Manx Cat Club

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Welcome from the Chair**

   It was agreed that Peter Williams be invited to chair the inaugural meeting. Peter Williams then took the chair, opened the meeting, and welcomed those present.

2. **Attendance, Apologies & Confirmation of Quorum**

   Attendance was confirmed as follows: AW, BS, HF, LA, LW, PW, RM, SM, SW and VI. The quorum was confirmed as satisfied.

3. **Adoption of the Club Name & Objectives**

   It was **RESOLVED** that the Club name and its objectives be agreed and adopted.

4. **Election of Officers for 2026/2027**

   a. *Chairperson:* PW
   b. *Vice Chair:* RM
   c. *Secretary:* BS
   d. *Treasurer:* LW
   e. *Other Committee Members:* AW, HF, and LA

5. **Membership Structure**

   a. Set Membership Categories

   It was **RESOLVED** that the following membership categories be approved and adopted: Ordinary, Joint, Junior, Family and Honorary. The subscription rates for those categories were confirmed as published by the Club, namely: Ordinary £5 per year, Joint £8 per year, Junior £3 per year, Family £10 per year, and Honorary membership on award with no annual subscription payable.

   b. Set Membership Fees / Annual Subscription for 2026/2027

   It was **RESOLVED** that the annual subscription fees for the 2026/2027 membership year be set at the rates stated above. It was further resolved that those present at the meeting be eligible for a discounted Founder's Membership at £2 for the remainder of the current subscription year.

c. Confirm Membership Year

It was **RESOLVED** that the membership year shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

d. Approve Process for Accepting New Members

It was **RESOLVED** that new members shall apply and pay their subscription online via the Club website. It was further resolved that, following sign-up and payment, applicants be invited to complete the member registration form in order to finalise their membership.

6. **Presentation & Adoption of the Constitution**

The Constitution was presented to the meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that it be adopted, subject to the proposed amendments being circulated to members and ratified by email prior to the next meeting.

7. **Financial Matters**

a. To Ratify the Club Bank Account

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club's bank account with Lloyds Bank be ratified.

b. Approve Signatories

It was **RESOLVED** that LW and RM be approved as authorised signatories to the Club's bank account.

c. Agree Initial Membership Fees

It was **RESOLVED** that the initial membership fees, as previously agreed by the meeting, be approved and adopted.

d. Approve Financial Controls

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club's financial controls be approved. These were agreed to include, but not be limited to, the following provisions: that there may be up to four (4) authorised signatories; that the Club's financial records may be inspected by committee members on reasonable notice; that Stripe payments be transferred to the Club bank account weekly on a Tuesday; and that committee members complete acceptance of office forms in respect of the liability clause contained within the Constitution.

8. **Welfare & Breeder Considerations**

a. Adoption of Breed-Specific Welfare Guidelines

It was **RESOLVED** that the breed-specific welfare guidelines, as outlined by the **GCCF**, be adopted.

b. Adoption of Upcoming Manx Registration Policies

It was **RESOLVED** that the current Manx registration policies, as outlined by the **GCCF**, be adopted. Work would be undertaken to update the registration policy to include longhaired Manx.

c. Adoption of Upcoming Manx Standards of Points (SOP)

It was **RESOLVED** that the current Manx Standard of Points (SOP), as outlined by the **GCCF**, be adopted. Work would be undertaken to update the SOP to include longhaired Manx and tailed Manx.

d. Health Testing Policy

It was **RESOLVED** that the Health Testing Policy, as outlined by the **GCCF**, be adopted.

e. Breeders' List Requirements

It was **AGREED** that breeders' list requirements would be deferred to a later meeting. However, breeder's could be listed on the website immediately.

9. **Communication & Administration Decisions**

a. Approve Official Contact Email and Postal Address

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club's official contact email address be info@manxcatclub.org, and that the Club's postal address be approved, with the address being redacted from the published minutes.

b. Approve Website Domain / Social Media Setup

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club's website domain be approved as manxcatclub.org. It was noted that the Club had no social media presence at that time.

c. Approve Data Handling and Privacy Policies

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club's data handling and privacy policies, as published on the Club website, be approved and adopted.

d. Application for Provisional Club Membership with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF)

It was **RESOLVED** that provisional Club membership with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) be sought.

e. *Proposal to Attend the World Cat Congress at the GCCF's Supreme Cat Show in April 2026*

It was **RESOLVED** that attendance at the World Cat Congress at the GCCF's Supreme Cat Show in April 2026 be by a member of the Club in an individual capacity, and not as formal representation of the Club, the Club not yet being affiliated with the GCCF.

10. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

No further business was raised.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was **AGREED** that the date of the next meeting be determined by email, such meeting to be held no later than four (4) months from inaugural meeting held 8 April 2026.

12. **Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Signature of Chair ____________________

Name Peter Williams

Date ____/____/________