

The Suffolk Breed Cat Club

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28th April 2019

2 pm

The Gisleham Hut

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Gisleham Road

Suffolk

NR33 8DF

to be followed by Refreshments and a Raffle.

AGM Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of 2018 AGM (posted on club website)
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Chairman's report(posted on club website)
7. Secretary's report(posted on club website)
8. Treasurer's report (posted on club website)
9. Membership Secretary's Report
10. Championship Show
11. Breeding Programme for 2019/2020
12. Application for Acceptance of New Colour
13. Election of Committee
14. Election of Auditor
15. A.O.B.

Minutes of AGM 29th April 2018

Present: Mr and Mrs Spendlove, Mrs L Earle-Mitchell, Mr K Workman, Ms L Shirley, Mr S Ife, Mr and Mrs Strachan

Apologies: Mrs P Sharp-Popple, Miss A Spendlove, Mrs L Allum, Mrs S Bilyard, Mrs D Brown, Mrs L Ashmore, Mrs J Attard, Mr S Neesam

Matters Arising: Simon Ife suggested that to increase attendance it would be better to post or email club members rather than just post it on the web page as not many would check this regularly. The club membership form should be for the preferred method of contact. The minutes were signed off.

Correspondence: Angela Rixon from Solitaire had emailed to offer two trophies for the show. Rosemary Fisher had sent a draught for the new format for the SOP. Linda had re-drafted as it had left out Suffolk Lilacs. The committee approved of these changes.

Chairman's Report: As Circulated . The Cat Tree Raffle had brought the membership up to the required number for Affiliation and had been very successful.

Secretary's Report: As circulated. 95 Merits have been achieved to date, with an amazing number of qualifying cats.

Treasurer's Report: As circulated

Progress to Championship: All necessary criteria had been met and the club was able to apply for Affiliation, so all factors needed had been completed and the application had been submitted to council for the June meeting.

Breeding Programme for 2018-2019: One new breeder has joined the group, Chris Coyle from Northern Ireland. He had expressed an interest at the Supreme show and went on to purchase a breeding queen out of Eastpoint Doris Daydream. She will be shown in Ireland and he would be using a Denson stud boy near Runcorn next year. There has been global interest in the purchase of kittens in Argentina, North America and China. Two kittens will be collected from new owners in the states out of Poolside Rhoda and Eastpoint Armadeus Mozart
John Hansson asked the club to consider allowing Havana Browns Full Suffolk Registry. It would mean any imported Havana Brown could be shown under GCCF

rules for the first time. It could be important for the gene pool. A discussion followed on the old numbering system and the new Gems Code. Linda and Stanley had tried to get the GCCF to accept the breed being called Havana's with the Oriental Chocolates being appropriately change to suit the coding system. The GCCF would not accept this because of the HLCC club carrying the name. Imports would have to be changed to Suffolks, so there would need to be compromise on both sides. It was agreed that Havana should be replaced by Oriental Chocolate OSH b in the schedules and catalogues. This needs to be debated more. There is a difference in the SOP's and no way did the committee want to see the loss of the British gene pool. John Hansson has judged HB's abroad, he helped the Suffolk to get recognition, and although this needed to be recognized, it should not influence the present SOP. This needs to be addressed at BAC level. There are more Outcross Queens than Supplementary at present. Lynne Shirley asked how long between kitten registrations, Linda said it is a gap of 17 weeks, with 3 litters allowed to be registered in 2 years. Linda mentioned the importance of co-breeding to support bloodlines. A discussion followed on the problems of importing and bringing in disease. The new Exhibition with Critic will help breeders working on outcross.

Election of Officers: Stanley thanked Kevin for producing election forms online. With the constitution stating a change every three years this has become vital format to follow. Lynne Shirley had volunteered to become the Delegate and although Linda offered to stand down as Secretary there were no offers to take it over. Kevin officially took over the role of Web Co-Coordinator. He also put forward that the club should have a Membership Secretary. Dee Baines kindly volunteered to take this on. Linda said that a Welfare Officer would be needed in the future. Emma Strachan mentioned the new Data Protection Laws and the need to be careful with members information. It was agreed that members emails were important and an effective way of communication. Tom Strachan offered to join the committee and was appointed.

Election of Auditor: Emma Strachan volunteered to be next years Auditor. The committee thanked her for supporting the club.

A.O.B.: Future dates proposed will be posted on the Facebook SBCC page. The summer meeting would include a barbecue.

The Climbing Tree draw took place and was won by Rachael Shotton

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm

Chairman's Report

I would like to thank all those that have dedicated their time and money in the support for the progression of the Suffolks since achieving Championship status in June 2018. It has been an exciting year with new owners and breeders joining the group. Since June many of the beautiful Chocolates have achieved Champion and Premier status and especially Eastpoint Chocilac Rossetti who has become the first ever Grand Champion for the breed, with thanks to Dee Baines for her hard work in getting him this far so quickly. The Supreme was very well supported with a great representation for the breed both on the show bench for the first time and thanks to Kevin Workman for exhibiting Robin as a representative for the breed along side our first F2 Suffolk Lilac boy Solly. Everyone's energy is now going into planning for our 1st Championship Show in July and look forward to seeing as many cats there as possible at the show.

Stanley Spendlove

Secretary's Report

It has been a very busy year, with lots of final documentation needed to complete both the Affiliation of the club and Championship status for the cats. In June last year this was completed and both were formally recognized by the GCCF. Since then the following cats have achieved success on the show bench:

Eastpoint Chocilac Rossetti..Grand Champion

Poolside Rhoda...Champion

Eastpoint Doris Day Dream...Premier

Eastpoint Siogne Sorrel...Premier

Eastpoint Edward Lear...Premier

Poolside Alonso...Premier

And to both Eastpoint Brexit Boris and Eastpoint Coco-Chanel for being moved from Reference to Supplementary.

I have just completed the schedule for the show and hope it will be available to download very soon from the GCCF website. All donations and help with raffle hampers will be really appreciated to help fund our first show and volunteers to help at the show will be gratefully received. If you would like to sponsor rosettes please let me know.

Linda Spendlove

Treasurer's Report:

SBCC ACCOUNTS 2018

Income 2017

Club Members:£142.50
Donations:£265.99
Raffle:£27.20
Current Account:£262.76
Total:£698.45

Expenditure

Club Fee:£10.00
Hall Hire for AGM: £16.50
Total:£32.94

End of Year Account:£665.51

Income 2018

Club Members:£132.50
Donations:£400.00
Raffle: £89.00
Merchandise:£209.00
Current Account:£665.51

Expenditure

Club Fee:£10.00
Hall Hire for AGM: £24.00
Train Tickets:£33.00
Delegate Fee: £35.00
GoDaddy Domain: £23.98
Show Licence: £25.00
Total:£150.98

End of Year Account:£1355.03

Membership Secretary's Report:

Having agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary at last years AGM there was some delay due to the introduction of the GDPR regulations, however I now have responsibility for the Membership and took over in August; the first job was to re-design the Membership form to incorporate necessary wordings and to assure our membership that we will not be sharing their information with anyone other than the GCCF also that the details will now be held securely electronically; this is easier to maintain accurately and interrogate when required.

The membership figures today differ slightly to the end of 2018 figures submitted to the GCCF as there have been some changes in membership, some lapses, change in type and some new members joining, Figures as of April 2019 are as follows:

Singles: 21 (7 falling due for renewal this year)

Junior: 4

Senior: 6

Joint 13 (26) (2 falling due for renewal this year)

Life: 14

Total Membership: 71

With 7 Singles and 2 Joint memberships falling due for renewal this year there is the potential we could lose 11 members leaving us at 60, still over the minimum 50 required by the GCCF but it is important that we endeavour to retain memberships and encourage new ones to keep above the 'magic 50' figure. We are looking to offer additional benefits to members , details of which will follow once agreed by the SBCC Committee. The SBCC Facebook page has a good following and we are using this 'window' to try to promote membership , currently running a monthly 'Cover Photo Competition' to encourage members to put forward their photos and to promote the idea of membership to those who are just members of the facebook page. We have been in discussion about possibly restricting posting//input on the page to 'Club Members Only' (another benefit/privilege of membership) but allowing viewing by anyone however this has yet to be agreed or finalized and the Committee are trying to weigh up whether restriction would be of benefit in encouraging members or detrimental to general interest shown in the breed.

Dee Baines

**The Suffolk Breed Cat Club
1st Championship Show
13th July 2019**

**The Burgess Hall
One Leisure
St Ives
PE27 6WU**

Please join us for our first ever show

Our Raffle will consist of specially made hampers.
These will be on different themes, Cats, Sewing, Chocolates, Prosecco, Writing,
Fruit, Gardening etc
If you would like to contribute a hamper it would be gratefully received either on
the day or given to any of the committee

If you have never shown your Suffolk this will be a great opportunity to learn.