

GCCF Judges Appointment Scheme Review Group Minutes

On July 25th 2021 @ 10.30pm via ZOOM

Chair: Kate Kaye (KK)

Present:

Hilary Dean, (HD) Steve Parkin, (SP)

Present by invitation: Sean Farrell, (SF)

Item 1: Apologies for absence:

- Sarndra Deveraux, (SD) Claire Lewis, (CL) Peter Collin, (PC) Sue Dalton-Hobbs (SDH)

Item 2: minutes of the last meeting - 19th June 2021

- Agreed as a true record by those present - to be distributed to absent members prior to uploading to GCCF website.

Item 3: Matters arising

- none

Item 4: update on report (see attached) given at 17th July Council meeting

Due to some members of this group not being present at council it was felt prudent that they were fully aware of the questions asked (JH/PW) and answers given on the day:

1: Part of the original remit was to increase the number of judges for GCCF, to date I have not yet seen any plans to increase numbers only rewards for those at the top end.

See attached report for answer as given on the day.

2: Can they advise which show mangers are likely to give PJ's classes when they will probably have a Full judge at the show able to do the class, this is more likely to squeeze out new potential judges not encourage.

It was agreed that this is an issue for the show review group to address as this is not part of this groups remit.

Action: KK to refer question to the show review group to consider.

3: What BACs have agreed to participate in trialling working within the Grand Group format? PW

4: Would other interested BACs be approached? PW

As was reiterated in council, we will be looking to approach BAC's in those sections (2 & 4) that would be most affected by any move to Grand Group training in the first instance. When shows resume fully and are dealing with PJ reports, then the trials will take place, results discussed by the JASRG and final recommendations made.

Item 5: Discussion on the possibility to use a GCCF Portal as is used by IC.

Overall, it was felt that this could be an acceptable way forward for the group to function and limit the number of meetings. There was some discussion as to how confidential such a portal may be. It is believed that, other than the members of the group, that as it would need to be set up by Ian Macro he would have access to the conversations.

It was agreed that it would not be a replacement for zoom/f2f meetings as all felt that these would definitely be required to finalise and agree any formal proposals.

Action: KK to contact IM and ask if he would implement such a portal for the members of this group.

Item 6: Discussion surrounding the removal of all stewarding elements within the JAS.

- The stewarding scheme is now far more robust given that it is now broken down into two major elements with the provision on completion of part two of the scheme to apply directly to a BAC for PJ status.
- However, P9 - 11 in the JAS deals solely with stewarding for the BAC prior to applying for PJ status is not in line as it has not been updated.
- After discussion it was agreed that all aspects of this element should be completely removed from the JAS document so as to bring it in line with the stewarding scheme.
- It was felt that there were more focused ways by which to address any issues of concern both prior or during a PJ's training.

Item 7: Development of a basic blueprint for judge training in the future (generic heading)

Overall, it was agreed to re-agenda this item, in the main, due to time and participant constraints. However, there was some discussion on the following:

- Parallel/Shadow judging - what do we understand by these terms?
Parallel - PJ and FJ judge separately and then discuss
Shadow - working alongside each other
Open to the PJ picking up on both verbal and body language cues to aid their decisions.
General feeling that was parallel judging would be the better method to adopt.
- It was agreed that to ensure that questions within an open book online test were relevant for the breed. It was agreed that we approach the BAC's for their input but we will need to advise them on areas, such as SOP, breed specific genetic issues etc. to devise questions around.

Action: KK to devise some categories for consideration and a draft letter to the BAC's

AOB:

- There was a query around the qualifications required for membership of a BAC. Many representatives have little or no experience of their breed (beyond their own cat) or the workings of a BAC. There are requirements within the JAS but finding suitable representatives is a common problem for all BAC's and committees. It is hoped that this issue will be improved if grand BACs are introduced.
- The issue surrounding some proposed rewording within the JAS that had been discussed previously but not followed up, was raised alongside of that of the proposed statement from PW/SD regarding complaints against BACs to be included was raised. After some discussion it was proposed that HD/KK would resume work on this.
- The suggested wording proposed by the JASRG around BAC self-assessment for inclusion in the JAS document was submitted to PW (who is leading on this matter) via SD for consideration but it appears that, to date, this has not been followed through.

Item 11: Date of next meeting

- 8th August 2021

Dates suggested - all to start @ 10.30pm