

Proposal: Expansion of Judges Education Committee

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Description

1. Judges Education Committee should be expanded to include all club approved Mentors as active members of the Committee.

Committee Response: Originally the Bod asked the JEC to have oversight of the mentor program because of the nature of the overlap in roles. It is not feasible to have a committee of 15 or more, as we continue to add mentors.

2. All Mentors should be apprised of upcoming JEC Seminars in advance, and be allowed to attend seminar.

Committee response: We have agreed that we have been lacking in communication, and will now publish to the list of mentors when mentors are requested, and when seminars are scheduled. This is not as often as you might suppose---see the list of the past seminars given this year. As for mentors attending all seminars, that is not completely up to the JEC. For example, in Portland, the seminar giving club invited the folks handling their Tollers to attend the seminar, and some took advantage of that. At Eukanuba, the AKC did not want anyone attending the seminar except judges signed up for it. As for our National, having fifteen mentors attending with the two to five judges present, would be overwhelming and uncomfortable for the judges.

There is a one and one half hour time constraint on seminars, and there is a lot of material to cover. In the interest of time management, mentors if allowed to attend should only give their thoughts when invited to.

3. Mentors attending seminars will have the opportunity to hone their skills, fill in the gaps of their own understandings of the breed, and provide continuity for discussions with judges being mentored ringside.

Committee response: While we are not opposed to a few mentors attending (see above), Judges' education is not supposed to be for education of mentors, but education of judges. There are other avenues for breed education such as the seminar presented last national, study of canine anatomy and structure, talking to other breeders, and various online discussions and ringside observation and discussion.

4. All mentors will be challenged to provide good examples of the breed and examples of faulted dogs for presentation to the judges at the Judges' Seminars if it is possible.

Committee response: We do not use faulted dogs for presentations. Judges already recognize what the faults are. The object is to present the best possible example of the breed, so that the judges develop the correct picture in their minds.

5. Dogs chosen for presentation as examples of the breed should be from 3 kennels unrelated by breeding or pedigrees. Every attempt will be made to assemble a variety of type.

Committee response: Judges pursuing licensing for Tollers are required to have many opportunities to observe the breed, not just our seminars. Included in this is ringside mentoring. See Attachment B.

6. Mentors will be informed in advance if their presence is required at an event where there will be mentoring of new judges ringside.

Committee response: We have agreed that we will do this insofar as it is possible. However, we do not always know if there will be a need for a mentor. Often, judges arrive ringside asking if there is a mentor present. In return, mentors are expected to mentor when asked, and to always be available when they are not showing at the National

Specific Board Action Requested

1. The JEC be expanded to include qualified mentors as part of the JEC.

2. The NSDTRC-USA will maintain a global list of JEC and Mentors approved members and publish the list to the members of the JEC, Mentors list, Board of Directors and Regional Directors.

Committee response: There is no reason why mentors cannot be listed on the Club website. Weren't they listed before the previous webmaster change?

The list will be provided to the Show Committee Chairman and by the Show Committee Chairman to Show Chairmen of NSDTRC-USA approved conformation shows and Hunt Tests.

Committee response: It should be the responsibility of the show chair to secure this information, not the JEC committee. We're not sure why hunt test chairs would want it.

3. The JEC will provide Judges at Judges Seminars the dates and locations of upcoming NSDTRC_USA approved hunt tests.

Committee response: Each judge is given our website address. Hunt tests are listed on the website, along with all our events.

4. A mailing list of JEC and Mentors be created and utilized to notify all Mentors and JEC members of events 30 to 60 days in advance, or as far in advance as possible.

5. Mentors are permitted to attend all JEC events.

6. Mentors will be solicited to provide dogs at JEC events.

Committee response: As stated previously, dogs are solicited from the geographical area or show site. If mentors are there of course they would be included. It does not make sense to have mentor's dogs travel when there are others available.

7. Current and each updated JEC written and video materials will be provided to all Mentors.

Committee response: The Board will have to approve these expenditures. It is expected that all mentors already have our video, and most have the JEC materials.