



# CAMBRIA CAT CLUB



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Affiliated to the G.C.C.F

**Annual General Meeting - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at The Heroes Room,  
Newport Centre, Newport - commencing at 2.00pm**

## AGENDA

The Chairman Angela Evans welcomed everyone to the 2009 A.G.M Meeting of the Cambria Cat Club and thanked them for attending on behalf of the committee

1. **Apologies for absence**

*Brenda Hollandt, Janet Stanbridge, Lady Bruce-Gardiner, Mr Williams,*

**Present**

Miss Claire Lewis, Mr Ken Williams, Mrs Angela Evans, Mr Victor Evans, Mrs Linda Burton, Miss Charis White, Mrs Sandra Cook, Mrs Grace Wylde, Mrs Lyn Hudson, Mrs Sandra Humphreys, Miss Averil Rawsthorne, Mrs Yve Crook, Mr Ken Crook, Mr A Kitson, Mrs Jackie Steele,

2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

*Approved by: Lynn Hudson Secoded by: Jackie Steele*

*The Minutes were signed by the Chairwoman Mrs Angela Evans*

3. **Matters arising from 2008 AGM.**

Mr Ken Williams commented that there was only one matter that had not been dealt with and that was the increase of subscriptions for Seniors/Juniors. It was felt that as membership had declined so much it was better to leave it as it was to try to encourage new and lapsed membership. It will be discussed today in **AOB**

Mrs Grace Wylde asked were the minutes from the previous year and information about the AGM circulated as she and others had not heard about the meeting. Jackie Steele replied that she was not the Secretary at the time but she had been led to believe that a letter had been sent out to members and that it had also been posted in Our Cats at the time. Mrs Lyn Hudson confirmed that she also had not heard by letter. After some discussion it was agreed to move on as this could not be changed now.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

**Angela Evans**

The last 18 months has been a new experience for all of us but through the determination and dedication of your Committee we have made great progress.

Two major things affected us:

- a. The parking at Newport Leisure Centre was and still is totally inadequate for our Show. Intensive research was carried out to locate a suitable venue in Wales without success. As we have not had a show for two years, the Committee felt it vitally important to hold a show this year, which will be a very special event, as it marks the 25th Anniversary Show. After much thought Thornbury Leisure Centre seemed to be the nearest and best venue for us, as it is quite a popular site for cat shows. We do hope to return to Wales in the near future.
- b. The sudden decision by Margret and Tony Horrobin to step down after so many years as Show Managers, Chairman, Secretary and Delegate left many gaps in our Committee. New members of the Committee and Co-opted members were immediately introduced and these have a wealth of knowledge and experience to work on your behalf.

The Committee now stands as follows:-

President: George Marshall

Chairman: Angela Evans

Secretary: Jackie Steele

Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Ken Williams

Welfare: Linda Burton

Committee: Yve Crook, Lyn Hudson, Sandra Humphreys, Claire Lewis, Averil Rawsthorne, Ann Stubbs, Charis White

We are all very pleased to welcome our new Show Management Team: John Robinson, Elaine Robinson, and Lisa Talboys. We are delighted you accepted this role and we will all give you help and support in your forthcoming task.

We have an up and running Web site thanks to Charis White. This will be linked to the secretary's mail and discussed at committee meetings. We already have a kitten / breeder page and this site will be worth visiting for members and non members with useful information. We are also very grateful to Charis for drawing up a newsletter to bring everyone up to date with our situation.

Our treasurer has been extremely busy taking on the additional role of Membership Secretary. He has searched records and contacted lapsed and present members formulating an up to date list of members. Thank you Ken.

- As Jackie Steele was co-opted to become Secretary for the time she was proposed by Yve Crooks and seconded by Claire Lewis to continue in the roll.
- Angela Evans was also co-opted as Chairman. She was willing to continue in the roll and was proposed by Jackie Steele and seconded by Linda Burton.

## **5. Treasurer's Reports.**

### **Ken Williams**

Ken confirmed that this year we had used a new auditor Mrs Louise Davies and a covering letter from Louise was given to all present (appendix 1) together with a copy of the accounts. Ken then read the letter and went through the accounts in some detail. At the end of the letter there were three recommendations made by Louise in order to provide smooth running of the accounts for 2009.

- i. The first recommendation was to Change the correspondence address. Ken explained that all addresses on the main bank accounts had already changed. Lyn said that she thinks Louise had misunderstood her when she had explained there was a new committee.
- ii. To close the HSBC account and transfer £438.23 into Barclays account. Ken explained that this is the Welfare money and although he thought it would be a good idea to have all accounts with the same bank, we should keep all the Welfare monies separate. Angela asked for a show of hands and it was agreed unanimously that the Welfare account would be moved to Barclays and the signatories changed to Ken (the Treasurer), Jackie (the Secretary) and Linda would remain as a signatory as she was Welfare Officer.
- iii. Final recommendation was that all expenditure is accompanied by an invoice or receipt. Ken agreed this was the best way forward.

After a lengthy discussion about the accounts. It was agreed that the best way forward was to start afresh. The accountant Louise Davies had agreed to the figures for the year end December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. After a vote it was unanimously decided to start from these accounting figures.

Ken also explained that there was a large figure in the Clubs main account £1,482.38 due to the fact that we were waiting for the Show management team to open a New Show account and it had been agreed by the committee that £1000.00 would be transferred to this account for the management team to have an initial float to pay any pre-show expenses incurred.

Ken opened to the floor for questions.

Lynn asked why there was a difference of £500.00 in 2007 accounting from £2985.48 to £2485.48 in the current account. Ken explained that on the 20/02/08 £500.00 was transferred to the High Interest account. Ken went on to explain that for some reason when Tony took the accounts to the accountant in the past sometimes it was done up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December but sometimes it was done by to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Ken then confirmed he will present the accounts next year to the accountant up to the year end 31<sup>st</sup> December. Ken also went on to say there had been a further £311.00 income since December 2008 due to membership fees.

Angela then asked if someone would propose the Accounts

Proposed by: Lyn Hudson    Seconded by Charis White

## **6. Membership Secretary's report.**

### **Ken Williams**

Ken explained that when the club books were handed to him in August 2008 the membership had declined to 66 members. Ken sent out membership applications together with a Newsletter at the end of the year and also reminders at the start of the year.

To date we have 143 members giving us £311.00 in membership fees.

This is a lot healthier than last year. Ken did say that looking back to previous years the Cambria has at one time had 300 members. He hoped that further memberships would come in with the show entries. Jackie thanked Ken for all the work he had done and also Charis for the Newsletter. The floor agreed.

## **7. GCCF Delegate's Report. (Claire Lewis)**

Jackie explained - As we have had no delegate for 2008/2009 after consultation with the GCCF our committee member Claire Lewis has given an overview as she is a delegate for another club. – An overview was given and there was some discussion from the floor as to what was happening with the GCCF. Claire offered to provide a report next year but Jackie explained it was hoped at the end of the meeting to have elected a new delegate.

## **8. Welfare Report.**

### **Linda Burton**

Linda explained that the welfare had been very quiet and there was nothing really to report. The balance in the Welfare account was £438.38 to date. Linda then went on to explain that the welfare account had been set up originally to aid any club members who had been taken ill or in times of hardship to help with their cats vets bills etc.. In years passed there was small donations that went into the account and also a raffle was held each year at the show and the monies raised from this went to welfare. Linda said to her knowledge nothing had been paid in for several years. Ken confirmed this.

Jackie then went on to say that this had already been discussed at a committee meeting and this would change from the 2009 show. There would be a chocolate raffle and all monies would go into the welfare.

A discussion then followed about ways various clubs ran their welfare and several suggestions were made.

- i. Linda said that many years ago we asked all exhibitors if they could bring a can of food or something that could be donated to a cat charity in the area. Jackie said that maybe the absentee pens (free samples) could go to this as well. And Grace said maybe some exhibitors would be happy to contribute their free samples. – It was put to the floor and decided it would

be a good idea and to be incorporated in the Schedule for this year. Linda has agreed to organise this on the day.

- ii. Lyn mentioned the Persian rescue organisation or maybe other organisations in the area.
- iii. Grace went on to tell us about two pensioners who feed about 50 feral cats that live on the Corus steel work site that has closed down. Jackie asked Grace to supply further information so the committee can look into this.
- iv. Lyn also suggested putting a charity tin for a particular organisation on a table at the show.

It was agreed that the suggestion about a can of food for a charity at the show was a good idea and would be implemented. Also a place would be set aside on the raffle table for a particular charity with a collection tin for donation. All other ideas would be taken forward to the committee.

## **9. Show Manager's Report.**

Jackie explained that she had asked the show managers for a report but as they were quite busy with so many shows they had not been forthcoming, Jackie had however spoken to Lisa Talboys at the Bristol Show the day before and had confirmed several things.

- i. The judges had all been booked.
- iv. All schedules should be available from Mid July.
- v. The hall at Thornbury had been booked. All present confirmed they had been to Thornbury before so Jackie went on to explain the proposed set up.

Jackie explained that the usual hall was not available as it was used from October to April as a Bowls hall. There was an equally large sports hall behind which would be used for the cats. The trade stands would be situated in the main hall as would the vetting in and awards boards. This was the same set up as the Bristol, and West of England shows. Charis explained that we will try to bring the show back to Wales asap. A talk then went on about the state of Newport at present. The committee had purposely had the AGM in the leisure centre that we usually hold the show in for everyone to see the progress. The road that was at the front of the hall now has the start of a multi storey car park. Jackie explained that with all the new disability laws when the car park was completed it should have a lift etc. The car park is due to be completed in November 2009 so we will now be better then. Members asked about the road lay out as we all found the new road layout very confusing. No one was sure how it would end up.

Jackie then went on to say that she had provided Lisa with a list of inventory and also a copy of each of the rosettes the Cambria held. Lisa had said that she would like to use new rosettes as this was a special show. Sandra asked if the miscellaneous rosettes could be used. There was some discussion then about Best of Breed as the Cambria had for some years give a Dragon for best of breed but Lisa would like to give a rosette. It was agreed by the floor that a rosette could be given but maybe the tails of the rosette could have the special year on just to be a bit different. Jackie explained that alot of the changes are down to cost as the Cambria is not a very wealthy club at the moment.

The general consensus was that the Cambria was always known for quality at that should not be substituted but a rosette could replace the Dragons. It was felt that the Dragons that were left could be given out as spot prizes at the show by members.

Jackie also asked if there were any suggestions for something to give Judges with a Welsh theme as a thank you. There were various suggestions, Welsh Cheese, Alcohol, and Sweets. Members of the committee were left to source and price this and come back to Jackie to relay to Lisa.

## **10. Election of Committee Members**

Angela explained that the following members of the committee were co-opted on and are willing to continue in their term:

Lyn Hudson

Sandra Humphries

Claire Lewis

Ann Stubbs

This was agreed and proposed by Charis and seconded by Averil

11. Election of G.C.C.F. Delegate and Substitute Delegate

*Delegate:* Sandra Humphreys

*Substitute Delegate:* Lyn Hudson

*Proposed by:* Claire Lewis *Seconded by:* Grace Wylde

12. Changes to Rules to withdraw the Joining Fee to the Club.

Ken explained that for many years the club had an initial joining fee but it was thought that at present as we are trying to rebuild the club and gain new members it would be in our interest to have no joining fee. Ken explained that the committee had decided to waive it provisionally to trail it and we have had increased membership.

Proposed by: Angela Evans Seconded by: Charis White

The floor agreed unanimously

13. Changes to The Rules to allow for Life Membership.

***Rule 2 (a)***

*The club shall consist of paid up members and Honorary members (there shall be no life Membership)*

After a discussion it was agreed that life membership could be introduced.

The Amendments are as follows:

***Rule 2 (a)***

*The club shall consist of paid up members, life members and Honorary members.*

Proposed by: Jackie Steele Seconded by: Angela Evans

It was agreed unanimously by the floor.

A discussion followed and the outcome shows in the fees in AOB

14. Correspondence.

Jackie said various correspondence have been received thanking the committee and with well wishes for the show in 2009. Also positive comments on the website and weekly e-mails are received for both website input i.e. Breeders and kitten advertising pages. Angela also commented on the website and the Newsletter and both Charis and Ken were congratulated.

15. Any Other Business.

- i. Welfare account – as stated in the Treasurers report it was decided to move the Welfare account to Barclays bank.

This was agreed unanimously by the floor

- ii. Equipment

Lynn explained that the Auditor Louise had expressed an interest in where the office equipment was. Lynn had explained nothing had been given back to the committee by Margret and Tony. Louise had explained that the equipment though it had been written off several years ago in way of value should still be the property of the club to dispose of as they wish.

A discussion then took place about various items and it was agreed a list would be drafted and Jackie in her role as secretary would write to Margret and Tony asking for the said items. It was felt that way we as a committee could be seen to be acting correctly even if there was no outcome.

Sandra Cook explained that many years ago there used to be a limited edition Dragon given out for Best in show. Averil and Linda who have done the Trophies for many years at shows confirmed that they had not given it out in at least the last 5 years however Averil did remember the Dragon in question. Jackie agreed that that item would be added to the equipment inventory.

iii. Subscriptions

Ken explained that at present the subscriptions stand at

Seniors/juniors	£1.00
Adult	£4.00
Joint	£6.00

After some discussion it was agreed that the new membership fees as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 would be and would read on the joining application:

Junior (under 16) & Senior Citizen	£2.50
Single Membership	£5.00
Joint/Family Membership (same address)	£8.00
Life Membership is 10 times single Membership	£50.00 Per person

This was agreed unanimously by the floor.

iv. Lyn advised us that she was taking the Self Longhair Bac to disciplinary.

There was a lengthy discussion over all the ins and out but it was felt by the floor that this would have no impact on the Cambria as a club hence why it is not written in detail.

v. Newsletters

Charis explained that she was more than willing to produce a Newsletter and the suggestion was maybe late summer to prompt everyone about the show. This was agreed.

vi. Show

Rosettes and gifts for judges were discussed under show report.

**As there was no other business Angela closed the meeting by  
Thanking everyone for coming and being so positive.**

**The meeting closed at 15.45hrs.**