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Annex 1 – Lux Cat Club-FFL – Request for secret voting

From: LuxemburgLCC Lux <lcfflffe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 11:57 AM
To: FIFe General Secretary <general-secretary@fifeweb.org>
Subject: FIFe GA votings

Cher Conseil de la FIFe, Mesdames, Messieurs,
Sehr geehrter FIFe Vorstand,
Dear FIFe Board,

Concerne : Assemblée générale, mai 2023
Par la présente et selon l'article 4.5 des Statuts de la FIFe, nous faisons la demande pour le Vote secret à l'Assemblée générale.

Betrifft : Generalversammlung, Mai 2023
Hiermit beantragen wir, gemäß Artikel 4.5 der Statuten der FIFe, die Geheimabstimmung bei der Generalversammlung.

Concerns: General Assembly, May 2023
Hereby we request the secret voting at the General Assembly (article 4.5 in the Statutes).

Salutations, Beste Grüße, Greetings

pour le Conseil d'Administration
LUX-CAT-CLUB, FFL - Luxembourg

Annex 2 – Report of the President

Dear Delegates and advisors, Ladies and gentlemen,

Another year has passed and looking back means to look at a tremendous amount of work and correspondence done and phone calls made but we also had great support and input from the FIFe Members as well as individual members around the world.

Similar to previous years, you have to include the reports of the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Commissions to get an idea of the work done by the Board during the period since our last General Assembly. But still I would like to point out that the correspondence to and from the FIFe board has increased tremendously during the last years – and not only routine matters but sometimes questions that really are time consuming, difficult decisions which influence family life and professional work.

We all know that some countries are suffering from severe financial problems and that these problems also affect the show entries, but it is also important to co-operate with the surrounding countries which will be of benefit for all shows and especially when it comes to the number of entries. It is essential to co-operate regarding when and where to organise shows, since there are sometimes too many shows at the same weekend within a far too small area.

I am not sure it will help to change or modify our show system? Of course, there are always possibilities to improve things and we shall always try to look into the future but we should also be proud that we still have the requirement of at least 150 cats for an International show.

We know that other feline organisations hold shows with very low numbers 30-40 cats at a show and still consider the show to be International with high titles and certificates.

The FIFe system makes a difference, and also show our spirit, our goals and distinctive character.

The FIFe World Show was organised by Felis Belgica in Nekkerhal Mechelen, Belgium and the amount of entries was approximately 1500. It was, in many ways, an excellent and memorable show especially when you realise that the organisation of a World Show is a huge task. Not only the World Show itself but also the organisation of all matters around the show. The World Show itself should never be about which Show had the highest number of entries, the best organised, the best food or whatever; FIFe organises, every year, the biggest show in Europe (maybe the world) showing everyone that FIFe is the biggest and the best!

As far as we know, the registration figures in FIFe remained more or less the same, which confirms our status of “the biggest” even if we do not have a central registration body. I know that FIFe is increasing in some countries in spite of other organisations trying to “take over”.

This year, the World Cat Congress meeting will be in Tasmania/Australia 10th to 12th of June – in other words within a couple of weeks and therefore not possible to give a report at this moment. FIFe will be represented by Leo (Leopold van de Haterd) and myself.

The co-operation with the commissions has been positive; numerous questions have been dealt with and the commissions have given a lot of support and recommendations to the Members as well as to the Board.

From my heart I would like to thank all of you for the support and help during the last year and of course my fellow board members; Eric, Leo, Veikko, Karl and Charles.

Gothenburg, May 2023, Annette Sjödin - FIFe president

Annex 3 – Report of the General Secretary

Dear Delegates and advisors, ladies and gentlemen,

Obviously, the figures and background information, which I will share with you are not from the past year but from the 30th of May 2022 until this GA in Tavira. This report is not comprehensive but gives a good idea of most of the daily work done at the FIFe secretariat. The Minutes of the 2022 GA in English, German and French were sent to you, thanks to the work done by the 3 supervisors, Bette Lind for the English, Robert Lubrano for the French and Herbert Steinhauser for the German version. In total, 6 minutes of Board meetings held in this period were also sent to you.

The standard items that the Secretariat dealt with in the past period were the following:

Members' matters

1. Dispensations to the number of cats at shows (per day) were granted to 19 Members:

KKÖ (AT)	1	ASFE (ES)	8	CFCA (LV)	5
ÖVEK (AT)	6	FFF (FR)	4	NRR (NO)	2
Felinolog (BY)	6	FFG (GR)	2	FPL (PL)	4
FFH (CH)	6	SFDH (HR)	4	CPF (PT)	2
ČSCH-SCHK (CZ)	9	ANFI (IT)	2	ZFDS (SI)	2
FD (DK)	1	LFA-Bubaste (LT)	4	FFS (SK)	6
EKL-Felix (EE)	5				

This gives a total of **79** exceptions (counted per show day) to the Show Rules. In all cases these were requests to consider shows as “International” with less than 150 cats entered in the catalogue for shows in Europe. In total FIFe had **541** show days from June 2022 until the end of May 2023 so the number of exceptions is very reasonable, a bit less than **15%**.

2. Permissions given to FIFe Members to invite non-FIFe judges at their shows

The Board granted **7** Members, permissions to invite **6** non-FIFe judges to officiate at **17** FIFe shows (counted per show day):

-1 permission for 1 GCCF judge in FB (GB) – 1 day

-2 permissions for 2 TICA judges in FFB (BR) and ČSCH (CZ) – 4 days

-6 perm. for 3 CFA judges in ČSCH (CZ), NRR (NO), EKL-Felix (EE), SVERAK (SE), FFM (MX) – 12 days.

This is approximately the same as in my last report.

Student Judges matter

From June 2022 until last week, we dealt with **8** requests from **7** Members to check the requirements set to prospective FIFe student judges for which the JSC set exams. We dealt with:

- 2 requests for preliminary exams in category 1 – KKÖ (AT) and ASFE (ES)
- 2 requests for preliminary exams in category 2 – ÖVEK (AT) and FD (DK)
- 4 requests for preliminary exams in category 4 – SK (FI) and NRR (NO)

Seven of these passed the exam and were listed on the FIFe website; one will sit the exam in July.

Since the last GA, **12** FIFe Members informed us that **11** of their Judges and **6** of their student judges wished to be listed as a student judge in 1 or 2 additional category/ies or Breedgroup:

6 for category 1 1 for category 3 4 or categories 1+2

3 for category 2 1 for Breed Group A 2 for categories 3+4

All of this is 3 times more than in the previous period; please refer to the FIFe student judges list.

Judges Matter

At this moment, we have a grand total of **213** judges; 5 NE, 15 dormant and 1 probational judge included.

The database driven judges list on the website makes it quite easy for to see how many judges we have in which categories. Two of our judge colleagues died in November last year; Mrs. Vesna Rižnar-Rešetić from Croatia and Mrs. Marie Westerlund from Sweden. They are sorely missed. A total of **6** judges resigned.

Since the 2022 GA, a total of **16** permissions to sit judges' exams were granted:

3 x cat. 4 (all in English), 3 x BG A (all in English), 1 x BG D (in English), 1 x BG D (in German)

Nine candidates passed their exams and were appointed as International Judges; three will sit their exams in June, September and October and four candidates will sit the theoretical exam tomorrow and the practical exam in June and September and one candidate has not yet found a venue.

A total of **14** judges requested **37** times permission, with reference to art. 3.7 of the Judges Rules to judge at non-FIFe shows. They officiated at the following non-FIFe show-weekends:

2x at ACF shows in AU 3x at CCC shows in AU 8x at GCCF shows in GB

2x at GCCFI shows in IR 11x at IDP shows in CN, IT, MT 2x at TICA shows in SE, US

9 x at CFA shows in EG, ES, KR, KW, TH, US

In **32%** of the cases (12 shows) there was a national FIFe Member in the country where the FIFe judge was invited to officiate at a non-FIFe show, who granted permission. In **68%** of the cases (25 shows) the shows were held in countries that have no FIFe Member.

For 2022, all judges needed to send the engagement (activity) form again. About 30% of the judges needed one or two reminders and several judges sent their form in 2023. Although this was not according to the rules, we updated their details and indicated their activity.

My problem is why we need this tiresome exercise every year? I truly hope that the JSC can find another way to establish if a judge is able to instruct a student judge or supervise an exam or stage. Does the requirement to judge 3 times per year qualify judges to be instructors? Personally, I do not think so.

For the year 2023, 12 judges have sent this form already and I ask all judges to send this form to me as soon as they have judged at least 3 times per category.

This is the end of my report for this year; the rest of the very varied work, which was done, you can read about in the Board Minutes. I want to thank all Members and especially their secretaries and contact persons for their cooperation. I also want to thank the commission members and the cattery-name, show-list and breed-council administrators for their excellent work and amicable and effective cooperation.

As always it has been a pleasure to work with my Board colleagues, Annette, Charles, Karl, Leo and Veikko and I thank them for their support, input and help.

Pepa, my partner of 27 years, remains “the wind beneath my wings” and I would not be able to do my work without his support and help even now when he himself is hit by a ruthless disease.

I hope we will have a constructive GA for the good of all, our breeders and exhibitors and mainly our cats.

Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou, 19th May 2023 - Eric Reijers, General Secretary

Annex 4 – Report of the Treasurer

Dear Delegates, Members, ladies and gentlemen.

You have all received the financial report 2022 as well as the budget for 2024.

I want to draw your attention to several facts. The total show fee income was 20% under budget which is 10% of the total income of FIFe. The amount of cattery names was 35% over budget which could not compensate the reduction in income from the show fees. At the expenditure side all posts were under budget. All this together reduced the anticipated loss from € 23.000 to € 3.000.

If we focus on the coming year, we will face a different situation, because there is a general rise of costs which impacts travel, accommodation, food etc. it was decided by the GA 2023 to have a new commission as well as to partly compensate costs for delegates who are also commission members. This situation led to the decision to propose a valorisation of some fees. As we are all part of these developments, we included a raise of the membership fee and the cattery name fee in our budget, which still results in a loss of 10.000€. We faced additional challenges from our bank in Luxembourg. Due to updated regulations on money transfer all international active accounts were under scrutiny. This led in the first step to a blocking of all access rights towards our account. Only after long correspondence and conversation the access was reinstalled. Unfortunately, we were confronted with the fact that the planned venue for the GA 2023 was not able to host this year's GA. With the much appreciated support of Mr. Noronha from Portugal we were able to find the current location which made it possible to use all already made travel arrangements from our Members, judges and commission members.

We started the process of the development of a new website which will be online within this year.

At this point I want to express my disappointment about the quality of the communication manners of some FIFe commission members. FIFe organizes the accommodation and partly travel arrangements for most of the commission members. A simple email from me is sometimes not at all or often very delayed answered. FIFe must make reservations, downpayments and this requires a timely answer to get this done correctly. This is also done to get better rates and to minimize daily travel to the GA venue and save your money. We hope for understanding and improvement from your side and will try to do this again next year. If we see no improvement, we will cease these activities and let everyone make their arrangements themselves with the reimbursement of the lowest rate available for us at the time of our reservation. Finally, I would like to thank all Members for their timely payments.

Leopold van de Haterd, Treasurer

Hoorn May 2023

Annex 5 – Report of the two Controllers

Vienna, 24th March 2023

Dear Delegates,

In accordance with the FIFe Rules art. 7, we have duly carried out our audit of the books of account. We believe that, based on our audit, we have obtained a comprehensive picture of the transactions of the financial year 2022.

In the following, we inform you about our findings:

The records were mailed to us by the Treasurer at the beginning of the year so that we could review them at our convenience at home. On a meeting on 24 March 2023 in Vienna, we were able to ask the treasurer various questions, which he was able to answer to our full satisfaction. On this occasion, we also inspected many receipts and documents and checked their correctness and completeness. Thanks to the very good filing system of Mr. van de Haterd, he was able to present all the requested documents.

We propose to the General Assembly to accept the annual accounts 2022 with a loss of EUR 3'143 and a balance sheet total of EUR 209'200 and thank the treasurer for the clean bookkeeping, which is connected with great effort.

We recommend the Executive Board to implement the proxy rule according to article 5.1.f of the Statutes and to update the authorisations on the bank accounts accordingly also in compliance with article 5.2.

Marie France Pohl - FIFe Controller

Jürg Keller-Friškovec - FIFe Controller

Annex 6 – Report of the Breeding & Registration Commission

The Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC) consists of Cecilia Wennergren (SE), Maria Myrland (NO), who is the Chairman, (both elected 2019) and Sarah Johnson (GB), who is the Secretary (elected 2021).

Since our last report, we held no physical meetings, all matters having been dealt with via e-mail and other

electronic means.

We have dealt with requests from the Board for recommendations regarding new colours, problems understanding the BRR in connection with the registration of cats, etc. Since the last GA, the commission has looked at the following questions:

- FB (GB) regarding the presence of cinnamon on the pedigree of BUR
- FPL (PL) regarding the environmental conditions for breeding
- FFH (CH) regarding the re-registration of cats to the newly created EMS code “11 33“
- SVERAK (SE) re. the registration of kittens from crossbreeding without permission/mis-mating
- CSCH SCHK (CZ) regarding the time frame for inheritance of a cattery name

We are now in our fourth year of presenting registration statistics spanning 2019 – 2022, and this makes for interesting reading. We would like to thank the Board for their cooperation and support for helping with translations, formulating proposals, etc.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow commission members Maria and Cecilia, for their work and cooperation in the commission.

On behalf of the Breeding & Registration Commission
Sarah Johnson, Devon, UK, 24th March 2023

Annex 7 – Report of the Disciplinary Commission

Members: Chairman Mrs. Anne Paloluoma; Secretary Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt
Mr. Adrian Dragota; Mr. Herbert Steinhäuser, Mrs. Marina Vinkel

Glabbeek, 25th March 2023

In the period of May 2022 until April 2023, the DC had 1 physical meeting at the 2022 General Assembly and a virtual meeting on the 6th of September 2022.

All other matters were discussed via mail. We had no disciplinary cases.

The DC was asked for input by the board on following matters:

- On the 15th of June 2022: help to answer Felis Russica (FRU) on their request about clarification of the decision made by the General Assembly regarding the imposed restrictions.
The DC composed a suggestion to the board on the 18.06, the basis of the official answer to FRU.
- On the 30.07.22, feedback and suggestions regarding an update of the website.

During our virtual meeting on the 6th of September 2022, the DC discussed ideas and recommendations regarding changes of FIFe in preparation of the joined meeting with board and commissions on the 29th of September 2022. As DC, we focussed internal rules and structures and found suggestions, which were agreed upon to be laid down during a working group, still to be composed between board and commission members.

On the 29.09.2022, Mrs. Paloluoma and Mr. Vanrusselt attended a joined meeting with the board and other chairmen and secretaries of the commissions, regarding the joined mission statement to discuss to next steps. At this meeting, it was agreed upon that the JSC would take initiative to prepare a discussion document, which was received on the 2nd of February 2023.

Mrs. Anne Paloluoma - DC Chairman

Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt - DC secretary

Annex 8 – Report of the Health & Welfare Commission

Members: Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene (Chairperson), Mr. Vladimir Isakov (secretary), Mrs. Sara Moroni

This year the HWC had no physical meetings, the members communicated by e-mail and messenger. Our commission have dealt with the following issues:

1. FPL request for interpretation and clarification Breeding and Registration rules

We received a request from Board addressed to BRC and the HWC for recommendations according to Polish Member FPL question. FPL asked for clarification whether the minimum floor area of 6 meters defined in BRR 2.2.2 and 2.4 is also valid for indoor premises and also applies to breeding in flat (multi-family building). FPL gave an example and asked for an official FIFe position based on the fact, but not a subjective assessment of the situation: If there are 39 adult cats and 13 kittens (3-4 months) in an apartment of 90 m², – i.e., 1,73 m² floor space per cat – can it be considered that the requirements of the FIFe Breeding and Reg regarding the minimum floor area per one cat is fulfilled?

HWC completely agree that the area is not enough in this case (52 cats in 90 square meters) and the described situation seems to us violate 2.2.1 because this domestic environment appears overcrowded and seems to ignore potential health and welfare issues for the involved cats, but according FIFe rules no fixed area norms requirements for cats kept in a residential environment.

1. BR 2.2 and 2.2.4 do not apply to domestic environments, but specifically to separated accommodations.
2. BR 2.2.1 gives as mandatory (must) an "adequate space", without detailed square meters, because it would be complicated to take into account all the diverse situation of domestic living, still asking to avoid overcrowding.
In addition, we offered FPL to check national or local animal welfare laws.
In the opinion of the HWC, the BRR rules must be revised in the future, as the situation in the field of animal welfare and national legislation has changed significantly.

2. Breeding & Registration Rules 2023, appendices I & II

Breeding & Registration Rules 2023, appendices I & II have been updated according to the decisions of 2022 FIFe GA in Pilsen.

3. FBE question about Breeding program & inbreeding guidelines

HWC has discussed the topic but didn't produce a guideline, because in such a wide matter there is a major need to clarify the purpose of such guidelines and to focus on those topics who are hotter in different States and legislative bodies. The FIFe Vice President has forwarded a very comprehensive link, to Suomen Kissaliitto website, including some major and more common breeds, with breed description, standard, history, genetics (where data and charts are available). Such "breed monography" would be very useful, mostly if available on FIFe website, for both breeders and amateurs, but still needs a specific and homogeneous work to harmonize the content in all breeds, even minor ones. But again, the scope would be to educate and inform, rather than setting a breeding guideline with inbreeding % allowance, which is not FIFe scope to give, more likely is a choice of every breeder in their own breeding plan, and the official statement of FIFe would be an interference and establish a precedent.

HWC will gladly cooperate with the future PR Commission to create such "breed monographies" and propose a joint meeting with BR Commission in order to revise BRR to meet the highest standards of animal welfare, and suggest avoiding statements to national Authorities, from any FIFe Member, if not revised by a lawyer.

4. FFF question about discussions with city council of Paris on prohibiting breeds at shows

HWC has discussed the topic and agreed that neither in practices nor in academic peer reviewed literature there is evidence of "a lot of surgical operations to improve breathing with PER, BSH, BOM" as the Council of Paris states. To broaden the efficacy of our qualified opinion, a Google Form questionnaire was sent out to all FIFe Members, to collect national data and expertise, if any.

HWC finds quite inappropriate to suggest that some breeds are unhealthy or need surgery to have a proper life quality, it would be more useful to underline that responsible breeding mostly produces healthy cats, and that health issues are dealt based on the most updated genetic testing and included in FIFe BRR.

Cooperation between National Members and their official counterpart dealing with Animal Welfare should be based mostly on correct information and it would be an option to focus on education of breeders and owners, on websites or during shows and animal fair, maybe co-hosting the events with such influencing bodies as Maison Alfort is in France. HWC suggests that FFF might include in their own National Rules for breeders a timeframe of some days between first contact and selling and physical moving of the cats, so that the show hall can still be a good place to share information and get in touch, but the sale would be postponed to a further moment. Such a strategy of "postponed sale" can be used in all those Countries where it is allowed to sell cats during shows. Nevertheless, HWC warmly recommends not to support sale of cats during shows.

5. HWC Questionnaire

HWC submitted an online questionnaire through Google Forms to all Members, in order to determine which FIFe recognized breeds are the more questioned and challenged about health topics. 15 members answered on time. A total of 31 countries responded. The survey showed that the FIFe countries have very different situations. The purpose of the survey was not to collect accurate data on cat surgeries or health, which requires a detailed scientific study and a comprehensive collection of data during the same time frame of statistical relevance. The survey showed which cat breeds and which issues should receive FIFe's attention. DSP, PEB, SPH, PER/EXO, BLH/BSH, CYM, MAN, JBS, MCO, SRL/SRS, CRX, DRX, GRX, BUR, OLH/OSH, SIA, RAG, SIB/NEM, CHA, CRX, BEN, KBL/KBS were mentioned as causing discussions in different FIFe countries. The survey showed that FIFe, the commission, FIFe members need to do targeted work to protect our breeders and save our cat breeds. A detailed overview of the survey will be provided separately.

6. FIFe new website

HWC agreed that it is a great idea to update the FIFe website. The FIFe website can remain as it is for the information on the official part because the navigation is perfect and everything is easy to find (like breeds, members). Our vision is a more attractive site for new visitors and new potential members, cat lovers. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to publish more information on the FIFe website with beautiful photos, publications about news from around the world, competitions, winners, shows.

Of course, we need a section on cat health, welfare, cat shelters, donations, support. In our opinion, it is necessary to start collecting support for animal care and cat health research. This requires a separate section on the FIFe website where people can donate with a click of the "Donate" button.

Our vision for the next 3-year term of HWC

1. Efforts to harmonize national rules and laws affecting Felinology.

National rules and laws vary greatly regarding breeding from country to country: of course, FIFe cannot change the laws, but at least in Europe we can go to the EU Commission and try to interact more, rather than just "sit and wait"... We see Switzerland, Austria, already banned the exhibition of naked breeds, "for health". Same with short noses and short moustaches... Do we see any "health reason" behind this? Maybe we can make one "recommendation" to the Board and the PR commission, in order to find an opportunity to cooperate with scientists and universities, famous people, politicians to achieve our goals.

2. More power to HWC

HWC propose that every FIFe Member should identify and communicate who is their "person in charge" for Health and Welfare matters. So, these people might be in our working group, be in touch with national Vet University, do online and newspaper search and share info.

Another option is to increase the number of HWC members, because 3 people can't do all: we should evaluate and arrange, manage, but it's quite impossible to do the "local" work without insiders.

3. Person responsible for cat welfare

Recommendation to Members to have a person/official responsible for the welfare of cats in the club and at the exhibition

Maybe it's just a formality, we all take care of it. However, that should be included in the Rules

Finally, we want to repeat what we said in the previous report: FIFe is the largest voluntary feline organization and should therefore be a leader on the world stage with a strong opinion and vision according to breeding, health, well-being and welfare of cats.

I would like to thank my two commission colleagues for their work and cooperation in the past year. Our commission has worked in a new composition only 2 years, but I want to express my deep satisfaction that the commission has achieved an excellent atmosphere of cooperation. All issues that arose were resolved quickly, professionally and without fear of openly expressing personal opinions and also with respect to the opinions of various felinological groups of our big federation.

On behalf of the Health & Welfare Commission,
Jurgita Gustaitiene, Chairman, Kaunas, 25th March 2023

Annex 9 – Report of the Judges & Standards Commission

The Judges and Standards Commission (JSC) is normally composed by 6 members.

At the last General Assembly, two new Members joined, Mr Aliosha Romero and Mrs Yulia Skabovska which have been very welcome. Unfortunately, in November 2022 we got the resignation, for personal reasons, of Mr Aliosha Romero as member of the Commission. We can only thank him for the help he could give us till this GA and wish him good luck with everything in life. But the 2022 has been a horrible year, as we lost one of our dear friends and commission members. We lost Marie, an excellent team worker and a friendly, sweet person. I want to spend a few words for her as she deserves to be remembered as a passionate cat person, a very competent judge and a generous friend, open and direct and always willing to help. We loved her and will never forget her.

Therefore, today the commission is composed by 5 members: Mrs Donatella Mastrangelo (Chairman), Mr Steven L. Jones (Secretary), Mrs Satu Hämäläinen, Mr Aliosha Romero and Mrs Yulia Skabovska, and we are looking forward to welcoming two new members after this GA.

During the period we have performed our duties, as always, exclusively by email and videoconference.

- We had 3 meetings in 2022 and 2 In 2023
- We provided the GS with support updating the Judges Rules 2023 in all 3 languages.
- All Exam Questionnaires 2023 in English were ready by the end of 2022/beginning of 2023
- We promoted meetings with all Commissions and the Board to discuss possible actions and proposals, following the joint commitment we all signed at the last GA. We managed to have 1 meeting in September 2022. We, then, elaborated a draft document for discussion, to be used as a base for possible proposals, but there was no follow up.
- We prepared only one proposal this year. Because we don't feel the need to make further changes, for the moment, to what we consider a complete and efficient Judges and Student Judges set of rules.
- We have arranged and prepared the Judges Seminar that will take place this coming Saturday and we are planning a Compulsory Seminar soon.
- We conducted a check with all Members that have Student Judges, to update the list published on the FIFe website. Not surprisingly, we had to remove quite a big number of Students, not any longer active.

FIFe shows have gradually normalized over the last year. However, the judge education system has been very slow to pick up with very few final or preliminary exams taking place compared to before the pandemic. This is quite worrying from our prospective. The number of FIFe Judges, for different reasons, has decreased considerably as well as the number of Students. At the time this report is issued, we have less than 200 active judges and only 30 first category students. This is the lowest recorded number for nearly 10 years, and we consider such figures a very worrying signal which cannot be ignored and needs serious actions. The inactivity of the last 2/3 years, due to covid, the war and current economic crisis in Europe have negatively influenced the whole cat fancy life, including this part of our hobby. Nevertheless, we need to find talented and passionate people that can keep up the good work, as well as new and young people get involved and join the FIFe system. We hope our Members will take into consideration this situation and be encouraged to recruit.

My personal thanks to all JSC Members for their excellent work and to the Board for the fair cooperation during the past year.

On behalf of the FIFe JSC. Donatella Mastrangelo – Chairman - Tavira (PT), May 25th, 2023

Annex 10 – Report of the Show Commission

During the period from May 2022 until April 2023, the Show Commission (SC) has the following members: Mr. João Noronha (PT) – chairman, Mrs. Thea Friškovec-Keller (CH) – secretary, Mrs. Gøran Vinje (NO), Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) and Mr. Marcel Frank (NL).

During the past months the work in the SC was performed timely, with pleasure and enthusiasm, based on an excellent teamwork and contact with the Board. During this period, the SC had three physical meetings, one in connection with GA in Plzen (CZ), one in Mägenwil (CH) and one in Tampere (FI), and two web-meetings: in July and September 2022. We want to thank to our secretary Mrs. Friskovec-Keller for hosting the meeting in Mägenwil and to club PIROK (FI) and his chairman Mr. Saarela for all organisation and hosting. During this period also, whenever necessary, emails were exchanged to respond and follow up on any type of question. The minutes of the meetings and all recommendations of the SC were sent to the General Secretary.

We have discussed and dealt with two complex matters concerning the Show Rules, for which a recommendation was asked by the Board:

- Request for interpretation and recommendation FFM (MX)
- Request for exceptions NRR and SVERAK (NO, SE)

In general, we did not find it is procedurally correct to recommend and grant to any Member (by any commission or the Board) what was rejected with a 2/3 majority at the GA in the very same year, regardless of the reason given.

As in the years before the Vice-secretary assisted the General Secretary in producing the 2023 edition of the Show Rules in English, German and French languages. The SC after checking the final versions, thanks him for the work and collaboration.

This year the SC has prepared ten proposals regarding the Show Rules to GA, which draw our attention and we felt matters need to be handled.

We would like to thank Mrs. Britta Busse and Jürg Keller for translations and all the members of the SC for the excellent teamwork and prompt cooperation during this year.

As the last thought of this report:

- after two years of international Covid-isolation,
- after several governments/legislations in our countries are banning breeds at shows and for breeding,
- after internal tendencies by FIFe Members to isolate in national borders we observed during the last year,
- after more and more exceptions granted to our international valid rules,
- after our international titles are more and more devalued by simply decreasing requirements, we want to express our concern regarding the future of our “international values” within FIFe.

On behalf of the FIFe SC, João Noronha - Chairman Thea Friškovec-Keller - Secretary

Annex 11 – Report of the Breed Council Administrator

Dear Members,

2022 was a calm year for the Breed Councils. The difficulty remains in getting the renewals done. Good news is the CHA BC has a new BC secretary. Some BC secretaries resigned, and new ones were appointed until the next election. Since this year we have a KBS/KBL BC, which grew in a short time.

In 2022 the cat fancy was starting up again, shows started in some regions smaller than before in others it stayed the same. Still the import from Russia is not allowed which caused FIFe breeders troubles, even from cats they bought or paid already before it was forbidden,

Breed Council administration is busiest in the months of December up to April, because Members are not reacting, several reminders were send due to the late response of some Members themselves or even absent. I would kindly like to remember Members that the Breed Council renewals must be finished by 31st of January of the upcoming year. Let's try this for 2024!

In December 2022 we had 30 Breed Councils, consisting of 28 national FIFe Members and 285 individual members. At the time of writing this report, we have 31 Breed Councils consisting of 30 national FIFe Members and 270 individual members.

Seeing these numbers, I would like to urge all Members to encourage their breeders to join the Breed Councils so that they may have an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise and have their voice heard where it matters most.

Last but not least I would like to ask the FIFe Members to be of great assistance when the renewals have to be extended. This way you will really make a difference. Please respond to the email, send out those invoices to your members and let them know and respond to you as soon as possible.

Nathalie Smits, Breed Council Administrator

Annex 12 – Report on cats bred/imported/registered in FIFe in 2022

BREEDING STATISTICS 2022

STATISTICS PER BREED

Ranking 2022	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
1	MCO	28.567	25,0%
2	BSH	20.116	17,6%
3	RAG	14.905	13,0%
4▲	BEN	5.322	4,7%
5▼	NFO	5.286	4,6%
6▼	SIB	5.283	4,6%
7	DRX	4.770	4,2%
8	SBI	4.052	3,5%
9	PER	3.395	3,0%
10	NEM	3.146	2,8%
11	SPH	2.640	2,3%
12	RUS	2.525	2,2%
13▲	OSH	1.723	1,5%
14▼	EXO	1.657	1,4%
15	BLH	1.634	1,4%
16▼	BUR	1.414	1,2%
17▲	CHA	1.101	1,0%
18▼	ABY	1.073	0,9%
19	SIA	1.064	0,9%
20	CRX	998	0,9%
21▲	OCI	293	0,3%
22▲	SRL	271	0,2%
23▲	SOM	243	0,2%
24	BML	242	0,2%
25▲	EUR	229	0,2%
26▲	XLH * <XXX>	224	0,2%
27▼	LPL	221	0,2%
28▼	DSP	216	0,2%
29▼	THA	198	0,2%
30	KBL	177	0,2%

Ranking 2022	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
31	PEB	168	0,1%
32	MAU	132	0,1%
33	XSH * (XXX)	118	0,1%
34▲	TUA	111	0,1%
35	KOR	106	0,1%
36▲	BAL	80	0,1%
37	OLH	75	0,1%
38▲	ACL	70	0,1%
39▼	XLH * (XXX)	67	0,1%
40▼	TUV	62	0,1%
41▲	SRS	58	0,1%
42▼	SNO	47	0,0%
43▲	ACS	43	0,0%
44▼	XSH * <XXX>	40	0,0%
45▲	LYO non	39	0,0%
46▼	SIN	39	0,0%
47▼	XSH	34	0,0%
48▼	GRX	33	0,0%
49▲	MAN	22	0,0%
50▲	XLH	14	0,0%
51▲	KBS	12	0,0%
52▼	BOM non	8	0,0%
53▲	TIF non	8	0,0%
54▼	CYM	2	0,0%
55▲	JBS	1	0,0%
56▼	SOK	1	0,0%
57▼	LPS	0	0,0%
TOTAL		114.375▼	100,0%

STATISTICS PER CATEGORY

YEAR	2022		2021		2020		2019	
Category	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	%
Category 1	24.130	21,1% ▼	25.854	21,6% ▼	23.461	22,2% ▲	21.681	21,9%
Category 2	42.748	37,4% ▲	44.551	37,2% ▲	39.142	37,0% ▼	38.184	38,6%
Category 3	31.269	27,3% ▼	32.961	27,5% ▲	28.181	26,6% ▲	25.238	25,5%
Category 4	15.861	13,4%	16.087	13,4% ▼	14.783	14,0% ▲	13.654	13,8%
Non recog.	55	0,0%	42	0,0%	33	0,0%	41	0,0%
XLH/XSH	312	0,3%	311	0,3% ▲	207	0,2% ▲	119	0,1%
TOTAL	114.375 ▼	100,0%	119.806 ▲	100,0%	105.807 ▲	100,0%	98.917	100,0%

▲ / ▼ = increase / decrease in ranking position, registrations resp. percentage compared to previous year

CATEGORY 1		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
EXO	1.657	6,9% ▼
PER	3.395	14,1% ▼
RAG	14.905	61,8% ▲
SBI	4.052	16,8%
TUV	62	0,3%
XLH * (XXX)	45	0,2%
XSH * (XXX)	14	0,1%
TOTAL	24.130 ▼	100,0%

CATEGORY 2		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ACL	70	0,2%
ACS	43	0,1%
LPL	221	0,5% ▼
LPS	0	0,0%
MCO	28.567	66,8% ▲
NEM	3.146	7,4% ▲
NFO	5.286	12,4% ▼
SIB	5.283	12,4%
TUA	111	0,3% ▲
XLH * (XXX)	21	0,0% ▼
TOTAL	42.748 ▼	100,0%

CATEGORY 3		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BEN	5.322	17,0% ▲
BLH	1.634	5,2% ▲
BML	242	0,8%
BSH	20.116	64,3% ▼
BUR	1.414	5,4%
CHA	1.101	3,4%
CYM	2	0,1%
EUR	229	0,7%
KBL	177	0,6%
KBS	12	0,0%
KOR	106	0,3%
MAN	22	0,0%
MAU	132	0,4%
OCI	293	1,0%
SIN	39	0,2%
SNO	47	0,2%
SOK	1	0,0%
SRL	271	0,9%
SRS	58	0,1%
XLH * (XXX)	1	0,0%
XSH * (XXX)	50	0,2%
TOTAL	31.269 ▼	100,0%

CATEGORY 4		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ABY	1.073	6,8% ▼
BAL	80	0,5%
CRX	998	6,3% ▲
DRX	4.770	30,1% ▲
DSP	216	1,4% ▼
GRX	33	0,2%
JBS	1	0,0%
OLH	75	0,5%
OSH	1.723	10,9% ▲
PEB	168	1,0%
RUS	2.525	15,9% ▼
SIA	1.064	6,7% ▲
SOM	243	1,5%
SPH	2.640	16,6% ▼
THA	198	1,2% ▼
XSH * (XXX)	54	0,3%
TOTAL	15.861 ▼	100,0%

NON RECOGNISED BREEDS		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BOM non	8	14,5% ▼
LYO non	39	70,9% ▲
TIF non	8	14,5% ▲
TOTAL	55 ▲	100,0%

XLH / XSH		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
XLH	14	4,5% ▲
XSH	34	10,9% ▲
XLH * <XXX>	224	71,6% ▲
XSH * <XXX>	40	12,8% ▼
TOTAL	312 ▲	100,0%

Annex 13 – Budget for the financial year 2024

INCOME (EUR)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Membership Fee	14,875	14,875	14,875	14,350
International Show Fee	106,000	106,000	106,000	90,000
National Show Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	500
Examinations	1,000	1,000	1,000	500
Judges' Fee	22,000	22,000	22,000	20,000
Breed Council Fee				2,500
Catterynames	30,000	30,000	40,000	52,500
Rosettes	8,000	8,000	8,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	1,125	1,125	1,125	0
Loss	23,000	23,000	23,000	8,150
	207,000	207,000	181,000	210,000

EXPENDITURE (EUR)	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Assembly	55,000	55,000	45,000	55,000
Judges GA Seminar	8,000	8,000	10,000	8,000
Standards, Rules, Golden & Silver Pins	14,000	14,000	10,000	12,000
Seminars	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Judges	28,000	28,000	24,000	28,000
Board	20,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
Commissions & functionaries	28,000	28,000	25,000	35,000
Allowance General Secretary	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Administration	35,000	35,000	25,000	35,000
Rosettes	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Rosettes for shows (free rosettes)	5,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Depreciation	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
World Cat Congress	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Promotion	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Website	1,000	4,000	4,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	1,000	1,000
Profit	0	0	0	0
	207,000	181,000	210,000	192,000

L.B. van de Haterd, FIFe Treasurer - Hoorn, The Netherlands

Annex 14 – Report on patronage Member - Bulgaria

Report of FAF Felis Romania as mentor of Federation of Felinology Bulgaria FFBg

As mentor of Federation of Felinology Bulgaria, Federatia Asociatiilor Feline Felis Romania has the pleasure to inform you of the progress done by the newly formed Federation in Bulgaria, all the breeders that temporarily joined Felis Romania have moved the new formed federation. Together we managed to organize in short time the new LO Book in order to ensure continuity to the FIFe members that moved back from Felis Romania, 4 new catteries have been registered on top the old ones, also a new website was launched, the federation it is also present on the most important social media platforms. Our pride are the 2 very well organized shows in June and November with an average of 120 cats and quite a good number of sponsors which will ensure financial stability to the club and the possibility to start acquiring their own show cages, first batch being scheduled for this spring. Overall, we are very happy with their work and improvement and we are confident for the future of FIFe in Bulgaria.

Respectfully, President Felis Romania - Adrian-Alexandru Dragota