

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2021 Winter Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, January 27 - 29, 2021

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 RD, Steven Meserve
Europe West RD, Delsa Rudge
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo
Mid Pacific Interim RD, Ann-Charlotte Joseph
Northeast RD, Tania Antenucci
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli
South Central Interim RD, Jim Armel
Southeast RD, Steve Lawson
Southwest RD, Canie Brooks
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Katharina Krenn, Acting 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 7:01 AM CST.

Northeast Regional Director, Tania Antenucci, was not present but joined later in the meeting.

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

Approve Minutes - Special Meeting, October 15, 2020 (electronic)

Set Spring Meeting dates – May 21-23, 2021 (electronic)

Add Vicki Jo Harrison as signatory on the General and Payroll bank accounts and remove Vickie Fisher from the accounts

2. Motion by Faccioli/Hawksworth-Weitz to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Krenn, Nevarez and Jang. Without objection.

3. Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Faccioli to remove the restrictions placed on Amanda Bright at the 2018 Winter Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Faccioli/Hawksworth-Weitz to reinstate Amanda Bright to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Lawson/Brown to advance Angela Sherzer to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Meserve/Faccioli to advance Karen Stinson to Ring and School Instructor. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Lawson/Faccioli to take no action on the Brown vs Kennedy complaint. Motion denied with Lawson, Meserve, Stadter and van Mullem in favor.

8. Motion by Faccioli/Armel to revoke litter registration, SBT 092118 WW, its offspring's and suspend all TICA services for Pasuchet Thaummanee indefinitely. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

Antenucci joined meeting.

Stadter presented the realignment report - see appendix.

10. Motion by Stadter/Lawson to strike North Korea from the Regional list and Standing Rule 1012.1 from the Asia East Region which effectively will put it into the International Region without it being listed there explicitly. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect May 1, 2021**.

11. Motion by Brown/Hawksworth-Weitz to move Saskatchewan from the Great Lakes Region to the Northwest Region. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect May 1, 2021**.

The President announced that she would appoint Carlos Lopez as Judging Administrator.

12. Motion by Faccioli/Russo to approve the President's appointment of Carlos Lopez as Judging Administrator. Motion carried with Hawksworth-Weitz, Rudge, and van Mullem opposed. The appointment goes into **effect immediately**.

The President announced that she would appoint Connie Webb as Deputy Judging Administrator.

13. Motion by Faccioli/Russo to approve the President's appointment of Connie Web as Deputy Judging Administrator. Motion carried unanimously. The appointment goes into **effect immediately**.

14. Motion by Stadter/Faccioli to appoint Corneille to the Abyssinian Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Stadter/Brown to appoint Mello to the American Shorthair/American Wirehair Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Faccioli/Lawson to appoint Milling to the Birman Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Stadter/Brown to appoint Isaacs to the Chausie Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Eden and Duffy to the Donskoy Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Stadter/Armel to appoint Eden as Chair to the Donskoy Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Gonzalez Marques to the Peterbald Breed Committee. Without objection.

No action was taken on the nominee for the Toyger Breed Committee as the filing fee had not been submitted.

Antenucci left meeting.

21. Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Stadter to appoint Ollis as the Toybob's Working Breed Chair. Motion carried with Stadter abstaining.

22. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go to committee of the whole to allow Lopez to speak. Without objection.

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

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

Adler left meeting.

25. Unanimous consent by Brooks to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

26. Unanimous consent by Brooks to recess for the day at 11:00 AM CST. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 AM CST on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Antenucci was not present.

27. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go into committee of the whole to allow Fulkerson and Fisher to speak. Without objection.

Fulkerson presented the marketing report – see appendix.

Nevarez presented the COO report – see appendix.

Fisher presented the financial report – see appendix.

28. Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.

Proposal to add Registration Rule 39.16 (Transfer documentation) was withdrawn by author.

29. Motion by van Mullem/Stadter to accept the proposal to add Registration Rule 310.3 (frequency of litters). Motion denied with van Mullem in favor. **Rudge:** I would reconsider the proposal if there was a time period added before any further litters could be registered i.e., 90 or preferably 120 days. **Stadter:** I do not think that the rule will achieve what it should as written. I am hoping that there will be additional proposals in that direction which I would be happy to have our members vote on.

30. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 209.1.1.4 (Marked catalogs). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

209.1.1.4 Marked Catalogs. The show committee is required to forward one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director. within 48 hours after the close of the show if sent by first class mail or better, if sent by electronic means, within 72 hours. The show committee is also required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, **the clerking administrator**, to each judge, the master clerk, the ring clerks and to any person who ordered a marked catalog no later than 7 days after the show.

31. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go into committee of the whole to allow Fralia to speak. Without objection.

32. Motion by Faccioli/Brown to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rules 106.4.1.2 and 1017.1 (Genetics review of Proposals). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

106.4.1.2 Genetics Committee. 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.

1017.1 Amendments. Proposals to amend the Show rules and Registration Rules shall be considered by the Board of Directors at regularly scheduled meetings. Proposals from the membership must be in writing and received by the Rules Committee no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the meeting to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. **Amendments to the Registration Rules must also be submitted in writing at the same time to the Genetics Committee to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting.** Proposals received by the Rules Committee **(and Genetics Committee**

where applicable) after the 90-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda. Proposals are to be submitted according to Article Seventeen of the TICA By-Laws.

1017.1.2. Proposals to amend Rules or Policies (other than the By-Laws, Show Rules and Registration Rules) shall be considered by the Board of Directors at regularly scheduled meetings. Proposals from the membership must be in writing and received by the Rules Committee **and Genetics Committee where applicable (including, but not limited to, Standing Rules affecting a Registration Rule)** no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the meeting to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals received by the Rules Committee **(and Genetics Committee where applicable)** after the 90-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda. Proposals must contain a rationale for the change plus the new rule wording (or the original rule wording and the amended version).

33. Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.

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

35. Unanimous consent by Brooks to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

36. Unanimous consent by Brooks to recess for the day at 11:15 AM CST. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM CST on Friday, January 29, 2021.

37. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go to committee of the whole to allow Wood to speak. Without objection.

38. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 309.2.1 (Accepting non-TICA pedigrees). The vote to accept the proposal was tied. Harrison voted against the motion and broke the tie. Motion denied with Brown, Faccioli, Hawksworth-Weitz, Ishimura, Rudge, Stadter and van Mullem in favor.

39. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 1021.3 (Chartering new clubs). Motion denied with Faccioli, Ishimura, Shi and van Mullem in favor.

40. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to add Clerking Program 54.1.8.4 (Marks on Cage Cards). Motion failed with all members of the board voting against the motion.

41. Motion by Facciolo/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend "Agreement to Judge a TICA Show" (Airlines). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

2. The Club will reimburse to the Judge the following, in the event the Club has not arranged to pay these expenses directly:

a. Transportation costs to and from the Show by air, rail, bus or automobile at the lowest available reasonable rate including any related fees, and on the airline of the Judge's choice, provided such airline's pricing is competitive with other airlines flying into the airport designated by the club. The Club may not require nor request the Judge to travel on connecting flights when more direct flights are available, to travel on specific airlines, require that the Judge purchase tickets from a specific travel agent, **to travel using a class that is less than standard economy**, or require that the Judge drive instead of fly to the Show if the Show is located more than 200 miles from the Judge's residence;

42. Motion by Stadter/Russo to accept the proposed changes to the Tennessee Rex Standard as amended. Motion carried unanimously - see appendix.

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

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

45. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.
46. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 10:36 AM CST. Without objection.