

## BAC Review Update 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

As you are aware the Show Review Group has been disbanded and reformed as two separate but entwined groups. The reasoning behind this is because the Philosophy and Principles of the GCCF Judge Appointment scheme is divided into two distinct elements.

The first eight pages deal with the governance and configuration of a B A C while the other twelve pages deal with the actual training and supervision of judges. John chairs this first group, considering BAC governance and configuration and he has asked me to present this part of the update while Peter Collin chairs the Judge training group

At our recent meeting - following consultation with BAC's - the committee revised their original proposal. The new proposals, now back with the BAC's for further consultation, are firmly based within the current system.

The up dated proposals follow the format we are all familiar with however the move towards training judges within Grand groups means we have to develop a way in which multi-breeds can work together to train PJ's without loss of quality and rigor.

It has to be acknowledged that those involved in the actual breeding and showing of a specific breed are those with the intimate knowledge that influences issues such as S.O.P., breeding and registration policies and can more easily determine if a PJ is "getting it right" so we need to find a workable outcome that can accommodate breed specific issues alongside of group training judges.

One suggestion to accommodate judge training and breed specific issues is that there could, if necessary, be three meetings a year (which many BACs already do) - two for discussing judges - Pupil and/or full and one for breed specific issues which would only involve that breed's clubs.

For some BAC's such as BSH and Persian, there would be little change as their grand groups are single breed albeit with numerous colours and patterns however the multi-breed Grand based BAC's will need to operate in a slightly differently forum. It is expected that the clubs will need to ensure that the representatives they send to all BAC meetings are fully informed of the relevant interested parties views.

So what are the main challenges that we perceived for GBAC's?

1. number of breed clubs potentially involved
2. The position of clubs such as the SHCS that currently have the right to be represented at four different breed BAC's
3. Perceived "breed" domination within a multi breed meeting
4. Officers
5. Finance
6. Breed specific issues

Firstly: whether your breed is involved with a single breed grand or a multi-breed grand, the overall governance will be the same but the configuration of membership may well be different especially if your breed falls within a multi breed grand.

#### **Possible "breed domination":**

As I have already said, each multi breed BAC will need to be considered individually and it is proposed that some form of weighting will be used to ensure breed equality in all issues especially should it be a voting situation. Obviously should the club base change this weighting would also be subject to change to accommodate the new configuration.

It must be stressed that all clubs will still have the option to be either full or associate members of the relevant BAC and any future club will have the right to join a BAC or not.

#### **Officers:**

The preferred option is that both the Chair and secretary will be independent - that is: not actively involved in any of the Grand or single BAC breeds.

As anyone who is involved in a BAC knows, the BAC secretary is at the heart of any BAC. It is to them that any application, PJ reports etc. are directed to in the first instance and that it is they, that liaise with all interested parties and Yes, it has to be acknowledged that, especially within a multi-breed BAC, it properly will be a far more involved role than currently.

### **Multibreed club representation: SHCS/RACCS/CRAOV**

These clubs are in a unique position -

For example: SHCS presently attends BSH and Oriental BAC's as full members and it is an associate member of the Russian and Korat BAC's - so what would happen if it decides it wants to return to full membership of the GBAC that caters for the Russian and Korat breeds?

Two suggestions have been put forward to date

- 1 club representative per breed

*These representatives would be representing and speaking for only one relevant breed*

- 1 club representative with increased number of votes to cover both breeds

*This representative would be representing and speaking for the relevant number of breeds involved*

### **Finance:**

Various suggestions have been put forward

- Central pot created from the combined funds of the current breed BAC's
- Division of monies currently held so as to contribute to a central pot and some to be retained separately to accommodate breed specific meetings.
- All monies returned to the clubs and we start a fresh

To reiterate:

All BAC's be they, single or multi breed, will work with the same rules of governance but it is probable that actual membership will present a differing configuration especially wherever multi breed club BAC's are involved.

Please do discuss in your clubs and BACs and send your comments, be they brick bats or bouquets, to us.

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