

BURMESE CAT CLUB

Background to proposed Rule changes

Proposed change to Rule 6 Management - Para (i)to reduce the number of committee members from 15 to 12.

The club currently has one of the largest committees in the Cat Fancy and also has a number of co-opted members doing specific tasks and roles. This means that committee meetings can be expensive (travel expenses, large meeting room) and somewhat unwieldy at times. Telephone conferencing is also not practical with this large number of people. The committee therefore recommend that the number of committee members is reduced from 15 to 12 and this requires a rule change to be made at the AGM.

There are various methods which could be used to reduce the size of the Committee. The committee has agreed that the sensible way forward is to use existing Committee vacancies to help achieve the reduction. If the rule change is approved by the AGM, then the reduction in committee size would be with immediate effect.

In the event that the Rule change is not agreed, then the two candidates with the next highest number of votes will be elected to the Committee.

Proposed change to Rule 6 MANAGEMENT - Para (ii) ...to allow for the use of electronic voting.

The Club Rules were written more than 50 years ago and although there have been updates and amendments over the years, some Rules to some degree reflect the limited form of communication available at the time. The committee recommends that this Rule be amended to include the potential for electronic voting.

Many organisations and professional bodies now carry out elections in this way. If the rule change is agreed, it would give much more flexibility on how an election is undertaken and would save many hundreds of pounds in postage costs.

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