

Decision minutes - proposals carried for distribution or publication

General Assembly 26-27.05.2011

Rin Grand Hotel Bucharest – Romania

1. <u>Welcome Speech of the President</u>

The President opened the Meeting at 09.00 am and welcomed all present. She expressed the wish that this Assembly, as always, would be a meeting where participants show mutual respect, are able to compromise and to make decisions for the benefit of the cat. Then she announced that it was her sad duty to inform the Assembly that four well-known FIFe (former) commission members, honorary judges and all round judges passed away since the last General Assembly. Mr Bohumír Mahelka (CZ) longyear member of the FIFe Disciplinary Commission and an Honorary FIFe All-Breed Judge, Mrs Jitka Kytlerová (CZ) former member of the FIFe Judges Commission and an Honorary FIFe All-Breed Judge, Mrs Maria Cristina Kowalczuk (IT), FIFe All-Breed Judge and Mr Jorge Flechter (AR), FIFe All-Breed Judge. These colleagues and friends would be sorely missed. She asked all those present to observe one minute of silence. Lux Cat Club-FFL (LU) had submitted a written request for secret voting for the duration of the entire General Assembly. This request is attached to the Minutes as **Annex 1**.

2. Roll call of the Delegates

The General-Secretary called the roll of the Delegates: there were 34 members present, with three carrying a proxy, which gave a total of **37** votes. The absolute majority was **19** (nineteen), the qualified majority ($\frac{3}{4}$) **28** (twenty-eight).

3. Election of 2 Scrutineers and 3 Supervisors for the Minutes of the GA 2011

Mr José Carlos Gomes (PT) and Mrs Cecilia MacLeod (GB) were elected as Scrutineers. Mrs Van de Wijngaart, Mrs Heiter and Mr Lubrano were elected as Supervisors for, respectively the English, German and French versions of the Minutes of the GA 2011.

4. Drafting of the Minutes

It was decided that the Vice-Secretary, Mrs Dorte Kaae, would draft the Minutes.

5. <u>Approval of the Agenda</u>

The Agenda was approved with a few corrections and changes.

6. <u>Approval of the Minutes</u>

- **a.** The Minutes of the General Assembly 2009 in Malmö were approved.
- **b.** The Minutes of the General Assembly 2010 in Albufeira were approved.

7. <u>Report of the President</u>

The President, Mrs Annette Sjödin, read her report

8. <u>Report of the General Secretary</u>

The General Secretary, Mr Eric Reijers, presented his report.

9. <u>Report of the Treasurer</u>

The Treasurer, Mr Leo van de Haterd, read his report.

10. <u>Report of the Auditors</u>

The Auditor, Mrs Laura Burani, read the report of the two Auditors.

11. <u>Discussion on the reports of the Treasurer and the two Auditors</u> There were no speakers

12. <u>Discharge of responsibility:</u>

- a) The Executive Board was discharged of responsibility
- b) The Treasurer was discharged of responsibility

13. <u>Reports of the Commissions</u>

- a) The Secretary of the BRC, Mr Ole Amstrup, read his report.
- b) The Chairman of the DC, Mr Hans Lindberg read his report.
- c) The Chairman of the HWC, Mrs Vanja Knez, read her report.
- d) The Chairman of the JSC, Mrs Donatella Mastrangelo, read her report.
- e) The Chairman of the SC, Mr Charles Spijker, read his report.

14. Reports of the Work Group Shows and the Breed Council Administrator

- a) Mrs Dorte Kaae, read out the report of the Workgroup "Categories at Shows".
- b) With reference to article 5.4 of the Breed Council Rules, Mrs Sarah Johnson, the Breed Council Administrator (BCA), read her report.

15. <u>Elections</u>

- a) **Election of a Vice-Secretary for a period of three (3) years.** Mrs Dorte Kaae (DK) was duly elected for a period of three years.
- b) Election of a Vice Treasurer for a period of three (3) years. Mr Karl Preiss (AT) was duly elected as Vice-Treasurer for a period of three years.
- c) Election of three Members of the Health & Welfare Commission for three (3) years Mrs Vanja Knez-DVM (SI), Mrs Květoslava Mahelková-DVM (CZ) and Mrs Carin Sahlberg (FI) were duly elected for a period of three years.
- d) Election of 1 Assistant Auditor for a period of 1 year Mrs Tina Räsänen was duly elected for a period of 1 year.

16. <u>Financial matters</u>

- a) The determination of the fees for 2012 was carried.
- b) The determination of the monthly allowance for the GS was carried.
- **17.** <u>Presentation of the budget for the year 2012 discussion and vote</u> The proposed budget for 2011 was carried.

18. <u>Reports on members under patronage</u>

- a) Belgium (BE) FBE
- b) Uruguay (UA) AFU
- **19.** Patronage applications Vote on the extension of patronage membership for 1 year The extension of the patronage Membership for AFU (UY) for 1 year was carried.

20. Application for patronage membership for 2 years

- a. The application for Membership under Patronage of Sabra-Cat (IL) was accepted.
- b. The application for Membership under Patronage of Felis Moldova (MD) was not carried.
- c. The application for Membership under Patronage of SKID "Sultan" (TR) was accepted.

21. Application for full membership

The application for full Membership of Felis Belgica-FBE (BE) was accepted.

22. <u>Proposals regarding the:</u>

a)	mandate given to the BRC at the GA 2009	page 3
b)	Statutes (qualified - ³ / ₄ majority)	page 3
c)	General Rules	
d) & h)	Standards and EMS list	
e) & I)	Breeding and Registration Rules	page 5
f) & j)	Judges Rules	
g) & i)	Show Rules	
k)	Cattery name rules	

23. Information on the World Cat Congress (WCC) 2011

24. Miscellaneous

25. Close of the General Assembly

The President declared the General Assembly of 2011 in Romania officially closed, on Friday 27th May at 17.45.

Additions: Additions decided at the GA Deletions: Deletions decided at the GA: Moved text: Unchanged text: in **bold** and **italics** in <u>bold</u> and <u>italics</u> and <u>double underlined</u> strikethrough double strikethrough in *italics* only in normal print

22 a) Proposal on prolonged mandate given to the BRC at the GA 2009 to create feasibility study for a global LO system

The proposal is to investigate this matter for one more year.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	22	10	5

22 b) Proposals regarding the Statutes (³/₄ majority)

Proposal 2 from the Board - Change in article 2.7 – Individual membership

Article 2.7

Members of the FIFe may only accept individuals domiciled in their countries and individuals, who are temporarily living outside their countries of domicile as members of their clubs. *If Members of the FIFe wish to accept* individuals, who are living *abroad, permission from the FIFe Board must be obtained, as outlined in* article 2.5 of the General Rules. -in a country where there is no FIFe Member and individuals, who have a new residence abroad, provided however that there is no FIFe Member in the new country of residence. An exception to the above is listed in

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	2	2

Proposal 4 from the Board – Change in article 6.3, second paragraph – Correspondence

Article 6.3

Correspondence addressed to the **Board or to the** different Commissions must be in one of the three official languages and must be forwarded by the Member with a covering letter to the General Secretary who will advise the appropriate Commission. **Correspondence** Proposals sent directly by members of Members is unacceptable.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	1	2

Proposal 5 from the Board - Change in article 7.1 – Change "Auditors" to Controllers

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	36	1	

22 c) Proposals regarding the General Rules

Proposal 7 from the Board - Addition of a new first line to article 2.4 – Mentors <u>Article 2.4.</u> A Member, wishing to officiate as a Mentor, should have been a Member of FIFe in good standing for at least ten (10) years.

Yes votes No votes Abstentions

Carried with 23 8 6

Proposal 8 from the Board – New article, 13.4 – Websites and Email addresses (Reworded)

<u>Article 13.4</u> If a FIFe Member maintains its own website, the FIFe logo must be shown on the opening page and must provide a link to the FIFe website. The right to use the abbreviation "FIFe" in email or website addresses is exclusively reserved to FIFE and the national Members of FIFe. It is not permitted for FIFe Members, their clubs, judges, student judges or functionaries to use the abbreviation "FIFe"in their email or website addresses.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	4	

22 d) & h) Proposals regarding Standards and EMS List

Proposal 3 of FPL (PL) - Changes to the descriptions of the head and eyes in the standard of the CRX (Reworded)

Head/	Shape/	Viewed from above: egg shaped, slightly longer than wide, equally narrow from cheekbones to the end of skull. Viewed in profile: flat skull and straight nose. Strong chin. A slight indentation in the nose line can be telerated.
Eyes	Shape	Oval shaped slanting slightly upward, medium to large in size.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breed Council	In favour		
JSC	5		
Carried with	29	8	

Proposal 1 of SVERAK (SE) - Standard General Part Shaded/Shell

Eye & Nose rims	-	Eyes and nose leather outlined with the colour of the tipping, an			
	even, dist	inct nose/ey	e rim is prefe	rred	
	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions		
JSC	5				
Carried with	28	3	6		

Proposal 1 of ZFDS (SI) - STANDARD OF BIRMAN CATS (SBI)

		Now:	New:
Eyes	Shape	not quite round, slightly oval	not quite round, slightly oval, medium size

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	33	4	

Proposal 15 from BRC - regarding the EMS List (eye colours) <u>adding eye colour</u> <u>codes for white and high grade white cats</u> - (Reworded)

For <u>the</u> cats of all <u>group judged</u> breeds, white <u>cats (w) and cats with a high grade of white</u> <u>(01 - 02)</u>, the code for eye colour must be included in the full EMS code of the cat. This change is valid for all white cats registered from 01.01.2012.

Cats registered before 01.01.2012 may keep their EMS code "w" without a code for eye colour without being downgraded to an "x"-variety.

The following breeds will	Il be affected:	
ACL/ACS	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64/65/66/67
MCO/NFO/SIB/TUA	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64
CRX/DRX/GRX	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64/65/66/67
JBT	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64
KBL/KBS	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64
MAN/CYM	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64/65/66/67
SPH/DSP	w <u>, *01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64/65/66/67
PEB	w, <u>*01, *02</u>	61/62/63/64/65/66/67
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Consequently, the standards and the EMS list for these breeds must be updated accordingly.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	19	15	3

Proposal 1 from JSC - remark A in the TUV standard

Remarks	The solid and agouti varieties of the same
	<i>colour</i> are judged together in the same
	class .

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	2	2

22 e) & I) Proposals re. the Breeding & Registration Rules

Proposals 1 of ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) - Application to accept the colours Cinnamon (o) and Fawn (p) in the BRI

With reference to articles 10.2 and 10.3 of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, we apply for the acceptance of **cinnamon** and **fawn** as fully recognised colours of the BRI and this in all existing colour varieties to be included in the General Part, BRI standard and EMS List, as follows:

- Solid/tortie cinnamon/fawn
- Smoke (tortie) cinnamon/fawn •
- Silver shaded/shell (tortie)cinnamon/fawn
- Tabby and tortie tabby cinnamon/fawn •
- Silver-(tortie) tabby cinnamon/fawn
- Van/harlequin (smoke) cinnamon/fawn
- Bicolour (smoke) cinnamon/fawn •
- Van/harlequin (silver) tabby cinnamon/fawn o/p/q/r s
- Bicolour (silver) tabby cinnamon/fawn
- Colour/tabby point cinnamon/fawn

The General Part of the FIFe Standard provides full descriptions of all these colour varieties.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
Breed Council	In favour		
JSC	5		
Carried with	37		

- o/p/q/r- o/p/q/r - s
- o/p/q/r s 11-12
- o/p/q/r22/23/24
- o/p/q/r -s 22/23/24 62/64
- 61/62/63 - o/p/q/r - s 01/02
- o/p/q/r s03
 - 01/02 21 61/62/63
- o/p/q/r s 03 22/23/24 62/64
- o/p/q/r 21/33

Proposal 2 of ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) - Application to accept Golden (y) in the BML (changed)

With reference to articles 10.2 and 10.3 of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, we apply for the acceptance of **golden** as a fully recognised variety of the BML, in all existing varieties to be included in the General Part, BML standard and EMS List. We suggest creating 2 new groups:

Group 3 - Non-Orange Golden and Group 4 -Orange Golden

To this end, the following changes & additions must be made to the BML standard, pgs 25 & 27: Page 25 of the BML Standard – coat colour:

Ground colour: pure silver-white, **or warm golden**, shaded and shell in the recognized orange and non-orange colour varieties. For colour varieties, refer to the table below.

Page 27 of the BML Standard - Recognized colour varieties

All recognized BML are silver or golden shaded or shell

<u>GROUP I: NON-ORANGE SILVER</u> (rest remains unchanged)

GROUP II: ORANGE SILVER (rest remains unchanged)

GROUP III: NON-ORANGE GOLDEN

Black/Blue/Choc./Lilac/Cinnamon/Fawn golden shaded/shell BML n/a/b/c/o/p y 11/12 Black/Blue/Choc./Lilac/Cinn./Fawn golden sh./shell Bur. Point BML n/a/b/c/o/p y 11/12 31 GROUP IV: ORANGE GOLDEN

Red/Cream/Tortie golden shaded/shell

BML d/e/f/g/h/j/q/r y 11/12

Red/Cream/Tortie golden shaded/shell Burmese pointed BML d/e/f/g/h/j/q/r y 11/12 31 It was decided to split the voting in two parts. The first voting on the addition of two new groups (3 & 4) if this would not pass to vote on incorporation of the golden in the existing two groups.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
Breed Council	In favour		
JSC in 4 groups	1	4	
JSC in 2 groups	5	0	
In 4 Groups: not carried	17	17	3
For the colour in 2	33	2	2
groups: Carried with			

Proposal 1 of SRK (FI): article 6.5 BUR (Burmese)

When breeding Burmese:

- Burmese cats used in breeding must have a DNA-test for GM2 gangliosidosis, unless both parents are proven to be free from GM2 gangliosidosis.
- These breeding principles are to be followed:
 - GM2-free x GM2-free
 - GM2-free x GM2-carrier
- The cats that need testing according to this rule must be identifiable by microchip or tattoo.
- The breeder must inform buyers of Burmese cats about the GM2 gangliosidosisdisease and the registration policy.
- A certified veterinarian certificate regarding the GM2 gangliosidosis-status must be attached to the pedigree.

The HWC was asked to look into the last bullet

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
Breed Council	In favour		
HWC	3		
Carried with	22	11	4

Proposal 1 from ANFI (IT) – full recognition of the Peterbald - PEB

ANFI – Associazione Nazionale Felina Italiana - proposes the full recognition of the preliminary recognized breed, Peterbald – PEB, with reference to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules Article 10.2.3, as a new breed in category IV.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	2		
HWC	1		2
JSC	1	3	1
Carried with	19	13	5

Proposal 1 of NRR (NO): Article 6.15 - Norwegian Forest Cats (NFO) - (Reworded)

Norwegian Forest Cats (NFO) used for breeding shall be DNA tested at a veterinary for the GBE-1 gene (GSD IV - glycogen storage disease), unless both parents of the breeding cat are proven not to be carriers of GSD IV. Cats to be tested after this rule must be identifiable by microchip or tattoo, and the microchip or tattoo ID number shall follow the test documentation from the veterinarian to the laboratory and be clearly stated on the test result certificate The following breeding principles must be observed: carriers must not be mated with carriers Breeders (sellers) must inform buyers of Norwegian Forest Cats about the GSD IV disease and the registration requirements. A valid veterinary certificate regarding GBE-1 status shall accompany the cat's pedigree.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
Breed Council		Not in	
		favour	
HWC	3		
Carried with	23	11	3

Proposal 1 from the HWC regarding article 3.5 Cats not allowed for breeding

3.5 Cats not allowed for breeding

The following cats are not allowed for breeding:

- deaf white cats (white cats must be tested before they are used for breeding)

- an adult cats with an visible umbilical hernia.

In accordance to this, there should also be a change in the table for Disqualifying and general faults in the General Part of the standards:

1.6 cats showing with an umbilical hernia

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	28	9	

Proposal 2 and 3 combined from the HWC regarding art. 3.6.1 Test programmes – (Reworded)

We propose the following **addition** and an **Appendix I** and **Appendix II** to the **Breeding and Registration rules, article 3.6.1**, listing health examinations, which are obligatory or recommended before breeding. The Health & Welfare Commission has the permission to update the lists.

3.6.1 Test programmes

Each FIFe Member must develop appropriate programmes. Information on genetic diseases and advice on testing **and health examinations** will be researched and provided by the Health & Welfare Commission (see Appendix I **and Appendix II**).

Appendix I – Obligatory (X) and recommended genetic tests before breeding

Buccal swabs	All breeds - For each cat, the swabs are put in an envelope marked
	with the cat's name and microchip number. These can easily be
	stored in a dry place. If needed, the swabs can be used for future
	genetic testing.

Appendix II – Obligatory (X) and recommended health examinations before breeding

Health examination	If a certain health problem is common in a breed it is recommended to ask a specialized veterinarian to do an examination on the cat before breeding.	
BAER (brainstem auditory evoked response) testing for deafness	It is not allowed to breed with deaf cats, refer to art. 3.5.	
Testicles normal & descended into the scrotal sac	Veterinary certificate obligatory for males before breeding, refer to art. 3.2.	
Umbilical hernia	All breeds	X
Electrocardiogram or ultra-sound examination for heart disease	PER, EXO, MCO, RAG, BRI, SPH	
X-ray for patellar luxation and/or hip dysplasia	PER, EXO, MCO, NFO, ABY, BEN, DRX, SOM	
Ophthalmic examination (PRA, Cataract, etc)	ABY, BEN, OCI, RUS, SOM, BAL, OLH, OSH, SIA, SYS, SYL, PEB	

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	22	13	2

Proposal 1 from the BRC – articles 3.6.2, 6.4, 8.1 & 8.4: deletion of the possibility for cats suffering from osteochondrodysplasia to be recognised by FIFe

Article 3.6.2 - Genetic diseases - delete indicated text:

The FIFe will not recognise any breed of cats showing as a breed characteristic:

- osteochondrodysplasia:

an autosomal dominant gene causing progressive joint, bone and cartilage deformity (for example the Scottish Fold) until thorough medical and scientific research proves the unoffending character of the mutation. Until this research is done, it is not allowed to show these cats at any FIFe show.

Article 6.4 - BRI (British) - insert and delete indicated text:

No progeny of *cats suffering from osteochondrodysplasia (see article 3.6.2), regardless of ear-type*, Scottish Fold with straight ears (SFL non * 71 / SFS non * 71) may be registered as a BRI (see article 8.4).

Article 8.1 - List of non-recognised breeds with preliminary abbreviations - delete codes:

SFL non * Scottish Fold Longhair

SFS non * Scottish Fold Shorthair

Article 8.4 - change title and replace current text by:

8.4 **Cats suffering from osteochondrodysplasia** SFL non / SFS non (Scottish Fold) FIFe will not recognise nor create an EMS-code for cats suffering from osteochondrodysplasia (see article 3.6.2).

No cat suffering from osteochondrodysplasia is allowed for breeding.

No cats suffering from osteochondrodysplasia, or with such a cat in its ancestry, can be registered with FIFe or be exhibited at a FIFe show.

From 01.01.2012, the preliminary abbreviations for Scottish Fold ("SFL non" and "SFS non") are deleted from the list in article 8.1 and cannot be re-created.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
HWC	3		
Carried with	27	10	

Proposal 3 from the BRC – article 4.2: clarification of the requirements for registration in the LO

The LO register contains cats that

- belong to a breed (or preliminary recognised breed) fully recognised by FIFe (see article 6.1 and 7.1) and
- have a recognised colour variety for the actual breed (see the EMS-list) and

- have a pedigree of pure breeding (i.e. *a recognised colour variety* of the same breed or sister breed) of at least 3 generations prior to the actual cat *and*
- have the information available as laid down in article 4.5.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	2	1

Proposal 4 from the BRC – article 5.1.1: addition for registration of cats without a cattery name (Reworded)

To register cats in a pedigree book the breeder must have a cattery name registered in the FIFe Book of Cattery Names. An exception can be granted by the FIFe Member for no more than two litters bred by an individual breeder.

If a cat is registered without a cattery name, the format of its name must be (Country code) + (Abbreviation of FIFe Member) + (Year + an ongoing number of registration) + (Name of cat in one word), Example: DK FD 12001 Mister.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	20	15	2

Proposal 6 from the BRC – new article 5.1.2.3: registration of red progeny from Amber

The EMS codes "dt" and "et" may be used to register the genotype of red/cream progeny from two amber cats together with their phenotype "d" respectively "e" in brackets, in accordance with article 5.1.1. The EMS codes "dt" and "et" may only be used for registration purposes.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	26	8	3

Proposal 7 from the BRC – articles 6.1.1 & 6.1.2: definition of sister breeds and "pure breeding" (Reworded)

6.1.1 Sister breeds

Sister breeds are breeds, which share the same standards except for coat length and/or pattern. *For recognised breeds, sister breeds* and can be inter-mated without permission, *except if indicated otherwise in this chapter.*

6.1.2 Pure breeding

A cat is considered "pure bred" when its pedigree shows ancestors in a recognised colour variety for the same breed or sister breed in at least 3 generations prior to the actual cat. This definition also applies to preliminary recognised breeds (see article 7.1) and non-recognised breeds (see article 8.1).

Remarks: Rename current article 6.1.2 into 6.1.3.

Therefore, the line in article 4.2 must be changed to a reference to article 6.1.2.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	29	4	4

Proposal 8 from the BRC – chapter 7 - addition of the status of a preliminary recognised breed when full recognition is not granted

If full recognition is not obtained before the period for preliminary recognition has expired:

- the breed with preliminary recognition will automatically be transferred to the list of non-recognised breeds with their preliminary abbreviations in article 8.1 and the EMS code will be followed by a "non"
- the rules regarding the breed will be transferred to chapter 8
- registration of cats born and preliminary titles achieved during the Preliminary Recognition phase will remain as they are
- cats born after the Preliminary Recognition phase must be registered in the RIEX register and "non" added after the breed abbreviation to indicate that this is now a nonrecognised breed.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	1	5

Proposal 9 from the BRC – articles 8.1 & 8.2: transfer of responsibility for maintaining the list of non-recognised breeds + move part of article 8.1 to 8.2

8.1 List of non-recognised breeds with preliminary abbreviations

The list of non-recognised breeds with preliminary abbreviations is maintained andupdated by the FIFe Board on recommendation from the Br. & Registration Commission.8.2Breeding with non-recognised breeds with preliminary abbreviationsProgeny of catsontered in the RIEX register as a non-recognised breed

The FIFe Member must grant permission before breeding with a non-recognised breed with a preliminary abbreviation. The application for such breeding must contain at least information on the breed, a full breeding programme, the intended standard and scale of points together with the philosophy of the breed. If the FIFe Member has granted this permission, the progeny of such a mating breeding may be registered in the RIEX register, provided the FIFe Member has granted permission for the mating breeding according to article 8.1.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	30	5	2

Proposal 10 from the BRC – articles 8.1 & 9.1.1: addition of a period or a number of generations

8.1 List of non-recognised breeds with preliminary abbreviations

The FIFe Member must grant permission before breeding with a non-recognised breed with a preliminary abbreviation.

The application for such breeding must contain at least information on the breed, a full breeding programme, the intended standard and scale of points together with the philosophy of the breed.

The permission for a breeding programme can be for a specific number of generations (1, 2, 3 or more), or for an unspecified period until preliminary recognition is achieved. 9.1.1 Definition of crossbreeding

Crossbreeding can only be performed if the FIFe Member grants permission.

The permission for a breeding programme can be for a specific number of generations (1, 2, 3 or more), or for an unspecified period until the target breed standard is achieved.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	3	

Proposal 12 from the BRC – articles 10.2.2 & 10.2.3: additional conditions for a new colour variety or a new breed

Article 10.2.2 - Additional conditions for a new colour variety

To recognise a new colour variety within a breed recognised by the FIFe, the following conditions must be met:

- exhibition of 10 different cats at a minimum age of 6 months showing at least three generations of the same breed or sister breed prior to the cat, and
- two-thirds of the exhibited cats must be registered in a FIFe organisation and owned by a National FIFe Member's individual member.
- Article 10.2.3 Additional conditions for a new breed

To recognise a new breed, a breed not recognised by FIFe, the following conditions must be met:

- exhibition of 3 different cats with 5 consecutive generations of the breed for recognition prior to the cat, and
- exhibition of 15 different cats showing 3 different generations of the same breed for recognition *prior to the cat*,
- all exhibited cats must be at least 6 months old, be registered in a FIFe organisation and owned by a National FIFe Member's individual member.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	35	2	

22 f) & j) Proposals regarding the Judges Rules

Proposal 2 from FD (DK) – Addition to the Judges Rules, article 2.8.2 "Participation in Non-FIFe Shows" (Reworded)

A FIFe judge may, with the permission of the FIFe Board and the FIFe member in the country concerned officiate at a non-FIFe show. (*Rest of article unchanged*).

Permission is refused if a FIFe show is scheduled for the same weekend in the country concerned or at a location less than 400 km (by road or by rail) from a FIFe show.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
SC	2	2	1
Carried with	28	8	1

Proposal 9 from the Board - Deletion of the part regarding CFA in article 2.1 – Recognised Judges

<u>Article 2.1</u> FIFe judges are permitted to judge at CFA shows outside of Europe and CFA judges are permitted to judge at FIFe shows outside Europe. The permission is restricted to the categories in which the judge is licensed by its own organisation.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	37		

Proposal 10 from the Board – Change to article 2.1 - Recognised Judges

<u>Article 2.1</u> The FIFe recognises as FIFe judges those persons who appear on the official FIFe Judges List. To be considered an active judge in a category means that the individual has carried out at least three judging engagements per category per year (*please refer to article 2.8.1*) (this condition does not apply to the judges of a non-European FIFe Member).

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	37		

Proposal 11 from the Board – Deletion of existing text and rewording of article 2.8.1 – Engagement form

<u>Article 2.8.1</u> In order that a judge may be denoted as "active" in the List of Judges, he must complete and sign the Judging Engagement Form each year, confirming that he has judged a minimum of three times in each category for which he is qualified during the previous year. This form will be made available by the FIFe General Secretary and should be returned to him not later than the 31st January each year.

All International and Non-European Judges must confirm their judges' activities yearly. For this purpose, judges must use the Judging Engagement Form, which will be sent to them by email and is available on the FIFe website. This form should be completed, confirmed and returned to the General Secretary by email, no later than the 30th November of each year. Judges who confirm on this form to have judged at least three times per category for which they are qualified during a calendar year will be indicated as "active" in the official Judges list. Judges may send this form as soon as they have fulfilled these requirements, at any time during the year, as long as it is before the final date of the 30th November.

It is recommended that Judges send a complete list of their own judging engagements to the FIFe Member to which they belong.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	37		

Proposal nr. 1 from the JSC – Reorganization of the Rules for Judges & Students

The JSC proposes a major reorganization of the Rules for Judges and Student Judges that would become valid starting from 01.01.2012. The aim of the reorganization is that of providing a structure that has a logical time-framed sequence and to make the finding of all articles easier for consultation. The proposed new set of rules has been distributed. The proposed table of content is here attached as Annex 1. To reorganize the whole set, the JSC has also examined the NE part and found most of the articles were duplicates. In the frame of the reorganization, the double articles have been removed, keeping only the articles where specific differences are indicated. Duplicate articles have also been found in relation to the Show Rules and have therefore been removed (art. 2.8.6.4 and 7.2). In consideration of the new proposed structure, we have also moved 3 paragraphs from the original articles and moved the contents to three new articles specifically referring to judging in parallel and stages for judges continuing the training in further categories (art. 2.8.5, art. 5.1.14.9 and art. 7.3.2.12).

Corrections have been also done to avoid repetitions within articles, to give clarifications and optimize the content where needed, without altering in any way the meaning:

- 6.3 – change of title for clarity and to avoid redundant concepts.

- 5.1.1 (and 7.3.1.1) - "to apply to become a student judge, the following..."

- 5.1.3.4 – delete "it is a written examination" as already stated at beginning of the same article.

- 5.1.11 (and 7.3.1.9) – change of title into "Training requirements" eliminating a very long and useless title.

- 5.1.13 (and 7.3.1.10) – of the two sentences that express the same concept, one is deleted.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	32	3	2

Proposal nr. 2 from the JSC – change to articles 5.1.3.2 and 7.3.1.3.2 (NE) – new articles 2.1.4.4 and 4.1.1.3

Delete the following sentence of article 5.1.3.2:

The candidate must have bred at least 3 litters under his own cattery name (or another cattery name in his household) for a period of at least 3 years. The litters in question must be among the breeds included in the category concerned.

All the rest is unchanged.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	27	10	

Proposal nr. 3 from the JSC – change to article 5.1.7.1 – new article 2.1.11

Rewording of the article as follows: New text:

Mid-stream assessment is obligatory for Student Judges in their first category **and it usually** takes place, conducted by an Instructing Judge, when the Student Judge has completed half of the number of the required cats.

The application for admission as a Student Judge shall be sent with reference to art. 5.1.8, and shall indicate that this student judge assignment shall be a midstream assessment. The organizing club shall notify the instructing judge in advance.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	35	2	

Proposal nr. 4 from the JSC – change to article. 5.1.8 – new article 2.1.9

Delete the word "orally":

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	2	1

Proposal nr. 5 from the JSC – change to article 5.1.12 – new article 2.4.1

Change, add new content and reorganise the article as follows:

5.1.12 Amount of student judge assignments and training period for judges continuing with a further category

first part is unchanged.

Exception is made for an already accredited judge in category III for categories I and IV, who will be required to repeat the judge training procedure and participate as a student judge: - 5 times; i.e. minimum of 150 cats (attendance at training seminars is excluded from this minimum amount of cats and can be only in addition to it), of which at least 2 have taken place in at least 2 foreign countries (at least 60 cats) before becoming eligible to take the examination.

Exceptions are made for an already accredited judge in any two categories. He will be required to repeat the judge training procedure and participate as a student judge when continuing with:

- a. *category I or IV:* 5 times; i.e. minimum of 150 cats, of which at least 2 have taken place in at least 2 foreign countries (at least 60 cats),
- b. category II: 10 times; i.e. minimum of 390 cats, of which at least 3 have taken place in at least 3 foreign countries (at least 90 cats),
- c. category III: 14 times; i.e. minimum of 540 cats, of which at least 4 have taken place in at least 3 foreign countries (at least 120 cats).

In all three cases, the attendance at training seminars is excluded from this minimum amount of cats and can be only in addition to it.

<u>Remark</u>: If this rule is carried, it will come into effect immediately.

Judges who continued their training in further category after 01.01.2011 by this rule valid since 01.01.2011 are allowed to finish their training under the requirements as valid on 01.01.2011 (all accredited only Category III judges who continued their training in categories I and/or IV).

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	4	2

Proposal nr. 6 from the JSC – change to article 5.1.14.3 – new article 2.1.15

Addition of text in the second paragraph of the article for clarification. The remaining part is unchanged.

...Certain groups of colours/ patterns must have been examined (solid, bicolour, tabby, silver/golden, pointed)

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	28	9	

Proposal nr. 7 from the JSC – change to article 5.1.14.4 – new article 2.1.17

Change to third paragraph of the article:

"...The training visit will be documented on a student judge certificate completed by the Mentor Judge or his nominated supervisor *representative....*"

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	28	8	1

Proposal nr. 8 from the JSC – change to articles 5.2.3 and art. 7.3.2.3 (NE) – new articles 2.3.5 and 4.2.1

Add the following text at the end of the article:

"For this purpose the FIFe has issued a special form: this standard application is the only valid application form".

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	35	0	2

Proposal nr. 9 from the JSC – change to articles 7.3.1.9 and 7.3.1.10 – new art. 4.1.2 Combine articles: 7.3.1.9 and 7.3.1.10 into one, 7.3.1.9, change the title and add new content:

7.3.1.9 Training requirement Amount of student assignments per category

The maximum training period will be decided by the student's own FIFe Member. Participation as a student judge at 8 respectively 12 and 18:

- national shows or
- international shows and/or
- national special breed shows or breed club matches in one of the following categories:

- 8 times for categories I and IV; i.e. a minimum of 270 cats, in a minimum of 12 months
- 12 times for category II; i.e. a minimum of 390 cats, in a minimum of 18 months
- 18 times for category III; i.e. a minimum of 570 cats, in a minimum of 2 years
- 8 times for category IV. i.e. a minimum of 270 cats.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	24	10	3

Proposal nr. 10 – add new article: 7.3.1.10.1 – new 4.3.1

Add a new article under 7.3.1.10 in the NE part of the rules.

7.3.1.10.1 Amount of student judge assignments and training period for judges continuing with a further category

In the event of an already accredited judge wishing to qualify in another category, he will be required to repeat the judge training procedure and participate as a student judge:

- 4 times for categories I and IV; i.e. min. 120 cats, in a min. period of twelve months;
- 8 times for category II; i.e. min. 240 cats, in a min. period of eighteen months;
- 10 times for category III; i.e. min. 390 cats, in a minimum period of two years;

The attendance at training seminars is excluded from this min. amount of cats and can be only in addition to it.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	30	2	5

Proposal nr. 11 from the JSC – change to article 7.3.2.13 – new article 4.2.6

Change of title and add new text:

7.3.2.13 Non-European Judges *at shows and as Mentor Judges*

These Non-European Judges are authorized:

- a) to issue all certificates at national or international shows held in non-European countries according to the FIFe Standards and Rules.
- b) to act as Mentor Judges to Non-European Student Judges.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	2	4

22 g) & i) Proposals regarding the Show Rules

Proposal from Felinolog (BY) – extension of an existing exception with 5 years:

Show Rules, Annex 4 – Belarus and Russia

Exemption for Belarus and Russia until 31.12.2016:

1. To obtain the title International Champion or International Premier:

5 CACIB/CAPIB in one country by at least three different judges

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
SC	5		
Carried with	24	11	2

Proposal 2 from FFH (CH) – Change in the Table Disqualifying and general faults

NR.	FAULT	DISQ	NO EX	NO CERT	REMARK	
2.	Head					
2.2	Any abnormal depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull		•	0	Except neuters and cats younger than 10 months	
3.	3. Jaws, dentition and tongue					
3.2	Crooked jaws		•	0		
7.	Tail					
7.2	Any deformities of the tail		•	€	Except for neutors and	

NR.	FAULT	DISQ	NO EX	NO CERT	REMARK
	for example a kink or a knot				bobtailed breeds

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
HWC	2	1	
JSC		5	
SC	5		

It was decided to vote separately for each section.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Head - Carried with	25	12	
	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Jaws, dentition and tongue - Carried with	24	13	

Proposal 1 from FB (UK) – reduction in cat numbers for an Int. Show in the UK

The United Kingdom member, Felis Britannica requests that consideration is given to an amendment to FIFe Show Rules article 1.8 and that: FIFe adds the UK to the list of countries where the minimum amount of cats required for an Int. Show under FIFe rules is reduced to 100, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, entered for competition and listed in the catalogue. If this proposal is carried, it will take effect immediately, from 01.06.2011 and be valid until 31.12. 2014.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
SC	5		
Carried with	27	8	2

Proposal 1 from FPL (PL) – article 2.3 Qualifications for the World Show

Add **DSM** as a qualification to allow House cats admission to the World Show House Cats (class14)

- Nomination for Best in Show house cats.

- DSM title.

If this proposal is carried, it will become valid as of 30.06.2011.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
SC	3		2
Carried with	23	12	2

Proposal 1 from ARCCA (RU) - Annex 4 – Belarus and Russia

Exemption for Belarus and Russia until 31.12.2016:

1. To obtain the title International Champion or International Premier:

5 CACIB/CAPIB in one country by at least three different judges

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
SC	5		
Carried with	24	11	2

Proposal 13 from the Board– Addition to article 4.1.1 – Show titles & Change to article 8.2.1.b – Open Doors

Article 4.1.1

All FIFe Show Titles are only available for FIFe registered cats, owned by individual members of national FIFe Members.

Article 8.2.1.b

an adult cat or neuter, etc, until FIFe title shall be entered in the appropriate class. they may only enter their cats in classes 12, 11 and 9 or 10; if they wish to enter cats in higher classes, they should become individual members of a FIFe Member.

If this proposal is carried, it shall take immediate effect, i.e. as from 01.06.2011 and Article 5.2.1 of the Breeding & Registration Rules must be amended accordingly.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
SC	4	1	
Carried with	28	7	2

Proposal 1 from the SC – article 1.1.c: deletion of ancient customs

Any appeal against a show date, which has appeared on the official list, must be made within six weeks of the list being circulated. Changes shall be made in bold type. This appeal can only be made to shows up to two years in advance.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	36	1	

Proposal 2 from the SC – art. 1.14: addition for catalogue at multi certificate shows For shows where cats can obtain a certificate on several days, a joint catalogue may be

published, provided for all cats it is clearly indicated on which days they compete.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	2	1

Proposal 3 from the SC – new art. 2.7: judges' participation in the BIS panel

FIFe Members conducting shows as outlined in this chapter are required to ensure that:

- all judges officiating in a category shall participate in the Best in Show panel of that category
- if needed, a referee judge (see article 4.9.5) shall be available and announced to participate in the Best in Show panel of a category, to avoid decisions by drawing lots.

Exceptions: unforeseen circumstances beyond control.

Remark: If this proposal is carried, it will take immediate effect, i.e. as from 01.06.2011.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	27	9	1

Proposal 4 from the SC – article 4.1.1: deletion of the year in the SW & NW title and the country code in NW title + clarification of "other possible titles"

All FIFe titles of a cat are to be displayed by their abbreviation only, except the WW title. For NW, SW and WW:

.... before other possible Championship/Premiership titles of the cat.

Remarks

If this proposal is carried:

- it will take immediate effect, i.e. as from 01.06.2011
- it shall also be implemented in the Show Rules, article 2.6 (Scandinavian Winner) and 4.17 (National Winner) and in the Breeding & Registration Rules, article 5.2 (Registration of titles).

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
BRC	3		
Carried with	25	6	6

Proposal 5 from the SC – article 4.3, 4.4 & 4.5: rewording of the exceptions for obtaining titles

Exceptions are made for *individual* members *residing in the countries* as outlined in the Annexes.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	22	9	6

Proposal 6 from the SC – art. 4.9.4: addition of the age on the list of nominated cats

The show organiser must provide each judge in the Best in Show panel with a list containing the catalogue number, the sex, *the date of birth (or the age)* and the EMS-code of the nominated cats presented for the Best in Show jury.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	31	6	

Proposal 7 from the SC – article 4.17: addition to clarify the National Winner title Cats can only obtain one NW title in any calendar year.

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	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	34	2	1

Proposal 8 from the SC - art. 5.5.3: add. non-recognised breeds: inform judges

Show organisers must inform the judges well in advance of the show date as to which nonrecognised breeds with a preliminary abbreviation (EMS codes: * non) they have to judge.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	In favour		
Carried with	20	12	5

Proposal 10 from the SC – article 6.2.1: the stewards' outfit - (Reworded)

The steward must assist the judge and observe the following:

- present himself in the judge's ring wearing an overall identifying outfit
- while stewarding in the judge's ring he must be dressed to identify himself as a steward

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	35	1	1

Proposal 11 from the SC – art. 6.7: judge's ring – inclusion of reformatted art. 1.10. j

All text below in italics only (non-bold/non-blue) is already existing text moved from article 1.10.i.

6.7.1 Access to the judge's ring

Access to the judge's ring is prohibited to:

- exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article 6.7.2.b or 6.7.2.c
- members of the organising committee if they are exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article **6.7.2**.b or **6.7.2**.c
- visitors.

6.7.2 Presentation procedures

Each FIFe Member may organise shows according to one of the following procedures:

a. The cats are fetched and presented by the stewards:

- each judge has at least two stewards at his own disposal
 - the cats are brought to their judging' cages by the stewards and are presented to the judge by the stewards
 - the steward will take reasonable actions to avoid presenting his own cat.

b. The cats are brought by the exhibitors and presented by the stewards:

- each judge has at least one steward at his own disposal
- the steward calls up the cats (catalogue number) which the judge requires or places the number on the judging cage
- the exhibitor (or a person chosen by him) has the possibility of placing the cat inside the appropriate judging cage
- after the cat is placed inside its judging cage, the exhibitor must leave the judge's ring
- if an exhibitor is not able or does not wish to bring his cat(s) to the judging cage himself, the steward is obliged to fetch the cat and to place it inside the appropriate judging cage
- the cats are presented to the judge by the stewards.

c. The cats are brought and presented by the exhibitors:

- each judge has one steward at his own disposal
- the steward calls up the cats (catalogue number) which the judge requires or places the number on the judging cage
- the exhibitor (or a person chosen by him) has the possibility of placing the cat inside the appropriate judging cage
- after the cat is placed inside its judging cage, the exhibitor must leave the judge's ring

- when the judge or steward calls up the cat by its catalogue number, the cat is
 presented to the judge by the exhibitor
- if an exhibitor is not able or does not wish to bring or present his cat(s) himself, the steward is obliged to fetch the cat and to place it inside the appropriate judging cage and/or present it to the judge.

Regardless the applicable procedure:

- each judge has his judging cages available for a minimum number of 4 cats
- the cats should always be presented with the catalogue number in writing
- it is obligatory to judge before the public; the judge is free to give explanations and announce the results
- once the judge has completed his judging or once the judges' results have been given, the judge or his steward will ask the exhibitors to collect their cats, or the steward takes the cat back to the exhibition cage
- during the Best in Show only the stewards are permitted to present the cats (see article 4.9.4).

Once all the cats are inside the appropriate judging cages, the exhibitors must leave the judges ring. A cat can only be reported as "absent" once the steward has checked with the secretariat.

6.7.3 Electronic devices

It is forbidden for a judge, student judge or steward to have a mobile phone or similar electronic equipment in operation during judging and Best in Show. This is also valid for exhibitors in the judge's ring.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	5		
Carried with	21	11	5

Proposal 12 from the SC – art. 6.10: deletion of national judges for countersigning National judges in non-European FIFe Member countries can award <u>At national shows in non-</u> European FIFe Member countries a CAC or CAP can be awarded without a countersignature.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC			
Carried with	25	10	2

Proposal 13 from the SC– article 7.1: transfer of responsibility to observe the Show Rules

The organising club of a show organising FIFe Member is responsible to FIFe for the observance of the Show Rules. It must provide all judges, especially judges of non-FIFe organisations, with all information regarding regarding the application of the rules concerning classes according to article 5.4 of these rules.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	4	

Proposal 14 from the SC – rewording of term "Special Breed BIS" + addition of uniform format for publication + restriction for WW & SW show

At the General Assembly 2010, a proposal from ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) was accepted, <u>effective per</u> <u>01.01.2012</u>, with regard to a separate Best in Show for one breed in either category II or III. We propose to adapt the accepted proposal as follows:

Show organisers may hold **a separate Best in Show for a breed (**"Special Breed BIS") on the following conditions:

- 1. There are at least 50 cats entered and in competition at the show, of any given breed (defined by EMS code) in either category II or III.
- 2. The other breeds of the category in question must number also at least 50 in total.
- 3. Breeds that have a "Special Breed BIS" do not compete in the Best in Show of their category.
- 4. Best in Show titles of "Special Breed BIS" have full validity towards FIFe titles DSM and JW.
- 5. Such "Special Breed BIS" are limited to one per day, regardless of the category.

- 6. The number of 50 cats is the lowest limit; FIFe Members may increase the minimum amount for "Special Breed BIS" for their shows or countries to a higher amount.
- 7. It is not be compulsory to hold a "Special Breed BIS" nor can there be an automatic expectancy; this is up to the decision of the individual show organiser or FIFe Member.
- 8. If a "Special Breed BIS" is held it should be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the show.
- A "Special Breed BIS" can <u>must may</u> be entered as a remark on the official FIFe show list on the website using the format DD/MM/YYYY Breed BIS: XXX, where XXX is the EMS code of the relevant breed. Except for shows on one date, also the date must be indicated, for example 01/01/2012 Breed BIS: BRI.

10. A "Breed BIS" shall not be applied on shows as outlined in chapter 2.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	4	

22 k) Proposals regarding the Rules for Cattery Names

Proposal 13 from the BRC – article 9: re-formatting and clarification of conditions

Cattery names in the BCN of FIFe will be deleted at the request of the FIFe Member where the name is registered and may be re-allocated if one of the following 3 conditions applies:

- The owner of the cattery name has been excluded by the FIFe Member
- The owner of the cattery name died and didn't bequeath without bequeathing the name further
- The owner of the cattery name left the FIFe Member and is breeding in a non FIFe organisation
- A period of 25 years has elapsed since the last litter registration
- The cattery name has never been used within a period of 10 years since its registration in the BCN.

The deletion of the cattery name can be requested if in addition in the last 25 years no more cats have been registered under that name.

If under the cattery name no litters have ever been registered, then the deletion may already be requested after 10 years.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	36	1	

Proposal 14 from the BRC – move Cattery Name Rules to the Breeding & Registration Rules

We propose to move:

- the present article 5.2 (Registration of titles) to a new article 5.3 with sub-articles
- the Cattery Name Rules under a new article 5.2 in the Breeding & Registration Rules, including sub-articles as shown below.

Article	Title
5.2	Registration of Cattery Names
5.2.1	The FIFe Book of Cattery Names
5.2.2	The Cattery Name
5.2.3	Application for a FIFe Cattery Name
5.2.4	The Use of a Cattery Name
5.2.5	Change of a Cattery Name
5.2.6	Deletion of a Cattery Name

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	36	1	