

GCCF Judges Appointment Scheme Review Group

Minutes

August 14th 2022 @ 10.30pm via ZOOM

Item 1: Apologies for absence

- None

Item 2: minutes of the last meeting - 10th July 2022

- Agreed as a true record

Item 3: Corrections

- None

Item 4: Matters arising.

- There has been no further communication with the La Perm BAC with regards to the advice given by the group to a query from the said BAC regarding the expectations around tutorials and preferred judges.

Item 5: Correspondence (that will not be addressed elsewhere on the agenda)

- None

Item 6: Board Queries

- Request for us to consider the working and make up of the Judges Panel in cases of complaint.

Item 7: Development of a basic blueprint for Judge training in the future (Generic Heading)

- Discussion around the presentational form of the draft document whereby the rules around the running of either a BAC or GGC have been separated out so as to ensure clarity in the expectations of procedure for the two types of committees.
- Due to the sheer volume of text to be read and inwardly digested it was agreed that the members would study the document at leisure prior to the next meeting. However, the various points that had been raised within the document for a collective decision were discussed and the alterations made as agreed during the meeting to the draft document.
- There was considerable discussion over "Specialist" judges and if there was a place for them. However, it was recognised that they would possibly need a different type of training and it was not feasible within the majority of breeds as such judges with only a single breed interest would be of little use to Show Managers. The middle ground would be such judges train within the breeds within their breeds GG. Possible rename as "Breed" judges?

- It was agreed that we would consult with both the Finance & Investigations committees and tap into their expertise in these elements to ensure these elements were sound and in line with GCCF rules & byelaws.
- Stewarding scheme: Judges Guild wish to take all the stewarding levels under the Guild. We need to revisit the scheme as there appears to be some misunderstanding around how and what the Guild is currently doing with the stewarding programme. PC to investigate and come back to the group with an update.

Item 8: AJS

- There is still a lot of confusion within BACs around items 14/17 but in all cases the BACs have been advised accordingly.
- PC proposed a slight change of wording to item 17....
"If the breed is low in numbers making 3 (6) certificate class critiques/tutorials unachievable in ~~12 months~~ **by the end of the Judges time on the scheme**, 3 (6) tutorials and critiques on other exhibits not in certificate classes will be acceptable.
- There is confusion around the timings due to the pandemic and discounted times. All FJP can restart their 3 year count down from March 2023 but they need to remember to include time done prior to Lockdown.
- There has been a number of requests for a clarification around the usage of the terms: "mentor" and "preferred" judges... an FJP was under the impression that they could do all their tutorials with their "mentor" judge!

The Oxford dictionary explanations are:

Mentor - a person who gives a younger or less experienced person help and advice over a period of time.

Preferred - liked or wanted more than anything else

Item 9: AOB

- None

Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 31st August 2022 @ 7.30pm