



QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION INC.

**CONSTITUTION
2020**

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CONSTITUTION OF QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION INC.

NAME

The name of the incorporated association shall be Queensland Feline Association Inc. (in these rules called "The Association").

1. OBJECTS

The objects for which the Association is established are:

- a) To promote in every way, the general improvement of the standard, breeding and Exhibition of cats
- b) To conduct, control and lay down rules for cat shows and exhibition of cats.
- c) To foster, promote and protect the interest of exhibitors of cats at shows held by QFA and affiliates.
- d) To include a body, known as QFA Judges' Association, which shall be responsible to QFA Inc. for laying down all rules and regulations pertaining to judges and judging of exhibits.
- e) To follow the cat, breed standards of the Australian Cat Federation Inc., which the Council follows in principle.
- f) To keep a register of cats, their breeding and other relevant details, to keep a register of approved prefixes together with the names and address of their holders, and to make rules and regulations therefor.
- g) To award challenge certificates, allot titles and to make regulations therefor.
- h) To fix fees and charges for services rendered under (f) and (g) and any other services provided by QFA.
- i) To fix honoraria to be paid to officers as directed by Council.
- j) To grant Life Membership for services rendered to Council. Voting by Life Members is conditional in so much as Life Members must have attended four (4) out of the previous six (6) meetings to vote at a General Meeting.
- k) To subscribe to and become associated or affiliated with any other bodies whose objects are kindred to the objects of the QFA and to consider affiliation from any such body.
- l) To make, suspend Rules and Regulations and to do any other lawful acts as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of any or all of the objects and powers of the association.

2. POWERS

The Association is empowered to take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as the "Queensland Feline (Administration) Association".

- (1) To subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with any other association, Club or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Association provided that the Association shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any club, association or organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Association under or by virtue of Rule 24 (9);
- (2) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid and solid, for the members of the Association or persons frequenting the Association's premises.
- (3) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, Buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Association: Provided that in case the Association shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;
- (4) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Association; to

- obtain from any such Government of Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
- (5) To appoint, employ, remove, suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association;
 - (6) To remunerate any person or body corporate for services rendered, or to be rendered, and whether by way of brokerage or otherwise in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any unsecured notes, debentures or other securities of the incorporated association, or in or about the incorporated association or promotion of the incorporated association or in the furtherance of its objects;
 - (7) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Association's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof;
 - (8) To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit;
 - (9) To take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures or other securities of any company or body corporate;
 - (10) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to lend and advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate, to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate, and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate;
 - (11) To borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the incorporated association's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;
 - (12) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
 - (13) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association;
 - (14) To take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association, or any money due to the Association from purchasers and others;
 - (15) To take any gift or property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association but subject always to the proviso in sub-rule (4);
 - (16) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions for the funds of the Association, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise;
 - (17) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;
 - (18) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to amalgamate with any one or more incorporated associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their

members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Association under or by virtue of rule 24 (10);

- (19) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate;
- (20) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any one or
- (21) To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes;
- (22) To transact any lawful business in aid of the Commonwealth of Australia in the prosecution of any war in which the Commonwealth of Australia is engaged.
- (23) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Association.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Every club, which at the date of incorporation of the Association was a member of the unincorporated association and which on or before the day of incorporation agrees in writing to become a member of the Association shall be admitted by the General Committee to the same class of membership of the Association as that member held in the unincorporated association, and shall not be required to pay any further subscription until the next due date for payment of that subscription.
- (2) Every applicant for membership of the Association (other than the members of the unincorporated association referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be proposed by One member of the Association and seconded by another member. The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and the proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the General Committee from time to time prescribes.
- (3) There shall be no limit to the number of members.

4. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of the Association shall consist of-

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERS

Each affiliated Club is to appoint one (1) delegate to attend meetings on their behalf and they may nominate a proxy delegate to attend should the elected delegate be unable to attend.

(b) LIFE MEMBERS

- (1) Any person previously appointed to Life Membership or any person subsequently appointed to Life Membership
- (2) Active life members may attend any general meeting.
- (3) All recommendations for nominations of Life Membership must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) Meeting and such recommendation shall be voted upon by a secret ballot at that meeting.
- (5) The presentation of Life Membership may take place at the QFA Cat of the Year Dinner.

5. VOTING AT MEETINGS

Delegates of financial clubs and members of the executive committee may all exercise a vote at all general meetings.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (1) The membership fees shall be such sum, as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.
- (2) The membership fees shall be payable at such time and in such manner as the General Committee shall from time to time determine.

7. ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

- (1) At the next meeting of the General Committee after the receipt of any application for membership, such application shall be considered by the General Committee, who shall thereupon determine upon the admission of the applicant.
- (2) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the General Committee present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member.
- (3) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for membership the Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

8. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.

- (2) If a member
 - (i) fails to comply with any of the provisions of the rules or
 - (ii) has membership fees in arrears for a period of three months or more; or
 - (iii) conducts itself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association,
 - (iv) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting its case and if the General Committee resolves to terminate their membership it shall instruct the Secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

9. APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A Club whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the Secretary written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the General Committee, together with the scheduled fee.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the Secretary shall convene, within two (2) months of the date of receipt of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present its case and the General Committee or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (3) Where a Club whose application is rejected does not appeal against the decision of the General Committee together with the scheduled fee within the time prescribed by these rules or so appeals but the appeal is successful, the Secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

10. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (1) The General Committee shall cause a Register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and addresses of all Clubs admitted to membership of the Association and the dates of their admission.
- (2) Particulars shall be entered into the Register of resignations, terminations and re-instatements of membership and any further particulars as the General Committee at any general meeting may require from time to time.
The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection

11. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The General Committee of the Association shall consist of: -
 - (a) An Executive Committee, which shall consist of Association Office Bearers, namely President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar/s all of whom shall be members of an affiliated Club or Association.
 - (b) One Delegate nominated from each financial Affiliated Club.

12 MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The General Committee shall meet at least once every calendar month excluding December to exercise its functions.
- (2) A special meeting of the General Committee shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the General Committee, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (3) At every meeting of the General Committee a simple majority of eligible voting members at the close of the preceding General Meeting, shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) The General Committee may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit: provided that questions arising at any meeting of the General committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.
- (5) A member of the General Committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Association in which they are interested, or any matter arising thereat, and if they do so vote their vote shall not be counted
- (6) Not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given by the Secretary to members of the General Committee of any special meeting of the General Committee. Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (7) The President shall preside as Chairperson at every meeting of the General Committee, or if there is no President, or if at any meeting is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Vice-President shall be Chairperson or if the Vice-President is not present at the meeting then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.
- (8) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a General Committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members of the General Committee shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such time and place as the Management Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

13. SUBCOMMITTEES

- (1) The General Committee may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee consisting of such members of the Association as the General Committee thinks fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the General Committee.
- (2) A sub-committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings. If no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their numbers to be Chairperson of the meeting.

- (3) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the member's present, and in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

14. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Executive committee shall consist of: -
President, Two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar/s
- (2) At the annual general meeting of the Association, all the members of the Executive Committee for the time being, **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REGISTRAR/S** shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- (3) The election of the Executive Committee shall take place in the following manner: -
- (a) Any financial Affiliated Club shall be at liberty to nominate any person to serve as an officer of the Executive Committee.
 - (b) The nomination, which shall be in writing, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least **THREE MONTHS** (3) months prior to the Annual General Meeting at which time the elections shall take place.
 - (c) A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order shall be posted to all clubs as soon as practicable after nominations are closed.
 - (d) A Ballot shall be posted to each financial Club Secretary two (2) months prior to AGM and be returned to QFA Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the A.G.M. (Done by postal voting from each financial Club.)
 - (e) If at the closing date for nominations there shall be insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the Meeting.
 - (f) If after the scrutineers have counted Postal Votes received, there is a tied vote in any single position, then a Secret Ballot of member's present is to be taken until a clear decision is reached.

- 15.** Any member of the Executive Committee may resign from membership of the Executive Committee at any time by giving **1 month notice in writing** to the Secretary but such resignation shall take effect **1 month from the date** at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the Association where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such a general meeting.

16 VACANCIES ON the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Executive Committee shall have power at any time to appoint any Club Delegate to fill any casual vacancy on the Executive Committee until the next Annual general meeting.
- (2) The continuing members of the Executive Committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the Executive Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Rules as the necessary quorum of the Executive Committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Executive Committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Association, but for no other purpose.

17 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) Except otherwise provided by these rules and subject to resolutions of the Members of the Association carried at any general meeting the Executive Committee –
 - (a) Shall have the general control and management of the administration of the Affairs, property and funds of the Association; and
 - (b) Shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these Rules and any matter Relating to the Association on which these Rules are silent.
- (2) The Executive Committee may exercise all the powers of the Association –
 - (a) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Members of the Association may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Association's property, both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities
 - (b) To borrow money from members at a rate of interest not exceeding Interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Brisbane for overdrawn accounts on money lent, whether the term of the loan be short or long, and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association, and to provide and pay off any such securities;
 - (c) To invest in such manner as the members of the Association may from time to time determine
- (3) All acts done by any meeting of the Executive Committee or of a sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of the Executive Committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Executive Committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Executive Committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Executive Committee.

18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If the vote for any position becomes a tied vote, the procedure is that a secret ballot is to be taken by the Delegates present, until a clear decision is reached.

- (1) The annual general meeting shall be held within three months of the close of the Financial year.
- (2) The business to be transacted at every Annual General Meeting shall be –
 - (a) The receiving of the Management Executive Committee's report and the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Association for the preceding Financial year;
 - (b) The receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year;
 - (c) The election of members of the Management Committee; and
 - (d) The appointment of the auditor.
 - (e) Appointment of Registrar/s to be confirmed, by the incoming Executive.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) A special meeting of The General Committee shall be convened by the Secretary when directed to do so by the General Committee; or
- (2) On the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the Members presently on the General Committee. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat; or
- (3) On being given notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the General Committee to reject an application for membership or to terminate the membership of any Club or Association.

20. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The Secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Association by giving not less than 14 days' notice of any such meeting to the members of the Association.
- (2) The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the General Committee: Provided that notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the rejection or termination of their membership by the General Committee shall be given in writing. Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, at every general meeting –
- (3) The President shall preside as chairperson, or if there is no president, or if the President is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, One of the Vice-Presidents shall be the chairperson or if the Vice-Presidents are not present or are unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting;
The Chairperson shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner; Every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the member's present;
- (4) Every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote; Provided that no member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if their annual subscription is more than three (3) months in arrears at the date of the meeting;
- (5) Voting shall be by show of hands or a division of members, unless not less than One-fifth of the members' present demand a ballot. in which event there shall be a secret ballot. The Chairperson shall appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as the Chairperson shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairperson shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was determined.
- (6) The Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, Resolutions and other proceedings of every General Committee meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the secretary for that inspection. For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every General Committee meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson of that meeting or the Chairperson of the next succeeding General Committee meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson of that meeting or the Chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting: Provided that the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson of that meeting or the Chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

- (7) At every meeting of the General Committee no business shall be transacted unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business,
- (8) A simple majority of Eligible members present at the close of the preceding General Meeting shall constitute a Quorum.
For the purposes of this rule “member” includes a person attending as a proxy
- (9) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a General meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the General Committee or the Association, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the General Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum. The Chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is Present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

21. BY-LAWS

The General Committee may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the internal management of the Association and any by-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

22. ALTERATION OF RULES

Subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981, these Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting. Provided that no such amendment, rescission or addition shall be valid unless the same shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the Director General, Department of Fair Trading.

23. COMMON SEAL

The Executive Committee shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Executive Committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Executive Committee and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second member of the Executive Committee or by some other person appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose.

24. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

- (1) The funds of the Association shall be deposited in the name of the Association in such Bank or Permanent Building society as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.
- (2) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the Association and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature. All moneys shall be deposited as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.
- (3) All amounts of one hundred dollars or over shall be paid by cheque signed by Any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or other member authorised from time to time by the Executive Committee, cheques shall be crossed “not negotiable” except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recoupments, which may be open.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall determine the amount of petty cash, which shall be kept, on the imprest system.
- (5) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a General Committee meeting.
- (6) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing the particulars of the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and the assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Association at the close of the year.
- (7) All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present their report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the annual general meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.
- (8) All income and property of the association shall be used and applied only to Promote its objects and in the exercise of its powers. No portion of it shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or profit to or among any of the members of the Association. However, nothing in this sub-rule shall prevent the good faith payment to any member of the Association of:
 - (a) Interest on any moneys owing to that member by the Association;
 - (b) remuneration for services rendered to the Association by that member;
 - (c) out of pocket expenses which the member has, or will, incur on Association business;
 - (d) the capital on any money lent to the Association by that member;
 - (e) reasonable and proper charges for any goods hired by the Association from that member;
 - (f) reasonable and proper rent on premises demised or let to the Association by that member.

25. DOCUMENTS

The Executive Committee shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Association.

26. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall close on 30th June in each year.

27. DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS

If the Association were wound up in accordance with the provisions of the Incorporation Act 1981, and there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some feline health research institutions and/or some feline welfare organisations, such institutions or organisations to be determined by the members of the Association, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of rule 24(9), such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association.

I/We hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the rules and regulations of the rules adopted by the members of the incorporated association

Original Signed

Acting President: *Janis Christison*

Date: 19/02/2020

Secretary: *Karen Fallon*

Date: 19/02/2020