

Judges Working Party Meeting 8/11/2017
Report to OLC.

The meeting opened at 10.40 Leo Pogodzinski in the Chair,

1. Apologies for Absence were received from, Sue Garner & Robert Harlow.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. The name of the working party was changed to; Activities Judges Sub-Group, The board agreed with the training board that a the name 'Working Party' suggested a definitive time frame for its operation , whereas activities of a Sub-Group were indefinite by nature.
4. The Sub-Group was invited to note the resignation of Mr Partridge (Agility) both as a member of the Sub-Group and an accredited trainer, due increased commitments in other areas, Mr Partridge was thanked for is contributions. It was decide at this time not to seek a replacement.
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 - a. The Sub-Group noted the Re Accreditation of Mrs C. Coughlan-Khan.
 - b. It was agreed that the re-accreditation of trainers should now take place after 3 years after first accreditation and then every 5 years after that.
 - c. It was noted that it is recommended for activities judges to attend or view on line a Confirmation And Movement Seminar as part of criteria for becoming a judge. It was felt that Judges trainers could show the video as part of their R & R Seminars.
6. KC Academy.
 - a. Separate videos for each discipline are to be posted on the KC academy, Agility video has been completed, The Obedience version is well on in the planning stage, Sue Garner has done a massive amount of work with a script and at the Judges accredited trainers meeting held in October it was agreed that Ellen Herries, Kate McCartney & Kay Allen will assist Sue in completing the Obedience video.
 - b. Free Access to the KCA for accredited judges trainers is to be confirmed.
 - c. It was agreed that an Education day for activities judges, specific to their discipline would be of benefit to all and any such days organised should be open to not only judges but competitors too, issues covered on such days to include, Canine body language, Muscular/Skeletal issues, and Obesity it was thought this would assist judges to understand issues relating to the confirmation of the dog.
 - d. KCAI Scheme, decided not to approve schanges suggested by the AJWP.
 - e. Dutch Obedience Society (DOS). At a previous meeting the Sub-Group discussed a query as to whether Judging experience gained at appointments at show held by the DOS should count towards the minimum judging qualification to undertake appointments in the uk.

The Sub-Group is invited to note the following policy which was recommended for Approval by the Activities Committee on 14 September 2017 and was subsequently approved by the board.

For all UK resident judges. All judging appointments undertaken for the DOS will not count as open show appointments. They would however be considered as lower level appointments for any persons working to fulfil the criteria to become a Kennel Club Obedience judge for Open & Championship shows.

For those based in Holland, Belgium & Germany, and who were members of the DOS.

The following shall apply. Once a person has fulfilled all the qualification criteria to become an obedience judge as required by the KC G. Regulations the following DOS judging appointments may be counted as open show appointments and count as part of the 30 open/championship judging appointments required for Championship C qualification. One each of Beginner, Novice, Class 'A' and Class 'B' can be used towards qualification to judge Championship C Classes. ONLY Open Class C appointments undertaken in the UK and thus at KC licenced events count towards the 15 Open Class C appointments required. In order to judge at KC Licenced open and championship shows in the UK all DOS member judges must satisfy the inviting society that they are suitably qualified under KC Regulations G and have judged the minimum of 3 novice classes as their first open show appointments.

f. Progression of Obedience Judges, The sub group was invited to note that at Octobers Accredited judges trainers meeting that the Accredited Obedience judges trainers request that the Obedience Liaison Council put out to the general obedience population the request for ideas regarding progression of judges. At the moment some can pass the Rules & Regulations seminar exam, attend the practical seminar, do their 3 novices and their 4th appointment could be a Class C or Pre-Beginners this could in theory be over a time frame of only 16 days!. The accredited Judges request comments and suggestions.

7. KCA It was decided by the Sub Group that a short video highlighting the things that were common across all activities ie Judging contracts.

It was noted that Agility were already offering their Rules & Regulations seminars on-line.

8. A report was given by the Chair on the Annual Accredited Trainers seminar held in October.
9. The Sub-Group was invited to note the appointment of Miss J. Lewis as an Accredited judges trainer (Agility) which was approved by the Board on 11th October 2017.
10. a. The Sub Group noted no Accredited trainers have been reassessed since the last meeting.
b. A list was circulated showing those judges due for Re-Assessment under the 3 year rule, it was decided that as of 1 January 2018 this should be 5 years from the last assessment, thus easing the problem of getting assessors to attend seminars to Re-Assess.

11. The Sub Group was given notice of the next training board meeting on 4th December 2017.

The next section of the meeting focused on issues that only affected Agility.

There was a discussion regarding Guidance for show organisers in respect of competitors health and/or safety risk to themselves, after a short discussion it was agreed that health and safety risks to competitors other than those provided for in the regulation are the responsibility of the competitor.

Seminar statistics were given and a list of Championship judges circulated with the office requesting that the names of judges listed who are no longer active be forwarded to Rachel.

