

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2023 Special Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, April 25, 2023

President, Vicki Jo Harrison
Vice President, Ralph Stadter
Asia East RD, Hisae Tasaki
Asia West RD, Jeff Shi
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem
Europe South 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 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; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Rebecca Torres, Administrative Assistant; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Hisae Tasaki; Julie Li, Translator for Jeff Shi.

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CDT.

Christian Cherau was not present.

Luiz Paulo Faccioli was not present at the beginning of the meeting but joined shortly after.

1. Unanimous consent by Brown to approve the January 18 – 20, 2023, Winter Meeting minutes. Without objection.

Brown gave a presentation on the Maine Coon Breed Group (MC/MCP).

2. Motion by Brown/Hawksworth-Weitz to accept the changes to the Maine Coon Breed Group (MC/MCP) Standard. Motion carried unanimously. *Note – non-championship colors can be shown under New Trait. See appendix.* This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023.**

3. Motion by Vlach/van Mullem to amend Standing Rule 1012.3.1 (Isolated Area List) Europe South region add Andorra and Spain. Motion carried with Schiff opposed. **Comment: Schiff:** *there is no time limitation restriction.* This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023.** *See appendix.*

4. Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Vlach to amend Standing Rule 1012.3.1 (Isolated Area List) Northwest region add Alberta, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho. Motion denied with Faccioli, Hawksworth-Weitz, Stadter and Vlach in favor and Goulter, Shi, Tasaki and van Mullem abstaining. **Comments: Russo:** *we need a larger discussion* **Schiff:** *there is no time limitation restriction, plus I think we need some more extensive study and discussion.*

Russo left the meeting.

5. Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Stadter to amend Standing Rule 1012.3.1(Isolated Area List) Northwest region add Alberta, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory. Motion carried with Barton opposed. This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023.** *See appendix.*

6. Motion by Schiff/Faccioli to amend Standing Rule 901.4.3.2 add 2023/2024 show season. Motion carried with Barton and Vlach opposed and Tasaki abstaining. **Comment: Brown: I voted yes, as I feel this is a good compromise until a committee can research isolated status areas further.** This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023.**

901.4.3.2 In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a regional award, it must be shown at least once in that region during the show year for which the regional award was won. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fulfill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region. This rule is suspended for the 2020/2021, 2021/2022, ~~and 2022/2023~~ and 2023/2024 show seasons.

7. Motion by Brown/Faccioli to amend Standing Rule 1012.3.1(Isolated Area List) Great Lakes region add Manitoba and Nunavut. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023.** See *appendix*.

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

Russo rejoined the meeting.

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

10. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 9:58 AM CDT. Without objection.