



SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL (Last amended October 2017)

(Formerly known as the Governing Council of the Associated Cat Clubs of South Africa)

ARTICLE 1

1. NAME

This Association shall be known as the Southern Africa Cat Council. (Herein referred to as SACC). SACC shall be a Voluntary Association.

2. OBJECTIVES

SACC objectives are as follows:

- 2.1 To promote the welfare of cats and the improvement of their breeds;
- 2.2 The registration of pedigrees of cats and kittens;
- 2.3 The promulgation of rules for the management of cat shows;
- 2.4 The promotion of interests of breeders and exhibitors of cats;
- 2.5 To ensure the efficient co-existence of its Councils and offices;
- 2.6 To promulgate rules, regulations and codes of ethics;
- 2.7 To lay down standards for all Breeds in conjunction with member Clubs, the Breed Council and the S A Council of Cat Judges;
- 2.8 To promote a knowledge of Cats and Breed Standards by investigating or to assist in investigations to ensure that the breeding of cats and the showing of cats are according to the highest Standards;
- 2.9 To train or to assist in the training of persons for the breeding, judging, show management and stewarding of cats.

3. CENTRAL OFFICE

The operation of the affairs of SACC shall be carried out by the offices of the SA Cat Register.

4. LEGAL STATUS

- 4.1 SACC shall be a voluntary Association, with an independent Legal Persona.
- 4.2 SACC may acquire and hold property, apart from its member club/s and likewise may acquire rights and incur obligations, and sue and be sued for and by itself apart from its member club/s.
- 4.3 All property and assets of SACC shall vest in SACC, which shall hold such assets for itself. Individual member club/s shall have no rights in or to any property of other assets of SACC.
- 4.4 Any obligations or liabilities incurred by or on behalf of SACC shall be for itself and to the exclusion of the individual member club/s.
- 4.5 The power to decide whether or not to enter into litigation shall vest in the management of SACC, being the Governing Council of SACC.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

The under mentioned words will have the following meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates:

- 5.1 SACC: Southern Africa Cat Council
- 5.2 GC of SACC: Governing Council of Southern Africa Cat Council, managing SACC
- 5.3 Club: A member of SACC
- 5.4 Breed Council: A body made up of the various Breed Groups that serve, promote and regulate the different breeds.
- 5.5 Breed Group: A group of people with the objective of promoting the breeding of any particular breed of cat and an affiliated member
- 5.6 SA Council of Cat Judges: The Governing body of the Judges' Panels in various Provinces accredited to SACC
- 5.7 Delegate: A person nominated by a Club or S A Council of Cat Judges to represent it at all meetings
- 5.8 Support Management: The Administration Office consisting of the S A Cat Register; the Ethics Committee; Election Office and other Sub-Committees appointed from time to time by GC of SACC
- 5.9 S A Cat Register: The Register officially appointed for the purpose of registering all pedigreed cats and non pedigreed cats, used as allowable outcrosses in a registered breeding program, bred and/or owned by members of the Cat Clubs
- 5.10 The Registrar: The person appointed, from time to time, to administer the Affairs of the S A Cat Register
- 5.11 Awards Office: The Office appointed for the purpose of processing/registering awards gained by pedigreed cats at cat shows is the SACR.
- 5.12 Ethics Committee: The Office or ad hoc committee appointed to advise Governing Council and to administer discipline amongst members, exhibitors, judges, stewards, show officials, breeders, and all other persons who, by their participation in SACC activities, subject themselves to its various rules in order to preserve the integrity of this association in the accomplishment of its objectives
- 5.13 Rules and Regulations: All Rules made by SACC, including Show Rules and Show Standards under which Shows are held
- 5.14 The masculine gender includes the feminine gender and vice versa
- 5.15 The singular includes the plural and vice versa
- 5.16 SACC Publication: The official newsletter of SACC
- 5.17 Breed Division: 4 Divisions namely: 1) Persian and

Exotic; 2) Medium Hair; 3) Foreign and
4) Siamese, Oriental, Balinese, Medium
Hair Oriental.

- 5.18 Officer: (of SACC or another registering body):
Any person who is a member of a management team, committee, breed group committee, Judges panel, or any equivalent thereof that is privy to confidential information, management plans and/ or promotional events of the registering body, its affiliates and/ or the committee/ judges panel it belongs to.

ARTICLE 2

6. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

- 6.1 Any non-profit club, of not less than 60 members at a major centre i.e. Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria or 30 members at any other centre, organized for the purpose of holding or managing cat shows and/or for any other purposes consistent with those of SACC may apply for membership; and
- 6.2 Any non-profit Breed Group of not less than 10 members with the objective of promoting the breeding of any breed of cat and adopting the standards set down by SACC, may apply for Affiliated membership.
- 6.3 Clubs and/or Breed Groups that have not paid their yearly affiliation fees will not receive the SACC Agenda and voting ballots for the AGM.

7 APPLICATION

- 7.1 Application for membership shall be mailed to the SACR Office of SACC and shall include:

7.1.1 Clubs:

- i) A copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws,
- ii) A list of Officers and Addresses.
- iii) A list of members, their names and addresses.
- iv) Audited Balance Sheet at the time of application.
- v) A statement by the SA Cat Register of SACC that a minimum of three (3) auspice-championship shows were held.
- vi) A statement by the SA Cat Register of SACC that the show as referred to in (v) above was held under Rules as laid down by SACC.
- vii) A cheque for R200,00 to cover the costs of processing the application, and that is non refundable irrespective of whether the application is successful or not.
- viii) Such other information as may be required.
- ix) A club cannot be affiliated to more than one registering body at the same time.

7.1.2 Breed Groups

- i) A copy of the Breed Group's Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) A list of all members and their addresses.
- iii) A list of officers and addresses.
- iv) Audited Balance Sheet at the time of application.
- v) A cheque for R75,00 to cover the costs of processing, non refundable irrespective of whether the application is successful or not.
- vi) Statement of Support by an existing member of SACC.
- vii) Such other information as may be required.

- viii) A Breed Group can not be affiliated to more than one registering body at the same time.

8 ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Upon receipt of the application and supporting documents, it shall be submitted to GC of SACC at the next regular scheduled meeting, for election.
- 8.2 Voting will be by a show of hands or by ballot.
- 8.3 A simple majority vote shall decide the result.
- 8.4 The vote may be to accept, not to accept or to delay consideration pending receipt of additional information.

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9.1 Ongoing Requirements for Member Clubs

- 9.1.1 Hold at least ONE (1) championship show a year (excluding auspiced shows). Exceptions to this Rule shall be ratified by GC of SACC.
- 9.1.2 Use only Judges recognized by the GC of SACC, at such shows.
- 9.1.3 Hold such shows under the Rules laid down by GC of SACC.
- 9.1.4 Certify annually a membership of at least 60 members at a major centre, i.e. Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria. In all other instances certify a membership of 30 members.
- 9.1.5 Submit an Annual Balance Sheet to GC of SACC.
- 9.1.6 Pay its annual dues.

9.2 Ongoing Requirements for Affiliated Members

- 9.2.1 Certify annually a membership of at least 10 members.
- 9.2.2 Submit an Annual Balance Sheet to GC of SACC.
- 9.2.3 Pay its Annual Dues.
- 9.2.4 Supply annually a list of its officers, with their full contact details.

10. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 10.1 Annual dues in the amount of R500.00 for clubs and R75.00 in respect of affiliated members are due and payable each year on the first day of January for that calendar year.
- 10.2 Payment shall be made to SACC's SACR Office.
- 10.3 A member that has failed to pay its dues as set out above, will cease to be a member in good standing and will so continue until the annual dues are paid.
- 10.3.1 Any Club / Breed Group that has not renewed its SACC membership fee for more than two consecutive years will have to re-apply for affiliation to SACC as described in Section 7.
- 10.4 Clubs that are not member club/s in good standing will not be allowed to submit items for the Agenda for the AGM unless they have complied with item 9.1, 10.1, 10.2 and 11.3 by the 1st August of that particular year.

11. LIST OF MEMBERS

- 11.1 Each member club shall forward to the SACR Office a list of its members together with their addresses and a list of their current officers, which list shall be certified by the Secretary of the member.
- 11.2 In the event of a Breed Group being an Affiliated member, the membership list as referred to in paragraph 11.1 has to indicate non-voting and voting members.
- 11.3 A member has to comply with the provisions of paragraph 11.1 and/or 11.2, by the first day of the month following the month in which a member held its Annual General Meeting, but not later than 1 June.

12. MEMBER CLUB SECRETARY OF RECORD

- 12.1 The name and contact details of the Secretary and delegate of each Club or the secretary of the Breed Group member shall be recorded by the Registrar's Office and shall be the point of all official communication between the Registrar's Office or SACC and each member.

ARTICLE 3

13. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 13.1 GC of SACC shall meet at least once a year. This shall be the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Constitutional changes may be made only at the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 A provisional date shall be set at each Annual General Meeting, for the next Annual General Meeting.
- 13.3 The quorum for such a meeting shall be the attendance of a simple majority of the total possible number of Delegates.
- 13.4 Special and General Meetings may be convened by a majority of the Delegates of GC of SACC. Any delegate or The President may request such meeting in writing. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary of SACC in writing calling for a Special or General Meeting, specifying the purpose, date and venue thereof. The Provisions of 16.1 and 16.3 shall not be applicable in the event of a Special or General Meeting.
- 13.5 General Meetings may be called from time to time to deal with matters not dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.6 Extraordinary Meetings may be convened by a majority of the Delegates of GC of SACC. Any Delegate may request such a meeting in writing. A simple majority of Delegates must agree to the meeting after which notice of such a meeting shall be given by the Secretary of SACC, calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting, specifying the date and venue and attaching the Agenda. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened not later than 3 calendar months from the date of acceptance of the meeting.

14. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

- 14.1 At each Annual, Special or General Meeting of SACC, each member club, in good standing is entitled to one vote.
- 14.2 The Secretary of each member club shall communicate the names of the officers and Delegates of such member to the SACR Office by the 1st June of each year.

15. DELEGATES (VOTING AND NON-VOTING)

- 15.1 Each member club in good standing, as set out in paragraph 9.1, 10 and 11 shall elect one (1) delegate, to represent such member club at each meeting.
- 15.2 The elected Delegates as set out above, shall remain the Delegates until replaced.
- 15.2.1 In the event of the Delegate not being available for a meeting of GC of SACC, that Delegate shall be replaced by another member of the member's Committee.
- 15.2.2 In the case of a Delegate not being able to attend the AGM on the day due to an emergency (accident, illness, etc) the Delegate may appoint a person not necessarily of the delegate's committee to take the Delegate's vote to the meeting.
- 15.3 Each Delegate shall be a fully paid-up member of the member.
- 15.4 The Registrar of the South African Cat Register shall not be a Delegate but shall attend all GC of SACC Annual General Meetings and shall be allowed to submit

proposals related to the S.A. Cat Register office. The S.A. Cat Registrar shall have no vote.

16. AGENDA OF MEETINGS

- 16.1 Notice in writing of any special business to be brought forward by any Delegate from any member of affiliated member to such meeting shall be called for at least 90 days prior to date of AGM meeting and received by the Secretary of SACC at least 60 days before the day on which such meeting is to be held.
- 16.2 Notice in writing of any general business to be brought forward by the President of SACC or GC Management or any Delegate from any member of an Affiliated Club, Breed Council or Judges Council of SACC for the purpose of a General Meeting shall be called for at least 60 days prior to date of meeting and received by the Secretary of SACC at least 45 days before the day on which such meeting is to be held.
- 16.3 All meetings will be recorded by the Secretary of SACC, who shall keep such recordings for a period of five (5) years. Any member of SACC has access to these recordings.
- 16.4 The Agenda for a meeting, other than a Special Meeting shall be e-mailed, or posted, if the delegate does not have e-mail, by the Secretary of SACC, to all Member club/s, the Breed Council and SA Council of Cat Judges at least 50 days prior to the date of the meeting and shall contain the terms and explanations of any proposed resolutions. Also to be included in the agenda are the grounds of appeal, in the event of an Appeal in terms of paragraph 4.10, against a decision of the Ethics Committee, as well as the proposals from the Breed Council to be tabled at the meetings.
- 16.5 Provision should be made for matters to be discussed under "General" or "Any other Business" providing such matters do not require a vote.
- 16.6 The Provisions of paragraph 16.1 – 16.5 are mutatis mutandis applicable to any proposals by the Stewards Forum, Show Managers Forum, Register, Awards Office or any person or body entitled, in terms of this constitution, to submit proposals.

17. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 17.1 The draft minutes of meetings shall be circulated by the Secretary of SACC, by certified post, registered post, courier, fax or e-mail to the official delegates of the member clubs and Executive of SACC as soon as possible after a meeting, [amended 2013] but not later than 14 days, for confirmation of the correctness thereof by the member clubs, which shall be effected within 28 days of their receipt.
- 17.2 The draft minutes shall be an accurate record of the meeting.
- 17.3 Upon final confirmation of the correctness of the minutes by the member clubs delegates, the Secretary shall circulate an abridged version, showing only decisions made, to the Breed Groups and to the webmaster for posting on the official SACC website. [Amended 2013]
- 17.4 Unless otherwise provided for, all Constitutional matters decided on shall become effective immediately.

18. VOTING PROCEDURE

- 18.1 All voting shall be by a show of hands or by ballot.
- 18.1.1 Members may only vote in favour or against a proposal.
- 18.1.2 All proposals necessitating voting shall be decided by a simple majority vote unless specifically provided for in this constitution.
- 18.1.3 Only delegates from member clubs in good standing have one (1) vote.
- 18.1.4 The President and Vice President shall not have a vote.

- 18.1.5 The Secretary and Treasurer of SACC shall not have a vote.
- 18.1.6 In the event of an equality of votes on any matter at any meeting, the matter shall be referred back to the Clubs and no delegate or other person shall have a casting vote.
- 18.1.7 Matters on the agenda involving the Breed Council and S.A. Council of Cat Judges to be voted on in accordance with paragraph 23 to 25 of this Constitution.
19. THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS OF SACC
- 19.1 The Administration Officers of SACC shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 19.2 Election of Officers
- 19.2.1 Election shall be by ballot, and the elected officers shall hold office for two (2) years.
- 19.2.2 The current Secretary of SACC shall, on or before the 1st July, publish in the SACC Publication and on the SACC Internet site and/or in the Cat Clubs' Newsletters the ballots listing all candidates, with a Curriculum Vitae showing their involvement in the South African Cat Fancy.
- 19.2.3 Returned ballots must be received by the Secretary of SACC no later than commencement of the Annual General Meeting. Results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and published in the next issue of the SACC Publication.
- 19.2.4 Any member (fully paid-up) of any Cat Club may vote for the election of officers.
- 19.2.5 One vote per person.
- 19.2.6 Club members may only vote in favour of or against a candidate.
- 19.2.7 A simple majority shall indicate the results of the election.
- 19.2.8 The opening and counting of ballots shall be done by Delegates of the member clubs present at the AGM. A Delegate that is a candidate for election may not be involved in the opening or counting of ballots.
- 19.3 Candidates
- 19.3.1 A nomination shall be made in writing on the prescribed nomination form (SACR D14) which is available on the SACC website. A statement under oath by the Nominee declaring that he/she has no criminal convictions nor is involved in any pending criminal investigations must accompany the nominations. Nominations to be mailed, faxed or emailed to the SACR, to reach the SACR Office on or before 1 June. No nomination shall be accepted after the closing date.
- 19.3.2 Eligibility for President and Vice President
- 19.3.2.1 Any person may be nominated for these positions.
- 19.3.2.2 Neither the President of SACC nor the Vice President may act as the Delegate of any member club of SACC for the period of his/her office.
- 19.3.3 Eligibility for Secretary and Treasurer
- i) Any person with secretarial experience may be elected as Secretary of SACC.
- ii) Any person with bookkeeping experience and qualifications may be elected as Treasurer.
- 19.3.4 No person with a criminal record in respect of offences where dishonesty is an element of the crime may be elected or hold the position of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer of SACC.
- 19.4 Duties of Officers
- 19.4.1 The President shall be the managing head of the Administration Office of SACC and the Chairperson of GC of SACC.
- 19.4.2 In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

- 19.4.3 The Secretary of SACC shall keep an accurate record of all meetings and attend to all correspondence received - whether it is via e-mail, posted or faxed - between SACC and its member club/s.
- 19.4.4 The Secretary of SACC shall perform all acts as specifically laid out as a duty in the Constitution.
- 19.4.5 The Treasurer, shall have custody of all monies of SACC inclusive of the offices of the Support Management and SACC Publication and shall account and receive and disburse same.
- 19.4.6 The Treasurer shall compile a monthly income and expenses account on all SACC finances and distribute same to all member club/s every month.
- 19.4.7 No officer of SACC or any other person shall be entitled to decide on issues pertaining to the following: the move of offices or change of address of the SACR offices, signing powers of cheques, moving or opening or closing of any bank account of SACC and the SACR, purchasing or sale of property/equipment of SACC, signing of contracts or deeds or incurring of debt on behalf of SACC. Such decisions shall only be made by the member clubs of SACC, after written instructions of a simple majority of the member clubs prior thereto.
- 19.4.8 On 30 July of each year, the Secretary must issue a letter, email or fax to all clubs with a list of clubs that are not in good standing and a list of outstanding monies.
- 19.5 Vacancies
- 19.5.1 Vacancies in any office, except that of President shall be filled by GC of SACC for the balance of the unexpired term, in written consultation.
- 19.5.2 Should the office of the President become vacant, the Vice President shall automatically succeed.
20. SUPPORT MANAGEMENT (SA CAT REGISTER, AWARDS OFFICE, ETHICS COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER AND ANY OTHER OFFICE APPOINTED BY GC OF SACC)
- 20.1 The Officers of the Support Management of SACC shall be appointed by the GC of SACC to serve for such period and on such terms and conditions as is agreed upon by the GC of SACC.
- 20.2 The Officers of the Support Management shall act in an advisory capacity to the GC of SACC at meetings on issues pertaining to those officers, upon request by GC of SACC.
- 20.3 Officers of the Support Management shall not be members of SACC by virtue of their Office, or exercise any voting rights, unless such Officer is a Delegate of a Club.
- 20.4 The Offices of the Support management are owned by SACC.
- 20.5 All Officers of the Support Management shall submit an Annual Report on the activities of that Office in accordance with Rules promulgated for that specific Office.
- 20.6 The compensation of these Officers shall be determined by GC of SACC.
- 20.7 SACC shall appoint an International Liaison Officer from one of the delegates to deal with international contact and affairs. This officer to be elected during the AGM of the GC of SACC each year for the following year.
- 20.8 SACC shall appoint an Archivist to deal with the history and archive materials worth preserving for future use and reference. This officer to be elected during an AGM of the GC of SACC and to remain in office until a proposal for a replacement is received and voted on according to the standard procedures of Governing Council. The Archivist to present a written annual report to the Secretary of the GC of SACC to be included with the minutes of the AGM.

- 20.9 No SACC Administration Officer, Delegate, Club Committee Member, Breed Group Committee Member, Judge or Support Manager may be an officer in any other cat registration organization.

ARTICLE 4

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL (GC OF SACC)

21. The management of affairs of SACC shall be vested in the GC of SACC and shall consist of the following:
- 21.1 The President of SACC
 - 21.2 The Vice President of SACC
 - 21.3 Delegates of all member clubs

22. RULES AND STANDARDS

- 22.1 The GC of SACC shall from time to time establish Show Rules and other Rules to ensure the efficiency of the Cat Fancy.
- 22.2 Show Rules, Breed Standard or any other SACC rules changes so adopted shall be effective on the 1st January of the year following adoption. Proposals for changes to Show Rules must only be submitted to an AGM.
- 22.3 Changes to COTY rules to come into effect at the start of the following COTY cycle.
- 22.4 Changes to Show Rules affecting specifically any colour, breed or division shall not be changed by GC of SACC unless the opinions of the Breed Groups via the Breed Council (as stipulated in Breed Group Rules) and the opinion of the S.A. Council of Cat Judges have been obtained by way of voting and the tabling of all ballots at the Annual General meeting of the GC of SACC.
- 22.5 The acceptance of any new Breed and any changes to the Standards of Points, as well as those items listed in paragraph 23 and 24 there under shall be in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 25, of this Constitution.

23. BREED COUNCIL.

- 23.1 The Breed Council shall serve the GC of SACC as an advisory body regarding Standards of Points, changes to the Standards of Points and acceptance of New Breeds.
- 23.2 The Breed Council shall channel opinions and suggestions from the Breed Groups to GC of SACC.
- 23.3 In order for any changes or proposals to be considered by GC of SACC at least 50% of the voting members of Breed Groups of the specific section concerned (i.e. either Persian & Exotic, Foreign, Medium Hair or Siamese/Oriental) as the case may be, must have responded.
- 23.4 The Club Delegates may present the various Breed Group's ballots from the individual voting members at the Annual General meeting of GC of SACC.
- 23.5 The President and Vice President of SACC shall audit those tabled ballots, and announce the result.
- 23.6 The results of the ballots shall be minuted.
- 23.7 Ballot to be filed by the Secretary of the Breed Council, and kept as record for a period of five (5) years.

24. S.A. COUNCIL OF CAT JUDGES

- 24.1 The SACC recognizes the existence of the SA Council of Cat Judges, of which all judges are members.
25. AUDITING OF BALLOTS FROM BREED COUNCIL, SA COUNCIL OF CAT JUDGES AND VOTING BY GC OF SACC
- 25.1 Ballots concerning Judges, Breed Councils and Clubs
- 25.1.1 The President and Vice President of SACC shall audit all Ballots tabled by the Breed Council and the SA Council of Cat Judges.
- 25.1.2 A simple majority vote shall decide the outcome on ballots.
- 25.1.3 Each Club Delegate shall vote by a show of hands and the results there from shall be added to the results of the audited ballots.
- 25.1.4 A simple majority vote on the combination of the audited ballots plus the results from the show of hands shall decide the result. A two thirds majority vote in favour shall be required for any change to the SOP to be accepted.
- 25.2 Ballots concerning Judges matters and Clubs.
- 25.2.1 The Breed Council ballots tabled by any Delegates for the various Judges Panels shall be audited by the President and Vice President of SACC.
- 25.2.2 A simple majority vote shall decide the result.
- 25.2.3 Each club delegate shall vote by a Show of hands and the result thereof shall be added to the results in 25.2.1.
- 25.2.4 A simple majority vote on the combination of the audited ballots plus the results from the Show of hands shall decide the result.
26. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DELEGATES, CLUBS AND OTHER MEMBERS
- 26.1 Member club/s of the SACC through their delegates shall:
- 26.1.1 Enjoy the full and unrestricted rights which this constitution may confer, in particular the right of audience, the right to vote at any meeting, and the right to be elected to any office for which this constitution provides;
- 26.1.2 Be liable for the payment of any subscription, levy or fee prescribed in terms of the Rules;
- 26.1.3 Be empowered to expel, suspend or fine any Club, affiliated body, judge or show official and breeders or person as referred to in paragraph 28 hereof subject to the provisions contained herein.
- 26.1.4 Affiliated members shall have the right to use the words "Affiliated to SACC" in their official correspondence, letterheads, pamphlets and circulars.
- 26.1.5 At the time of replying to the Secretary of GC of SACC, on decisions required of their clubs or of the President, these decisions can be faxed to the Secretary or e-mailed to an e-mail list restricted to GC delegates and officials. All correspondence received by the Secretary to be circulated to all the club delegates either by fax or e-mail via the aforementioned list.
27. DUTIES AND POWERS OF GC OF SACC AND THE DELEGATES
- 27.1 Receive and consider applications for membership.
- 27.2 Convene a meeting as required from time to time.
- 27.3 Determine the date and place of the meeting of GC of SACC and the business to be transacted at such meeting. The meeting arrangements to be made by the Secretary of SACC.
- 27.4 Authorize the Treasurer to keep proper accounts of the revenue and expenditure of SACC and to render an Annual Balance sheet to GC of SACC.
- 27.5 Authorize the Treasurer to administer the assets of SACC.

- 27.6 Authorize the Treasurer to open an account at a registered Commercial Bank on behalf of SACC. Cheques drawn shall be signed by the President and Secretary of SACC. SACC expenses may be paid by internet banking. This will be done by the Treasurer once a payment is approved by the President and Secretary.
- 27.7 Consider complaints, as stipulated herein, and refer to the Ethics Committee.
- 27.8 Appoint any sub-committees as required from time to time.
- 27.9 Incur expenditures in furtherance of the objects of SACC and take action in all matters, which shall include the power to institute or defend any suit on behalf of SACC.
- 27.10 Determine the subscriptions payable to SACC.
- 27.11 Establish Rules and Regulations and amend existing Rules and Regulations.
- 27.12 Delegate duties to sub-committees.
- 27.13 Within forty five (45) days of any correspondence either via mail, e-mail and/or fax being sent to the delegates and office bearers any proposals will automatically be accepted as being in favour of the proposal from the clubs that do not reply. In the event of the delegate or office bearers not being available for any length of time (either due to work commitments, sickness or on holiday) the secretary and clubs must be notified and a contact person for the Club be supplied so that the matters can be dealt with.
28. DISCIPLINE AND ETHICS COMMITTEES
- 28.1 All persons, organizations or groups of people who by their voluntary participation in breeding, exhibiting at shows or any other SACC activity, subject themselves to the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the Ethics Committee.
- 28.2 All complaints other than those in paragraph 29.1 - 29.4 herein by any aggrieved party have to be lodged with the Ethics Committee. If the Ethics Committee deem it necessary, the Complaints Procedure will be implemented. See separate document for Complaints Procedure.
- 28.3 The Ethics Committee shall act as an advisory body to GC of SACC.
- 28.4 In the event of Appeals in terms of paragraph 4.10 of the rules of the Ethics Committee as an item on the agenda of a meeting, the Ethics Committee shall receive full particulars from the Secretary of SACC, of the complaint, for investigation and recommendation to GC of SACC.
- 28.5 The Ethics Committee shall investigate complaints and advise on the findings at meetings of GC of SACC, and act as an advisory body to SACC on appeals and other matters related to its functions.
- 28.6 The Ethics Committee is the official body of GC of SACC to develop and execute an effective disciplinary system for complaints filed directly with the Ethics Committee or referred to by SACC of whatever nature against any person/body or organization who by their voluntary participation of SACC activities and/or registering as a breeder, member, or as an other official subject themselves to the various rules, in terms of this Constitution.
- 28.7 The Ethics Committee is furthermore the official body to investigate complaints concerning breeders, owners of cats and exhibitors regarding inter alia.
- 28.7.1 Studwork
- 28.7.2 Matings
- 28.7.3 Written agreements or written contracts.
- 28.7.4 Health of cats
- 28.7.5 Cattery management
- 28.7.6 Ethics amongst breeders and the Cat Fancy as a whole, or any other issue indirectly or directly related to SACC activities, the objects of SACC, or any of the officers of SACC.

- 28.7.7 Purchasing and Sale of cats.
- 28.8 GC of SACC authorizes the Ethics Committee and empowers such office with unrestricted jurisdiction on condition that all acts done are in accordance with SACC's Constitution or Rules.
- 28.9 In the event that there is no functioning Ethics Committee, SACC, through its Delegates, will perform those duties.
29. DISCIPLINE
- 29.1 The GC of SACC shall have exclusive jurisdiction of discipline over clubs, breed groups, other affiliated members, show managers and other show officials and Judges, who by their voluntary participation in SACC activities, subject themselves to its various rules, in order to preserve the integrity of this Organization in the accomplishment of its objectives. The Ethics Committee is authorized by the GC of SACC to investigate any complaint and advise upon their findings. The Ethics Committee shall furthermore according to the Rules of that Office and according to the Legal system investigate any complaint, and report annually to GC of SAC on all matters dealt with during that calendar year.
- 29.2 GC of SACC may reprimand, suspend, expel and/or fine any member, club, breed group or other affiliated body upon a finding of guilt.
- 29.2.1 The enactment of any amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a member club, breed group or other affiliated body in conflict with the Constitution of SACC.
- 29.2.2 The holding of an unauthorized Championship Show. (Changes of Show dates to be ratified by GC of SACC).
- 29.2.3 The violation of any Show Rule.
- 29.2.4 Any act of conduct seriously detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or SACC.
- 29.3 The GC of SACC may reprimand, suspend, terminate and/or fine any judges and probationer judges found guilty of:
- 29.3.1 Violation of any standing rules governing the responsibility and duties of judges or probationers as may be enacted from time to time.
- 29.3.2 The violation of any Show Rule.
- 29.3.3 Any wilful conduct involving SACC or SACC activities which is seriously detrimental to the best interest of SACC or the welfare of the cats.
- 29.3.4 Cruel or inhumane treatment in dealing with felines.
- 29.4 Any Club Officer, Show Official and other Participant subject to GC of SACC discipline, may be reprimanded, fined, and/or removed upon a finding of guilty for:
- 29.4.1 Cruel or inhumane treatment in dealing with felines.
- 29.4.2 The violation of any show rule.
- 29.4.3 Authorizing or participating in the distribution of Club funds in a manner inconsistent with the objects of SACC.
- 29.4.4 Any act or conduct seriously detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or SACC.
- 29.4.5 All participants in SACC shows and events should conduct themselves in such a manner that SACC is not brought into disrepute. Such harmful actions might be, but are not limited to: verbal attacks or maligning of exhibitors, judges or other people at SACC shows, exhibitions or events; or written attacks or scathing comments on persons in public email lists, in cell phone messages or any electronic media.
- 29.5 Procedure.
- 29.5.1 GC of SACC shall consider any complaint filed in term of paragraph 29.1 - 29.4 by any member or in any other manner brought to the attention of the GC of SACC.

- 29.5.2 The GC of SACC delegates authority to the Ethics Committee to review, investigate and determine the complaint. All complaints as stipulated in 29.1 - 29.4 may be referred to the Ethics Committee for investigation and recommendation to GC of SACC as stipulated in the Rules of the Ethics Committee.
- 29.5.3 The Ethics committee shall act as an advisory body to GC of SACC on the outcome and report in terms of Rule 4.9 of the Rules of the Ethics Committee.
- 29.5.4 The party charged is entitled to Legal Representation.
- 29.5.5 Any GC of SACC member who is the subject of a complaint, or who is a member of a club that is the subject of a complaint, or who by some other close association has an interest in the outcome of the matter, shall be duty-bound to disqualify himself/herself from participation in the voting by GC of SACC.
- 29.5.6 All other complaints not specifically mentioned in paragraph 29.1 - 29.4 shall be submitted directly to the Ethics Committee as stipulated in the rules governing the Ethics Committee.

ARTICLE 5

30. CLUBS' AND BREED GROUPS' INDEPENDENCE

Clubs and Breed Groups will be independent entities but by their voluntary participation submit themselves to certain measurable responsibilities. Clubs and Breed Groups as members affiliated to SACC are bound by the Constitution and Rules promulgated, from time to time.

31. RATIFICATION

- 31.1 In the event of a decision taken by Governing Council of SACC at an Annual General Meeting, Special Meeting or General Meeting being procedurally not in accordance with its Constitution it may ratify such decision.
- 31.2 The Ratification of a decision by Governing Council of SACC as in (l) above shall be done after due debate by all delegates and by a majority vote thereafter.
- 31.3 No decision taken by the delegates of Governing Council during the course of a year shall be invalid or *ultra vires* by virtue of the fact that it has not been sanctioned by SACC. Any such decision requiring such ratification may be discussed and so ratified under the item of "GENERAL" on the Agenda of the AGM for the particular year in which such decision(s) was/were taken.

32. ANNUAL REPORT ON AUDIT

The GC of SACC shall at the Annual Meeting submit a report, certified by the acting Treasurer of SACC and President of SACC, showing an exact accounting of all assets, investments, liabilities and monies received and paid out. The report has to furthermore indicate all existing member club/s of SACC. The report shall be filed with the records of SACC and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting.

33. AMENDMENTS

- 33.1 This constitution may be amended at any physical meeting of GC of SACC with the consent of two thirds (2/3) of the member club/s present calculated of a fraction to the next highest whole number. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be included in the Agenda for such a meeting.
- 33.2 Constitutional changes to come into immediate effect after the AGM.

34. FINANCE

- 34.1 All clubs will share 50% equally of the total travelling expenses incurred by Delegates, Support Management, President and other Officers required to attend the AGM, Special Meeting or General Meeting.
- 34.2 SACC will pay the 50% balance of the travelling expenses.
- 34.3 In the event where a meeting is held with a show, the show host will pay 50% of the travelling expenses of delegates that are used as judges. 25% will be paid by SACC and 25% by the member clubs.
- 34.4 The amount being paid by each party will be voted upon at the AGM and be accepted by a simple majority vote. In the case of no majority vote, each member will be responsible for their own traveling expenses and the travelling expenses for the executive and support management will be paid by SACC.
- 34.5 SACC is responsible for the cost of the venue and meals.
- 34.6 Each member is responsible for the accommodation of their delegate.
- 34.7 The members of the executive and support management are responsible for their own accommodation.
- 34.8 In the event where SACC do not have enough resources to share in the travelling costs, the delegates must decide upon a workable solution before or at the meeting.

35. SACC PUBLICATION

- 35.1 SACC Publication is the official newsletter of SACC.
- 35.2 The SACC Publication shall be under the control and management of SACC.
- 35.3 The Editor of the SACC Publication has to comply with the Rules and Regulations, as promulgated from time to time by GC of SACC.
- 35.4 The Treasurer of SACC shall keep a proper set of books and produce an annual income and expenditure account to GC of SACC.
- 35.5 All assets of the SACC Publication shall be the assets of SACC and no person working for or employed by the office of the SACC Publication shall have an individual claim to those assets.
- 35.6 The Editor is employed by SACC to manage and do all acts necessary to ensure the proper publication of the SACC Publication and the distribution thereof.
- 35.7 The remuneration of the Editor will be decided upon by GC of SACC, from time to time.

36. DISSOLUTION

- 36.1 Upon dissolution or liquidation of SACC, it shall give or transfer its assets remaining after satisfaction of its liabilities to some other society, association or body having similar objects of SACC.
- 36.2 Such dissolution shall only be effective if passed at a physical meeting of GC of SACC by a 2/3 (two thirds) majority vote of those present and eligible to vote.
37. All members' particulars are confidential and shall not be furnished to any third party.

Amendment to the Constitution of the Governing Council of the Associated Cat Clubs of South Africa, on 26 October 1996.