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Covid-19 Resolutions and Election Arrangements

Dear Club Chairs, Secretaries and Delegates

Following on from the earlier e-mail sent out from the office, this mail is to give official thanks to clubs and officers and explain the process of actions that will follow. The GCCF Officers and Board are very appreciative of all the responses to the recent poll to change the Byelaws.

The result is that 87.33% (131/150) of you were in favour

of making different arrangements for this year that involve a ballot for GCCF Officers and Committees arranged by an independent organisation, Civica. Plus there are other changes so that this year the approval of the 2019 accounts, the appointment of 2020 accounts' examiners, and this year's club delegates' dispensations can be dealt with via the website instead of during the Electoral Meeting.

Thanks are also due to all those who sent messages of support to the Board, whether in favour of the resolutions or not. Your involvement is what counts. To those who have concerns about the costs of using Civica, it's probably important to let you know that these will be only very slightly higher than holding the June and October Council meetings when room hire, refreshments and staff travel are counted. However, consideration of requests for whether elections can be held this way in future are premature. It's understood the cost of delegate travel means lack of representation for several clubs, but it will be necessary to assess this year first.

What happens next?

It's important that all club returns are made by the new agreed deadline of 31 August 2020:

- If your club accounts are not complete and examined you will not have delegate representation, even if paid for.
- If your show accounts are missing you will not be eligible for a show licence for the 2021-22 season.
- If you have made no contact on your club's returns you risk your club's status being downgraded from Full Member of GCCF to non-active club.

Please ensure that you have supplied the Office with the name(s) of your club's delegate(s) for the current year.

It will then be for the delegates to Council to participate, following procedures for nominating GCCF Officers and Board & Committee members in much the same way as usual. All candidates will have to send their 200 word statements for publication, as they normally do, so they can be read in advance. The one big difference will be in the way the vote is made.

Approximate Timeline

1. 31.8.20 Deadline for club returns (for 2019 only)
2. 1.9.20 List published of clubs needing dispensation to retain a delegate as they have a membership of below 100 (All Breed) or below 50 (breed clubs)
3. September Delegates send nominations over a two week period
4. September Candidate statements will be requested & published
5. October Delegates will vote over a two week period
6. October The results will be sent & published.

Please be advised these are approximate time scales and the above is a brief outline for club information so they are aware of what process will take place. Delegates will be sent details of what they have to do, and the dates for the completion of all actions, along with the addresses that must be used.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have queries. Also, watch the GCCF website for future announcements, and to follow the links to the GCCF dedicated area of the Civica site to find the candidates and their nomination statements.

A 'thank you' to the clubs once again for having the confidence in the Board to be willing to go with this new experience.

Yours sincerely

John H Hansson (GCCF Chairman)