

# Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2022 Spring Meeting

Location and Date: Harlingen, Texas, May 20 – 21, 2022

President, Vicki Jo Harrison  
Vice President, Ralph Stadter  
Asia East RD, Akiko Ishimura  
Asia West Interim RD, Jeff Shi  
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem  
Europe South Interim RD, Kurt Vlach  
Europe West RD, Nicky Goulter  
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown  
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo  
Mid Pacific RD, Carol Barton  
Northeast RD, Christian Cherau  
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz  
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli  
South Central Interim RD, Jim Armel  
Southeast RD, Rene Knapp  
Southwest RD, Laurie Schiff  
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roemann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Akiko Ishimura.

*The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 8:08 AM CST.*

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve the consent agenda. Without objection.

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*Approve Minutes - Special Meeting, April 21, 2022 (electronic)*

*Set Annual Meeting dates – August 31 – September 2, 2022, Chicago, IL*

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2. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Lopez, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

*Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator, presented the Judging Committee reports.*

3. Unanimous consent by Armel to move Don Caruthers to Judge Emeritus status. Without objection.

4. Unanimous consent by Schiff to move Karen McInchak to Judge Emeritus status. Without objection.

5. Motion by Brown/Russo to remove Bender's Breeder Listings for 24 months with a refund of any prorated prepaid fees. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Stadter/Armel to dismiss the complaint on Maddox v Sherzer & Crawford. Motion carried unanimously. *Note – The Board found there were no rules violated.*

7. Motion by Brown/Knapp to set a hearing for Meserve on the White v Meserve complaint. The question was called by Stadter/Brown and passed. Motion denied with Brown in favor and Ishimura, Russo, and Shi abstaining.

8. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to allow Jessica Petras, Mike Petras, Steve Lawson, Theresa Kempton and Attorney, Christina Anderson in Executive Session. Without objection.

9. Motion by Schiff/Brown to demote Kempton to Approved Specialty and suspend Judge's License until April 30, 2023. Motion carried with Armel, Cherau, Goulter, and Hawksworth-Weitz opposed, and Knapp and Shi abstaining. **Armel, Cherau, Goulter, Hawksworth-Weitz** – Would have preferred demotion to Provisional Allbreed along with suspension for the 2022/2023 show season, not demotion to Approved Specialty with suspension.

10. Motion by Schiff/Brown to require Kempton write a letter of retraction/apology to Steven Lawson (wording to be approved by TICA Legal Counsel) and to complete an anger management course consisting of at least 12 sessions, at her own expense, and provide proof of completion prior to the end of her suspension. Suspension will continue after April 30, 2023, until proof of completion is provided and the letter has been sent. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

12. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to appoint Holmes, Kaizuka, Kajon, Lopez, and Webb to the Judging Committee for a 4-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to appoint Cunningham, Jones, Lawson, Picardello, and Stinson, to the Judging Committee for a 2-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

*Shi was not present in the afternoon session of the Board Meeting.*

*Dickie was not present at the start of the afternoon session of the Board Meeting but joined later in the afternoon.*

14. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to accept the proposal to add Board Governance Policy, Article 10 (Actions on Behalf of the Board). Motion denied.

15. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to dismiss the proposal to add New Reg Rule 33.10, Amend Definitions, Amend 34.3 (New Color Process). Motion carried unanimously. *Note – The Board felt this is a good concept but needs to be reworked.*

16. Motion by Schiff/Hawksworth-Weitz to request the authors and the Genetics Committee to revise the proposal to add New Reg Rule 33.10, Amend Definitions, amend 34.3 (New Color Process) and the proposal to amend Reg Rule 34.3 (Clarify status of new colors) in a manner which breaks down the proposals into smaller parts that are more easily digestible and resubmit to the Genetics and Rules Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by van Mullem/Goulter to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule 22.1.2 (Show Dates). The question was called by Vlach/Brown and passed. Motion denied with Barton, Faccioli, Goulter, Stadter, van Mullem and Vlach in favor.

18. Motion by van Mullem/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 106.4.1.2 (Genetics Committee Role). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes **into effect immediately**.

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106.4.1.2 Genetics Committee.

**The duties of the Genetics Committee shall include, but not be limited to:**

**106.4.1.2.1** To advise the Board of Directors in any matter relating to breeds, breeding, colors, deformities, changes in Registration Rules, or any other matter in the field of genetics.

**106.4.1.2.2** To advise the Board on the addition of New Traits and New Colors based on the most current information available

- 106.4.1.2.3 To work with and provide guidance to breeders developing New Traits and New Colors from the start of their development program to the approval decision
- 106.4.1.2.4 To advise the Executive Office of the New Traits and New Colors so the appropriate systems can be prepared
- 106.4.1.2.5 To notify the Judging Administrator about New Traits and New Colors so the judges are aware of them
- 106.4.1.2.6 To provide a written annual report about updates in genetic research to the Board on an annual basis at the Winter Board meeting
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*The proposal Amend Standing Rule 2014.1.1 (Judges' Fees) was withdrawn, will be reworked, and brought back to a future meeting.*

19. Unanimous consent by Brown to go into committee of the whole to allow Brian Stevenson to speak.

*Brian Stevenson gave a presentation on a Show Calendar.*

20. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

21. Motion by Cherau/Brown to hold a hearing for Michelle Clough regarding the multiple birthdate changes to HHP Kitten Renoir Auguste Deutsch. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Schiff/Cherau to calculate Renoir Auguste Deutsch regional placement based upon the original birthdate and hold that regional placement as pending until the hearing. Motion tabled, see motion #34 and #35.

23. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to allow Andres Munt in Executive Session. Without objection.

*Munt gave an update on the 2022/2023 Annual.*

24. Motion by Schiff/Russo for Kempton to write a letter of apology to the Petras family to be reviewed and approved by TICA Legal Counsel. Motion carried with Knapp abstaining.

25. Unanimous consent by Brown to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.

26. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

27. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 5:13 PM CST. Without objection.

**Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 8:03 AM CST on Saturday, May 21, 2022**

*Shi and Stadter were not present on Saturday.*

*Vlach was not present at the start of the meeting but joined later.*

*Harrison went over the follow-up report.*

28. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into committee of the whole to allow Webb to speak. Without objection.

*Nevarez presented the COO/Marketing update – see appendix.*

29. Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Cherau to appoint Carla Conner as Working Breed Chair to the Toybob breed group. Motion carried unanimously.

30. Motion by Cherau/Hawksworth-Weitz to accept the changes to the Toybob Breed Standard. Motion carried unanimously.

*Vlach joined meeting.*

31. Motion by van Mullem/Faccioli to accept the changes to the UCD. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes **into effect immediately**.

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*The footnote for 74.7.7 Tabby Color Chart should read:*

3 = CORIN Gold ~~and CORIN silver~~ – all patterns including “And White” (Siberian, Kurilian Bobtail and Toybob only)

*Footnote added to 75.7 Silver and/or smoke color charts:*

3 = CORIN Silver – all patterns including “And White” (Siberian, Kurilian Bobtail and Toybob only)

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32. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to accept CORIN colorations for championship for Siberian and Kurilian Bobtail (LH and SH) only, effective May 2, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

33. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

34. Motion by Cherau/Schiff to un-table and amend the motion regarding HHP Renoir Auguste Deutsch. Motion carried unanimously.

35. Motion by Schiff/Cherau to hold the Regional Award placement of HHP Kitten Renoir Auguste Deutsch as pending, pending the outcome of the hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

36. Unanimous consent by Schiff to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

*Fisher presented the financial reports - see appendix.*

37. Motion by Faccioli/Brown to approve the amended budget. Motion carried unanimously.

38. Motion by Schiff/Brown to amend the budget to supplement the regional rebate money to total \$35 per cat that has earned an RW award for the awards that will be presented beginning with the 2021/2022 awards. Motion carried unanimously.

39. Motion by Brown/Schiff to approve the per diem rates as follows: traveling days \$29.59, Thursday \$44, Friday \$44, Saturday \$18, and Sunday \$59. Motion carried unanimously.

40. Motion by Brown/Schiff to approve Board Members payment of hotel fees for up to 5 nights. Motion carried unanimously.

41. Motion by Brown/Hawksworth-Weitz for Board Members attending the meeting in person to receive full reimbursement for air/transportation to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

42. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to reconsider motion #32 on the acceptance of the Corin colorations for championship. Motion carried unanimously.

43. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to accept Corin colorations for championship for Siberian and Kurilian Bobtail (LH and SH) only, effective May 2, 2022. Motion carried with Hawksworth-Weitz and Russo opposed and Vlach abstaining. **Hawksworth-Weitz:** I vote no because I believe the Board should go back and correct

Board action from the Winter Board meeting regarding the addition of the CORIN coloration for the Siberian and Kurilian Bobtail breeds.

44. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.

45. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, Fulkerson, and Jang. Without objection.

46. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day 3:58 PM CST. Without objection.

**Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 8:06 AM CST on Sunday, May 22, 2022**

*Stadter was not present on Sunday.*

*Board conducted a Business Strategic Planning Session.*

47. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

48. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 12:36 PM CST. Without objection.