



REPORT **Activities Judges Sub-Group Meeting held on 18/11/2021** **Via Microsoft Teams**

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

No apologies for absence were received.

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

Miss Pogodzinski informed the group that as Mr R. Harlow had taken up a position on the Board of The Kennel Club he had resigned all his other committee positions as required by Kennel Club rules. The Group wished to place on record their thanks for his input & work on behalf of obedience and the group.

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 kind of normality.

OBEDIENCE:

With regards to obedience the Judging Rules and Regulations seminar has now gone live on line and must be taken & passed before the candidate can attend an Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging seminar, at which they must pass the assessment.

Again the need was expressed that the Obedience Accredited judges trainers would like to spend a day as a group going through the new 2 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.

Seminar run through days.

It is hoped that the obedience seminar run through day will take place ASAP. It is hoped that all judges' instructors can attend this so a consistent seminar can be delivered country wide.

All other disciplines are also hoping to have their run through days at the same venue on the same day.

There then followed items concerning Agility, Rally & HTM.

Codes of Best Practice for Judges and Stewards.

At the Sub-Group's previous meeting, it had been agreed that Guides for Judges or Judges' Codes of Best Practice for all disciplines should be reviewed.

The Group was invited to note that a combined Guide for Agility Judges and Stewards and Judges Guide to Agility Equipment was currently being reviewed via the Agility Liaison Council which had agreed at its meeting on 6 July 2021 to submit a draft of the revised document.

Accredited Trainers Annual Seminar:

Took place this year on 26th October 2021 at The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh.

Mr Kebble then gave a report on the Obedience Trainers meeting, and informed the group that a copy of the new 2 day practical seminar would be circulated for the group's views. Mr Kebble also informed the group a run through had taken place prior to the seminar which went well. Along with the new



guide for Obedience Chief stewards following Mr Luckock editing the new version to bring it in to line with new rule changes from 1st January 2022.

The possible need for new accredited judges trainers was discussed, given that one trainer was stepping down and one recovering from serious illness.

Training Board:

The Sub-Group noted a written report from Miss Pogodzinski following the Training Board's meetings held on 14 July 2021.

CRITICISM AND INTIMIDATION OF AGILITY JUDGES

The Sub-Group considered concerns arising from increasing levels of intimidation and criticism of agility judges both in person and via social media, as a result of which some judges are becoming reluctant to accept judging appointments. The question was asked whether it was felt that this is an issue in other disciplines.

Seminar statistics:

Seminar statistics were briefly discussed.

Meeting Closed: 12:45.

Steve Rutter