

GCCF Judges Appointment Scheme Review Group Minutes

On June 19th 2021 @ 10.30pm via ZOOM

Chair: Kate Kaye (KK)

Present:

Hilary Dean, (HD) Sarndra Deveraux, (SD) Claire Lewis, (CL) Peter Collin, (PC) Steve Parkin, (SP) Sue Dalton-Hobbs (SDH)

Present by invitation: Sean Farrell, (SF)

Item 1: Apologies for absence:

- None

Item 2: minutes of the last meeting - 6th June 2021

- It was agreed that the use of initials was only relevant if a representative had agreed to action a request/event.
- Agreed as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising

- none

Item 4: Moving forward

- Prior to lockdown, the group had agreed to move forward and trial a Grand Group BAC on lines similar to that outlined in the addendum 1.
- PC/HD have agreed to lead on this as they had previously started a conversation with an interested Grand group of BAC's to trial this approach.

Item 5: update on a way forward to deal with any BAC difficulties.

Prior to this conversation it was clarified that this proposal is to aid ANY BAC should they find themselves unable to function effectively. Other than highlighting an oversight in the JAS document, it has no connection with the issues that some BAC's have recently found themselves in, will not be retrospective and therefore there is no conflict of interest with any member who may be involved with IC/DC.

Considerable discussion took place over the anomalies within the Byelaws, their relationship to IC/DC with much concern expressed over the lack of procedural guidance for a Judges Panel (which it was agreed was a separate issue to a BAC not being able to function) and therefore comes under the Byelaws not the JAS document.

The following wording for inclusion to the JAS document was agreed for submission to the Board/Council to ensure that there is a route to follow should a BAC find itself in difficulty.

"In the event of constituent clubs of any breed being unable to form or sustain an effective working BAC, the BAC must approach the Board for assistance to resolve the issues. This must be done at the earliest opportunity and no later than twenty-eight days after the issue is raised."

Rationale:

Recently there have been a number of cases wherein a BAC has had difficulty in functioning due to a variety of reasons. Should a BAC be unable to function, it is failing in its primary duty to supervise and train judges for their breed alongside of neglecting its responsibilities as guardians of said breed.

There is currently no clear advice apparent in either the Byelaws or the JAS document as to what steps a BAC, if it found itself in such a situation, should follow to resolve the issue. The JASRG feels that this oversight needs to be addressed as it feels the Board has an obligation to ensure that a BAC can function effectively.

Action: KK to write to submit the proposed wording and rational for inclusion in the JAS document to the Board/Council.

SF left the meeting

Item 6: Development of a basic blueprint for judge training in the future (generic heading)

Suggestions for discussions around new procedures:

- Parallel/Shadow judging
- Tutorials/Assessments
- Training modules/seminars
- Online open book tests
- Self evaluation
- Role of BACs

Due to time constraints for the majority of the group, and it was felt that this would take a couple of meetings to clarify it was decided reschedule this issue for the next meeting.

Item 11: Date of next meeting

- 25th June 2021
- 8th August 2021

Dates suggested - all to start @ 10.30pm