

MINUTES OF TONKINESE CAT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 25 2021

Location: On-line meeting due to Covid 19 meeting restrictions

Present - Committee	Present - Members
Christina Gordon – Welfare & Rescue David Lindop - Treasurer Lisa Knill Lorraine Phillips Loretta Smith – Vice chair Sandy Boden - Secretary Taufiq Es Haq – Membership secretary Ulla Korterman - Chair	Coral Macey Gerry Smith Maria Parker Julia Craig McFeely Julie Singleton Linda Vousden Mike Smith Mike Vousden Vince Macey

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<b>1) Chair's welcome</b>	
<p><b>2) Act of Enablement and change to Club Rules to allow electronic meetings</b> Each will require a majority of two thirds of the attendees to pass.</p> <p><b>a)</b> The committee requests the members present to pass an Act of Enablement to allow this meeting to continue using electronic means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop. Taufiq Es Haq.</li> <li>• Sec. Loretta Smith.</li> </ul> <p><b>b)</b> The ongoing situation with Covid 19 is likely to cause uncertainty about public meetings for some time and therefore the provision for electronic meetings should be added into the Tonkinese Cat Club rules.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The Committee proposes an addition to the wording of the first sentence of Rule 6 i) to be changed from:</p> <p>6 i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and place to be determined by the Committee, but no later than 30 April.</p> <p>to:</p> <p>6 i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a date and time to occur no later than 30 April. <b>The Committee will determine the most appropriate method of holding the meeting, either at a physical location or by some electronic means.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop. David Lindop.</li> <li>• Sec. Sandy Boden.</li> </ul> <p><b>d)</b> Linda Vousden asked to further amend the wording of 6.i) from:</p> <p>6i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a date and time to occur no later than 30 April.</p> <p>to:</p> <p>6i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a date and time to occur <b>normally</b> no later than 30 April.</p> <p>Pop: Linda Vousden Sec: Julia Craig McFeely</p>	<p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p> <p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p> <p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p>
<b>3) Apologies for Absence</b> No apologies received	

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<p><b>4) Chairman's welcome</b> The chairman welcomed the members and introduced the committee.</p>	
<p><b>5) Minutes of last AGM held 17 May 2020 were read and unanimously accepted.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop. Taufiq Es Haq</li> <li>• Sec. Gerry Smith</li> </ul>	<p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p>
<p><b>6) Matters arising</b> No matter arising</p>	
<p><b>7) Chairman's report</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> The face of TCC has changed and we were very happy to introduce our new logo in December.</p> <p><b>b)</b> We also re-launched Tonkinews, now a glossy and very colourful magazine. Our main focus is articles about how life is with Tonks and to share ideas. Our next issue is due in June and we have already some fun and interesting articles lined up again. Even from Tonks in Australia</p> <p><b>c)</b> Our magazine will be published twice a year; an Xmas edition in December and a summer edition in June. We have spoken to TBC to make sure we don't print at the same time</p> <p><b>d)</b> We have updated some of the information our website – but behind the scene we are making a new website that should be live later on this year.</p> <p><b>e)</b> We have started to use new Templates for our email marketing when we send out information to our members and new members. That way we can see if any emails don't get delivered and how many have been opened. For example, the AGM invite</p> <p>Most of our members these days have an email - we only have about 10 members without email who we need to post out to.</p> <p><b>f)</b> Another interesting initiative ... in July last year we joined forces with TBC and created yellow warning stickers for household appliances and a flyer about keeping your cats safe. We posted 2 stickers and a flyer to all our members.</p> <p><b>g)</b> New members are continuing to receive those in their welcome packs.</p> <p>Julia Craig McFeely offered to provide a non-branded show guide for enclosure with our new members' pack. Ulla accepted the offer.</p>	

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<p><b>8) Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>a) Because there was a handover between treasurers during the 2020 financial year, there are TWO statements of account for 2021. The first one was signed off at end June, by the previous Treasurer and the independent person verifying, and the second one shows the position for the second half, between July and December, signed off by the current Treasurer and Teresa Kelly as a second independent person verifying.</p> <p>b) The new PayPal account is in operation but members are still using the old one, probably because of legacy direct debits automatically set up with the old PayPal account. It was suggested that these members be contacted individually to alert them of this. In a year or so the old PayPal account will be discontinued.</p> <p>c) A discrepancy on the accounts was noted where the Notes had superscripted numbers against them that were misleading and not required.</p> <p>d) It was suggested that in future, the accounts could be presented showing last year's figures and the current year side by side so as to make year by year changes clear</p> <p>e) Balances as at:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="165 857 699 1021"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>31 Dec '20</u></th> <th><u>24 Apr '21</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Bank:</b> £5,565.26</td> <td>£5,691.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PayPal</b> £ 608.97</td> <td>£1,16.4.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b> <b>£6,174.23</b></td> <td><b>£6,856.56</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>f) The motion to approve the accounts was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop. David Lindop</li> <li>• Sec. Sandy Boden</li> </ul>	<u>31 Dec '20</u>	<u>24 Apr '21</u>	<b>Bank:</b> £5,565.26	£5,691.72	<b>PayPal</b> £ 608.97	£1,16.4.84	<b>Total</b> <b>£6,174.23</b>	<b>£6,856.56</b>	<p>Members using old PayPal account to be contacted individually as well as messages in the newsletter</p> <p>Noted by the Treasurer</p> <p>Noted by the Treasurer</p> <p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p>
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<p><b>9) Membership secretary's report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income for 2020 Membership Subscriptions: £578.00</li> <li>• 69 memberships:</li> <li>• 43 Single Memberships + 23 Joint Memberships (46 individuals) + 3 Officers</li> <li>• Total members = 92</li> <li>• Membership income for 2021 so fa is £452.50, with more payments coming in via PayPal &amp; Cheques</li> </ul>									
<p><b>10) Welfare and Rescue report</b></p> <p>a) A total of four Tonkinese cats were rehomed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We rehomed two Tonkinese siblings directly to their new owner in Wales and helped to identify the breeder (Mike Smith) of two young Tonks whose owner had died. Mike Smith took back his two lovely Tonks and the TCC advised him of potential and suitable homes from our waiting list. He eventually did rehome to a known experienced couple from our waiting list. The new owners of both sets of siblings gave donations to TCC. I created an excel database based on rehoming applicants by county in which they reside thus making it easy and quick to identify potential new homes based on location of the cat needing rehomed.</li> <li>• We were approached by Millbrook RSPCA to find a home for a feral Tonkinese female. However, their criteria were quite limiting for various reasons due to behavioural problems of the Tonk, who sounded almost feral. Another limitation was distance, as Millbrook were only willing to rehome within a distance of one</li> </ul>									

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<p>hour from their premises. Other criteria were no other pets and no children. Julia Craig McFeely found a lovely couple on the breeders waiting list willing to rehome her and work with her behaviour and were willing to travel to collect but they were rejected by Millbrook on the grounds they lived too far away in Isle of Wight. I did try another lady but she rejected the idea of the Tonk because of her behavioural problems. I heard from TBC welfare, Val Chapple, who was applying to take in the cat herself and she now has the Tonk Kimi in her care and is working on her behavioural issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I haven't heard back from the friend of the lady who put her father's Tonk into foster care, the person that phoned did not want me to get in touch with the daughter. And as we haven't heard from the lady again, I presume an alternative home has been found for him.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) New forms for rehoming etc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We now have rehoming forms including: an application to rehome; a surrender form; medical summary; adoption agreement and Agria insurance for Tonks we rehome. Loretta and Lisa worked very hard researching this and Loretta produced an excellent set of forms for us to use when a Tonk comes in for rehoming and new owners are identified.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Agria Insurance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After I liaised with Karen Green from Agria Insurance and with the TCC committee, we agreed to go ahead with Agria. We now have 5 weeks free insurance to offer people that agree to rehome Tonks, which will give some reassurance about the cat's health needs being covered in those first few weeks. Agria also offer lifetime care insurance for our rehomed cats for new owners and this insurance covers any age of cats.</li> </ul> <p><b>d) TCC waiting list</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TCC waiting list is large and is currently 147 and I think lockdown has increased our numbers greatly. I will be emailing those on the list again shortly to see if they are still looking to rehome. This should slim our waiting list a little.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>e)</b> Since the report was issued, the Tynebridge and Torbay Cats protection have asked us to rehouse four Tonks from an owner hospitalised for a year. Two have been rehomed but the others have upper respiratory tract infection and proving more difficult. Mike Smith and Julia Craig McFeely have offered to help with locating a suitable owner.</p>	
<p><b>11) Show update</b></p> <p>To avoid clashes with the Tonkinese Breed Club, a show date earlier in the year and location further North has been sought.</p> <p>After discussions with show manager Sally Tokens, the TCC is going back-to-back with the Cambridgeshire Cat Club and the Bombay and Asian Breed Club and has been given a show licence by the GCCF as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date: March 26th 2022</li> <li>Location: Wodson Park Leisure Centre, Wadesmill Rd, Ware, Herts. SG12 0UQ</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12) Election of Chair and Committee members</b></p> <p><b>a) Election of Committee:</b></p> <p>Christina Gordon, David Lindop &amp; Lisa Knill are standing down in rotation and are willing to stand again.</p>	<p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p>

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<p>No other nominations having been received, the committee were happy to accept their return.</p> <p><b>b)</b> It was pointed out that last year, although Ulla Korterman was accepted as Chairman, she had not been officially voted on to the committee. Therefore, her acceptance was proposed as follows:</p> <p>Prop: Lisa Knill Sec: Taufiq Es Haq</p>	<p>Membership vote results: Unanimously accepted</p>
<p><b>13) Any other business</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Linda Vousden asked that the TCC and the TBC avoid having their AGMs on the same weekend next year.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Julia wondered why so few members attend AGMs and what could be done to encourage them. Also that the only way to make people aware of clubs was on-line and that was a barrier to those who might not be Internet savvy or equipped. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sending the AGM Zoom invite to all members rather than only to those who requested it.</li> <li>• As AGMs are not very inviting, run some on-line events for members to meet the committee (or even their cats) and discuss things of more general interest to cat owners who are not involved in breeding. This might encourage members to then attend AGMs.</li> <li>• Add a copy of the TCC newsletter to breeder's kitten packs (julia Singleton offered to do this)</li> <li>• Make sure there is always a postal address in the newsletter for members to send their renewal cheques.</li> </ul> <p><b>c)</b> Julia Craig McFeely offered to provide a non-branded show guide for enclosure with the TCC new members' pack. The TCC was pleased to accept the offer.</p>	<p>Avoid AGM date clash for 2022</p>
<p><b>14) Date of next meeting – to be decided at a later committee meeting</b></p>	
<p>Meeting closed at.15.50</p>	