



REPORT
AJSG Meeting held on 18 November 2020
via Microsoft Teams

The meeting was opened at 10.30 by the chair Miss Leo Pogodzinski.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr Robert Harlow.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

The recommendations from the Board concerning Bloodhound Regulations and judging procedures were given and noted. And the Board's approval of the following re-accreditation for the following accredited trainers for five years from their re-accreditation date.

Miss L. Pogodzinski – Bloodhounds. Mrs A. De.Rizzio – Heelwork to Music.

The majority of things planned by all disciplines has, as can be expected, been deferred until the present Covid crisis is over and we return to some modicum of normality.

Obedience:

With regards to obedience the Judging Rules and Regulations seminar will go live online in January 2021, and prospective judges must pass the exam before they can attend the two-day Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging seminar and passed the assessment. This seminar was originally a one-day seminar where attendance was noted, now there will be an assessment of prospective judges that they must pass to go on to judge. This obviously does not apply to presently qualified judges.

The need was expressed that the Obedience accredited judges trainers would like to spend a day as a group going through the new two-day Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging seminar once Covid allowed. This would allow all judges trainers to deliver almost identical seminars.

It was noted that any CPD assessments carried out on judges would be done in a positive way.

Authority of accredited trainers:

The sub group had asked for clarification of the level of authority accredited trainers had, in particular reference to a situation where a judge had set a course which was unsuitable or dangerous. Following discussion it was agreed that whilst an accredited trainer could offer advice or point out potential faults the judge was not obliged to make any changes.

There then followed items concerning Agility & HTM.

Management of incidents at shows:

The sub-group had considered concerns raised by members of the disciplinary committee regarding incidents of lower level poor conduct at shows which were referred to The Kennel Club. It was agreed these cases could and indeed should, where possible, be resolved on the day at the show.

Accredited Trainers Annual Seminar:

This had been cancelled due to Covid, but the disciplines should have a virtual meeting where possible.

Mr Kebble then gave a report on the Obedience trainers meeting, where the format of the new two-day practical seminar was discussed and the need for a judges trainers get together at Stoneleigh to run through and perfect the new presentation.

A new seminar for Chief Steward put together by Mr Luckock was also looked at. Consideration was also given to the need for further judges trainers, but was decided against at this time because of the ongoing situation.

Seminar statistics were briefly discussed.

Meeting closed: 12.35

Steve Rutter