

ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB GROUP

Report for the Obedience Liaison Council for the meeting held on 20 January 2016.

The last AHWSG meeting was held on the 3rd September 2015. In addition to the normal group members, Mr Dave Jolly was in attendance, with a view to taking over as Chairman of the Sub Group from Mr Croxford.

It was noted that Ms Lowri Davies had tendered her resignation from the Sub-Group due to work commitments. The Chairman recorded the thanks of the Sub-Group for her valuable contributions to its work.

Nominations are being sought to replace Ms Davies and two vets have been invited to join the committee as a result.

A variety of topics were covered during this meeting which directly involved or was related to Obedience:

Head Carriage in Obedience:

- The Sub-Group noted a summary of the equine research papers available on the issue, prepared by Dr Alvarez, but it was considered that in view of the conformational differences between dogs and horses it would be difficult to extrapolate the information in relation to dogs.
- A suggestion was made that the issue may be suitable for consideration as a potential piece of research by Dr Boyd's student at Nottingham Trent University and it was agreed that Dr Boyd would give further consideration to this.

Funding for Research Projects:

The General Committee has agreed in principle to ring fence a proportion of the monies donated to the Charitable Trust next year to be used on research projects recommended by the AHWSG. The final amount is yet to be agreed as this will depend of the amount of the general donation.

The Charitable Trust will continue to decide whether research projects proposed will be supported or not.

Canine Sport Science Seminar

The Canine Sports Science Seminar took place on the 1st November 2015 and was considered a success.

Speakers this year were Major Chris Ham from the Defence Animal Centre, David Prydie from PhysioVet, Thilo Pfau of the Royal Veterinary College and Dr Chris Zinck who spoke on the subject of 'conditioning for the canine athlete'.

Any suggestions for future speakers should be submitted to
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