

# **CHESTER & NORTH WALES CAT CLUB**

## **RULES**

**APPROVED AT AGM HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

### **1. Title**

The name of the club shall be the *Chester and North Wales Cat Club.*

### **2. Objects**

To promote the welfare of cats and the interests of Club Members in the breeding and care of cats, and the holding of shows, exhibitions and other functions in connection with cats.

### **3. Membership**

The Club shall consist of Members and Hon. Members. Membership shall be open to all. Life membership applications will only be considered upon completion of five consecutive years of annual membership.

### **4. Honorary Members**

The committee shall have power to elect as Hon. Members any person who shall have rendered special service to the Club. Hon. Members shall not be eligible for election to the committee or to vote at any meeting.

### **5. Committee and Officers**

The affairs of the club shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer (hereinafter called the Officers) and up to ten other members.

After a period of three years the Chairman must retire and may not be re-elected for one year. At the AGM the other Officers and up to three members of the Committee shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election.

The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it thinks necessary and may co-opt members to the Committee.

The Committee shall appoint the Show Manager(s) and the Show Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to decide on all questions for which no rule is provided.

Members elected to the Committee must undertake not to hold similar office in more than two other Cat Clubs.

### **6. Duties of Officers**

It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Club and to perform all duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall execute such duties.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the Minutes of all Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies on behalf of the Club and deposit same in an account opened in the name of the Club. The Treasurer must keep a record of all transactions and present each year, before the AGM, a properly drawn up Balance Sheet which shall be audited by an Auditor.

### **7. Meetings**

Committee Meetings: The Committee shall meet as necessary for the Club. Notice of meetings shall be sent to each committee member.

If any member of the Committee shall be absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause he/she shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

A quorum shall consist of six members, of whom three shall be Officers.

Meetings will be held as necessary.

Annual General Meetings shall be held by the end of April of each year. The agenda for the AGM shall be sent to each member fourteen days before the meeting.

A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee thinks it necessary or whenever twelve members so request, by individual demand in writing, delivered to the Secretary. The members calling such a meeting shall be responsible for all expenses incurred. Not less than twenty one days' notice shall be given to all members of any Special General Meeting. Only business for which the meeting is called may be discussed at the said meeting.

## **8. Amendment of Rules**

No new rule shall be made nor shall any rules be amended unless ratified at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting.

## **9. Finance**

The financial year of the Club shall end on 31<sup>ST</sup> December each year, to which date the account of the Club shall be balanced.

All expenses incurred by the Secretary and Treasure on behalf of the Club, and by delegate(s) duly appointed, shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Club.

All cheques shall be signed by any two of designated signatories.

## **10. Discipline**

The Committee shall have the power to withdraw membership from anyone who, in its opinion, has behaved in a manner contrary to the objects of the Club, provided that members against whom this rule is invoked shall have the right to appear and be heard before the Committee and shall have the right to a General Meeting.

## **11. Affiliation to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy**

(1) The Club shall be affiliated to the GCCF and shall be represented at Council meetings by delegate(s) who shall be elected annually by the members at the AGM.

(2) Delegate(s) shall be members or Officers of the Committee.

(3) Except with the permission of the Council, no delegate may serve on the Committee of any club not affiliated to the GCCF nor act in any official capacity for such a club.

(4) The Club shall be bound by the rules laid down by the GCCF and the Council shall have disciplinary powers according to its constitution over the members thereof. Membership of the Club shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the rules of the GCCF.

(5) Any member, including Life Members, who is suspended under Article 12 of the constitution of the GCCF, will be excluded from membership of the Club until after expiry of any such suspension.

## **12. Trophies**

All cups and trophies donated by members shall become the outright property of the Club. Cups and trophies will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

## **13. Dissolution**

Fourteen days notice of any proposal to wind-up the Club shall be given in writing to the members, and a Special General Meeting shall be called to the question.

If the motion to dissolve the Club is confirmed by two-thirds of the members, the Club's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of funds be divided equally among all fully paid up members.

At this Special General Meeting (but at no other Meeting) members shall be allowed to vote by proxy.