer

The Anne Rickson Award was presented to IGrPr Tajura Mousekateer Amadea ("Strozzi"). Strozzi is now competing in the Olympian classes which

is a huge achievement for a shorthair Somali. Her outgoing personality makes her an ideal ambassador for the breed.