August issue of Cats Magazine listing all the winners including best of color and the names and addresses of the owners. The motion carried.

It was reported that from time to time the work of the Central Office exceeds the equipment and personnel presently available to it. There is a new IBM power typewriter which types on magnetic tape, stores it, and can at any later date, simply by pressing a button, reproduce it error-free. It can increase the efficiency by 100%. CFA has a number of uses to which such a machine can be put other than those outlined by IBM, such as storing magnetic tape of the show rules, show manual, mailing lists, etc. These can be corrected at any time, so that such a piece of equipment would be an invaluable aid in the Central Office. Mrs. Rose feels that the addition of such a typewriter would be of more value than adding another employee. The cost of such a machine is prohibitive for outright purchase, running over \$10,000. However, IBM prefers to lease them. It will be available at \$233.00 monthly, including maintenance, which is less than the salary of an additional employee and will do the work of more than one employee. If the machine is kept for four years IBM will install a new one in its place, so there is no problem of replacement cost or obsolete equipment. It will be 20 weeks before one can be made available as they are very new and much in demand. A 4-day training period in its use is required. It was moved that Mrs. Rose as the Executive Director of the Central Office be authorized to lease from IBM its Magnetic Tape Selectric Typewriter at \$233.00 per month. The motion carried.

Mr. Winn explained in detail a new program for hybrids which unad been suggested by Mrs. Martinke. It had first been envisioned as a solution to the problem of silver American Shorthairs which appear more Persian than American Shorthair and its first provision was that all chinchilla and shaded silver American Shorthairs be automatically transferred to a new breed (hybrid) to be known as Sterling Shorthairs. From there it developed into an overall program for all Hybrid breeds. Since the basic philosophy of CFA is that a hybrid breed remains a hybrid breed permanently, never reaching the status of a pure breed, there seems no reason to require fourth generation registration status before eligibility for championship competition. Further, since many of the breeders of hybrid breeds find it necessary to outcross to the original breeds, which in the past has involved several "lost" generations so far as competition in championship classes is concerned, the creation of a new policy for hybrid breeds should be designed to ease this situation. In essence this policy would permit cats of a breed recognized as a hybrid breed (by CFA definition as opposed to a "breed") to be shown in the first generation in championship competition if meeting the show standard; outcrossing to one of the original breeds with all offspring registered as the hybrid breed in question and eligible for competition only in that breed regardless of whether they give the appearance of another breed. Mr. Winn explained that if this basic concept were adopted many individual motions would then be required to implement it, decisions would have to be made on which breeds would be considered hybrid breeds Year Book, 1966 113

in which outcrossing to another breed would be permissible, etc. This concept takes in the question of Experimental Breeds as well.

Mr. Winn explained what is germane to the setting up of machinery for creating classes as envisioned in Mrs. Martinke's suggest-

ed plan as follows:

 Any cat showing more than two breeds in its pedigree is ineligible for registration. A hybrid cat resulting from a mating of two breeds (as defined by CFA) may be registered, but is not eligible for competition, pending action under 2 or 3 hereunder.

2. When CFA has accepted as an Experimental Breed cats resulting from the crossing of two breeds, together with a provisional standard for such Experimental Breed which will be printed in the show rules, such registered cats are eligible for competition on a non-championship basis, competing only for best of their own Experimental Breed.

3. When sufficient progress has been made in such an Experimental Breed in the judgment of the Board, they may then be accepted as a new Hybrid Breed with championship status.

It was moved that the whole concept of this program be adopted.

The motion carried.

Additional motions will be necessary to implement this plan in detail. An explanation of a proposed class for Sterling Shorthairs was made and the difference between a "breed" and a "hybrid breed" was discussed. The intent of this program is that cats of a hybrid breed may be mated back to either of the original breeds. All offspring from such matings will be registered as being of that hybrid breed regardless of color or physical characteristics. There will be no Primary Record registration and first generation cats conforming to the standard for accepted hybrids will be eligible for championship competition. The next step will be for the Board to determine which categories of cats will be considered as "Breeds" and which as "Hybrids". Time did not permit the continuation of the implementation of this new formula which has been adopted formally by motion of the Board. Further details will be worked out at the next meeting.

A new class was accepted for competition, AOV (Any Other Variety) to replace the old AOC class. The definition of AOV is a cat, the ancestry of which entitles it to championship competition, but which does not (colorwise, coatwise, etc.) conform to the accepted standard. This is a non-championship class and will require registration for competition in a show. It was moved that the AOV class under

this definition be adopted. The motion carried.

The Experimental Breed is for any cat so registered with CFA, when CFA has approved a provisional Experimental Breed Standard for that Experimental Breed.

Mrs. Sample thanked Mrs. McPhee on behalf of the Board for the work she had put in on the show rules and standards.

Because the available time had run out and much remained to be done on the show rules, the recognition of new breeds, etc., it was moved that the present show rules remain in effect until January 1st, 1967 and that the Board hold a meeting in August to complete the re-

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