



## **REPORT FROM THE AJSG MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2019**

Those Present:

Mrs R Bradley

Mrs A DeRizzio

Mr B Gilbert

Mr C Huckle (by telephone)

Mr R Harlow

Mr D Jolly

Mr R Kebble

Miss L Pogodzinski (In the Chair)

Mr S Rutter

### **IN THE CHAIR: MISS L POGODZINSKI.**

Miss Pogodzinski opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, apologies were received from Mrs J Gardner and the minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The Sub-Group was invited to note the Board had agreed Re-accreditation of Mrs Rachel Bradley as an Accredited Trainer for Rally for five years from 2nd December 2018.

The Board also approved the appointment of Dr V Richardson and Miss P Ruscoe as Accredited Trainers for Heelwork to Music for a three year period from 14th May 2019.

The next subject concerned Education days for activities judges, this issue had been discussed at previous meetings and the Training Board noted the Sub-Group's suggestion of an education day but expressed a view that any film used may not cover every scenario so may not be very helpful. The Sub-Group agreed to continue to progress this item and following further discussion agreed that any seminar should aim to educate judges to the Conformation & Movement of the various breeds, and also what to look for with regards to injured dogs and what actions could be open to them.

Discussions then moved on to the KC Academy matters, it was noted that the Obedience Film was now likely to be out of date given any rule changes, the office said they would evaluate the film and if necessary up date.

Obedience Rules, Regulations and Procedure seminar, it was felt that this was now progressing to being an online seminar and examination, concern was expressed that anyone could take the exam on someone's behalf, with this in mind it was discussed that the Agility model could be followed, whereby there would be a 'test' at the Course Test & Design seminar rather than that just continuing to be an Attendance seminar, it was felt this would highlight those who didn't possess the knowledge required.

Positive feedback was given on the recent Accredited Judges Trainers annual seminar, with all disciplines highlighting areas for improvement within their own areas.

The matter of assessment of proposed championship judges being informed by the assessor or a 3rd party of where and when the assessment would take place and who the assessor would be was discussed, It was highlighted that all assessments should be carried out without the prior knowledge of the judge. Should it appear that an assessor (3rd Party) had provided advanced warning to the judge of the date of the assessment, the office should be notified so as to take the appropriate action. This office will remind assessors of the correct procedure.

**Steve Rutter (2/12/2019)**