

JUDGES WORKING PARTY

Report for the Obedience Liaison Council of the meeting held on Tuesday 11
November 2014.

The meeting opened with a welcome to new member, Rally Working Party Representative, Rachel Bradley.

Re-Accreditation of Judges Trainers moves on slowly with the WP agreeing to recommend re-accreditation to those who had been observed since the last meeting.

All disciplines gave report of the discipline discussions held at the annual Accredited Judges Trainers seminar that took place in late October 2014.

The day was the opportunity for all trainers to discuss their seminar content, delivery and good practice. There have been very few obedience regulation changes for 2015, so little change is required to the content each seminar.

The day was also a chance for all the activities disciplines judges' trainers to meet and share ideas, experiences and achieve, whenever possible, continuity across all areas.

One area discussed was mentoring for new judges. A formal process is coming into being for Agility. Obedience, does not plan go down this route at present, but will monitor progress of the Agility system.

The Obedience Trainers were disappointed with the absence of any interest in the initial advert for two additional trainers based in the SE and East Anglia region. The trainers agreed and wrote a wider advert. They accept it is a tall order, but feel it is essential the trainers are experienced Championship judges who can also teach.

The Kennel Club Training board gave a presentation with support of the IT department on a new E-Learning initiative that will go live for some Breed seminars in the next year. This was most interesting and could offer considerable learning opportunities for some of the obedience training. More will be available over time as the project progresses.

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