IT Progress Report for Council on 19th March 2022

- The IT Group met on 30th November and again on 19th January to review IT systems and projects. Its next meeting is scheduled for 1st March.

- A significant update to Phoenix took place on Friday 21st January so the system was closed for a couple of hours. The plan is to release updates on a more regular basis, at least quarterly but more frequently if we can.

- The IT Group agreed to move the domain name hosting from Fast2Host to GoDaddy, Ian believes this will give us a better, safer service and the group support this change.

- We have decided to undertake a full review of the GCCF's technology for the office systems. The current hardware and software was replaced some years ago, it is timely to assess what exactly we have. Ian will lead this work to collect information on the current state of all our systems so that we can better plan for the future. This will be documented to sit alongside the output from Ghyston's work.

- The Business Continuity Project is contracted and began work in December, We are receiving regular progress reports from Ghyston who are undertaking the work. At the time of writing the project is approximately 70% completed. The aim is to provide documentation for the Phoenix system.

- The current GCCF website is now hosted by Azure following the problems experienced recently. The new version of the website is now complete and has been fully populated with text, photographs and documents. Rosemary has undertaken functionality testing and has circulated the link to enable others on the IT Group to also explore and test all aspects of the site. The new site has been uploaded and is live from 15th February onwards, although some servers may take a day or so to upload the new version.

- The animated video aimed at kitten buyers and the video celebrating 150th anniversary are both available on the current website and are recording a good hit rate.

- Rosemary has a meeting with NRG Digital scheduled for mid-February to discuss ideas for further videos, including one or more to feature all GCCF recognised breeds and provide more information for kitten buyers on the characteristics and care needs of each breed.

- The project to review all registration policies is on track and progressing, albeit a bit more slowly over the past two month because of the other demands on Caroline's time (Phoenix testing and STAR). The major areas of

work remaining are to review the British Shorthair policy and the Oriental policies and work with the BACs to clarify and eliminate anomalies.

- Members of the NZCF continue to use and review the test database Ian created for them. They apologise for the delay in completing this review because of other demands on members' time. An executive meeting is scheduled for mid-February and they hope to give us some more detailed feedback after then.

- The STAR Task & Finish Group established after the November Board meeting has held four meetings, the fourth taking place on 15th February. The group has undertaken a detailed review of the STAR documentation, the IT system and the level of admin support. Feedback is being taken from STAR shows that have recently taken place or are being planned, and the SHCS has been used as a test case as for what needs to be expanded further. Work to revise the STAR Manual is almost completed, and detailed post show element has been added. The aim is to create an HTML version of the Manual which will enable SMs to access information and advice interactively as they use the system. The group has also looked at the payment process and is creating test shows in order to help train new STAR SMs.

GCCF Strategic Review

The planned Strategic Review has been contracted with Brian Proffitt Consultants and work began at the beginning of January. Detailed desk research of GCCF documents, policies, processes, etc has taken place along with research of the wider cat fancy "market" in the UK and other parts of the world. A series of structured discussions with key stakeholders from the Board and other Standing Committees and sub-groups will take place on 22nd and 24th February.

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