

the business which it is desired to transact. The members calling such a meeting shall be responsible for all expenses incurred and must be present at such a meeting, for which not less than twenty one days notice must be given to all members.

23. Except as provided in Rule 28, all business dealt with at an Annual General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the paid-up members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

24a. The Committee shall meet as frequently as may be necessary and desirable to conduct the affairs of the Society, but the number of meetings shall not be less than three in one year and notice of meetings shall be given to each member. At Committee Meetings the quorum shall be five, at least two of whom shall be Officers. If an Officer or Member is absent from three consecutive meetings, or does not attend seventy five percent of the meetings held in any one year, without giving good and sufficient reason satisfactory to the Committee, the Officer or Member shall be deemed to have retired from membership of the Committee.

24b. Except as provided in Rule 28, all business dealt with at a Committee Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

25. The Delegates to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy shall be Officers or Members of the Committee and shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Delegates so elected shall be elected for a period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

26. The Delegates to the Burmese Breed Advisory Committee shall be Officers or Members of the Committee and shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Delegates so elected shall serve for a period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

27. The Committee is empowered to support and assist cat shows organised by other bodies.

#### **DISSOLUTION**

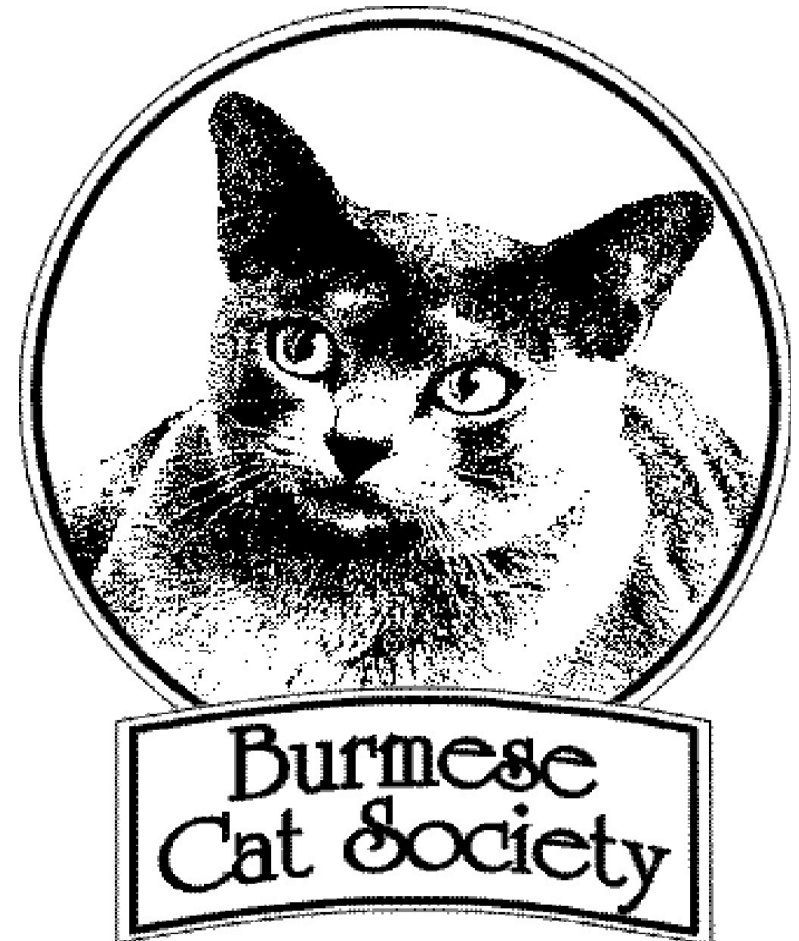
28. The Society may only be dissolved if a resolution to that effect is agreed by two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting. The disposal of the Society's Property shall also be decided by two thirds majority at the same Meeting.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES**

29. These Rules may be altered, amended or added to only at a General Meeting. The proposal to alter the Rules must be included in the Agenda and cannot be discussed under Any Other Business and the Agenda must include the wording of the proposed amendment.

\* For current purposes this refer to the GCCF website

**NB: As from October 2010, where the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy is referred to within these Rules, it should be taken to mean the Limited Company of The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy**



## **RULES 2017**

## GENERAL.

The Club shall be called the Burmese Cat Society.

2. It's objectives shall be to promote proper breeding and exhibiting of Burmese Cats; to encourage an active interest in the care and protection of the breed; to assist and advise owners on all matters pertaining to Burmese Cats.

3. The Society shall be bound by the rules laid down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy . The Council shall have disciplinary powers, according to its constitution, over the Society and the members thereof. Membership of the Society shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the relevant rules of Council and the rules of the Society.

4. In the following rules, the Interpretation Act shall apply so that the masculine include the feminine and the singular includes the plural, unless expressly otherwise so stated.

## MEMBERSHIP

5 (a) Members who agreed to join the Society before or at the foundation meeting shall be founder members. Thereafter, each application for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Society.

(b) Membership shall be open to all but may be refused by the Committee if just causes are found. The Committee need not divulge such reason.

(c) Any member requesting a signature on an application to register a prefix with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, must have been a member of the Society for a minimum period of one year.

6. Membership subscriptions and entrance fees shall be set for the subsequent financial year at the Annual General Meeting and shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the members present. Subscriptions become due on 1st January each year; members who are three months in arrears may be deemed by the Committee to have resigned their membership.

7. Junior members under the age of 16 years may be admitted without entry fee and shall pay an annual subscription of £2. They shall not be entitled to a vote at meetings.

8. Members may after 5 years of continuous annual subscription, pay a long-term Subscription of five times the current subscription rate as set out in Rule 6 in lieu of the next five years' subscription.

9. Any member (including Life or Honorary) suspended under Article 12 of the GCCF Constitution may not remain a member during any such period of suspension. After the completion of any such suspension, any member wishing to rejoin the Society must apply for re-election to the Committee.

10. Honorary Membership or the position of Honorary President and up to three Honorary Vice-Presidents may be conferred by the members at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. They shall not have any special voting powers. Such Honorary President and Vice-Presidents shall be eligible for re-election every two years and may be conferred by the members at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. The President to be elected one year and the Vice-Presidents the other year.

## MANAGEMENT

11. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer (hereinafter called the Officers) and seven other members. The five officers of the Society shall hold office for two years

(Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer retiring in alternate years with the Vice-Chairman and Secretary) the retiring officers being available for re-election. The seven ordinary Committee Members shall serve for two years. Four members shall retire with the Vice-Chairman and Secretary and the remaining three with the Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. All Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election. Officers and Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting by ballot by the members present. No member may seek election as an Officer or Committee Member unless he or she has been a member of the Society for at least three years.

12. Any member who is proposed for election as an Officer must undertake not to hold similar office in more than two other clubs.

## POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

13. The Property, Finance and Management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee.

14. It may arrange Cat Shows in accordance with the rules of the GCCF and may appoint from amongst the Society Members Show Managers and such other officials as may be required. The Officials so appointed shall have absolute discretion in the making and application of show rules, provided that rules so made conflict neither with these rules, nor with the GCCF Rules.

15. The Committee shall be empowered to arbitrate in disputed matters: to suspend or expel any Member or Officer whose conduct it may consider to have been in any way derogatory or injurious to the welfare of cats or the Society, subject to an appeal to the general body of members at the next Annual General Meeting.

16. The Committee shall have power to act in all questions for which there is no rule provided.

17. Vacancies occurring amongst the Officers and Committee shall be filled by co-option from within the Committee by the member gaining the next highest votes at the last Annual General Meeting. The person so co-opted shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

## FINANCE

18. The financial year of the Society shall be the calendar year.

19. Monies received by the Society shall be held by the Honorary Treasurer who shall submit accounts, audited by a suitably qualified person, for approval by members at the Annual General Meeting.

20. Cheques drawn upon the Society's account shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, but if two people from the same household hold any two of these positions they shall not be joint signatories.

## MEETINGS

21. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may determine, not later than 30 April in each year. Notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary two months in advance in writing to all members or through the Official Journal of the Cat Fancy\*. Items for the Agenda and nominations for Officers and Committee must be received by the Secretary one month in advance of the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be proposed and seconded by members of the Society and should also bear the acceptance signature of the nominee. Agendas will be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Meeting.

22. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time, or upon written notice, delivered to the Hon. Secretary and signed by not less than twenty fully paid-up members specifying