



**The UK FIFe member**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**25th February 2023**

**HADDENHAM VILLAGE HALL  
WALTER ROSE ROOM**

**BANKS PARK, HADDENHAM, BUCKS, HP17 8EE**

**1. Presidents Welcome Speech**

The President welcomed everyone and wished all a productive and pleasant meeting. The President also stated that the meeting would be audio recorded for ease of minuting.

**2. Election of a Chairman and Secretary for the meeting**

It was proposed and confirmed that Debbie Downham (President) would Chair the meeting and Sarah Johnson (Vice President) would act as Secretary.

**3. a. Roll Call of Delegates**

Garden of England (GOE) – Delegate: Gem Chapman Advisor: Nick Chapman

StrictlyCat (StC) – Delegate: Michelle Gillon Advisor: Matthew Eldon

Viking Cat Club (VCC) – Delegate: Nadine Duffin Advisor: Adam Taylor

**b. Determination of right to vote:**

Garden of England (GOE) – 132 members as of 31.12.2022 eqv. 3 votes

StrictlyCats (StC) – 61 members as of 31.12.2022 eqv. 2 votes

Viking Cat Club (VCC) – 187 members as of 31.12.2022 eqv 4 votes

Total number of votes is 9 making a simple majority 5 and a qualified majority 7.

Voting will be by show of hands except for elections which are cast by secret ballot.

**4. Determination the meeting has been called correctly**

It was noted that the meeting had been called a few days after the deadline as detailed in our statutes. Sadly, our General Secretary had stepped down at the beginning of October 2022 and there was no deputy in place nor any willing volunteer to take up the office. This had meant that the Vice President had stepped in to cover the position pro temp until a new Secretary could be found. This inevitably left the role without a full time cover and the deadline had been missed.



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The assembled members agreed unanimously to proceed given the circumstances.

#### **5. Determine the order of the meeting and approval of Agenda.**

Approved

#### **6. Apologies for absence.**

Ginny Black – Chairman, BHW

#### **7. Election of two people to ratify the minutes and two people to count the votes.**

Ratification of Minutes: Nadine Duffin and Gem Chapman

Counting of Votes: Del Scott and Margaret Scott

#### **8. Acceptance of Minutes of AGA dated 6th February 2022**

Accepted unanimously.

#### **9. President's report.**

The President read her report which had been circulated to all members. The President also noted her disappointment that there were no new candidates for any position this year. This needs to be addressed to secure the future of FB.

A presentation of flowers was made to Gem Chapman, our out-going General Secretary.

#### **10. Secretary's report.**

The report was circulated. The sentiments of the President were echoed once more, and a plea for new members of the Commissions and Executive was made. A member asked whether it was possible to shadow current members to find out what it is all about, but it is generally felt that if people are interested, it could be explained. Perhaps a short resume would be useful, although duties of all positions are set out in the rules and statutes.

#### **11. Treasurer's report.**

The report was circulated with a note of a correction due to a transposition of a figure. No further comment from the members.

#### **12. Financial Statement and acceptance of the 2022 Felis Britannica accounts**

Accepted unanimously.



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### **13. Discharge of responsibility of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee was discharged of responsibility unanimously.

### **14. Determination of fees for the coming year**

- a. Membership fees – no increase proposed.
- b. Other fees – no increase proposed.

### **16. Approval of fees**

Not necessary

### **17. Election of an Independent Examiner of Accounts**

The clubs voted unanimously to accept the present incumbent for the coming year.

### **18. Presentation of an activity plan for FB for the coming year and interim budgets**

- a. January 2023 to Dec 2023 – The treasurer presented her projection of income for the coming year. It had been decided that the Clubs would resume payment of their fees to Felis Britannica now that activities were back up and running.

The Winner's Show continues to be a loss making venture and the Treasurer is anxious to see how this can be made to break even.

Publicity should also be a top priority. We took a stand at the GCCF Supreme Show in 2022 which proved to be successful, and we have seen a lot of enquiries as a result. It is planned that we will participate again in 2023.

Last year it had been agreed that we would investigate whether we can re-instate steward training days. This had not yet been done, but it is hoped we can make it a project very soon.

### **19. Commission Reports**

- i. Registrars Report - The registrar presented the report which had been circulated. The registrar is concerned about the long term stability of the current registration software but is continuing to investigate a successor. A vote of thanks was given to the registrar for her sterling work.
- ii. Show Commission – The Chairman presented the report which had been circulated.
- iii. Breeding Health & Welfare – The Chairman presented the reported which had been circulated.
- iv. Disciplinary Commission – The report was presented. No discussion was held due to constraints of GDP



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### 20. Elections

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| a. General Secretary               | No Candidates       |  |
| b. Deputy General Secretary        | No Candidates       |  |
| c. Deputy Vice President Candidate | Wendy Chapman (GOE) |  |
- Wendy Chapman was elected for a period of 3 years – unanimously in favour
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| d. One full member for the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission           | No Candidates |               |
| e. Two supplementary members for the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission | No Candidates | No Candidates |
| f. One full member for the Show Commission                                   | No Candidates |               |
| g. Two supplementary members for the Show Commission                         | No Candidates | No Candidates |

### 21. Determination of Deputies for the Commissions.

BHW – to be determined later as the Chairman was not in attendance

SC – Nick Chapman

### 22. Proposals for the 2023 FIFe Annual General Assembly

None received

### 23. Any other competent business

None

### 24. Close of Meeting