

JUDGES TRAINING COMMITTEE (JTC)

REPORT TO THE BOARD JANUARY 2010

REGION& STATE	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ROTATE OFF
1 – WA	Joyce Hubbard	Dec. 2012
2 – CA	Jennifer Josephson	Dec. 2011
2 – CA	David Wortham	Dec. 2012
3 – CA	Donna Elkins	Dec. 2010
3 – AZ	April Seiler	Dec. 2011
4 – MI	Jennifer Sanderson	Dec. 2011
5 – VT	Michael O’Kelly	Dec. 2011
6 – IL	Jill Conklin	June 2012
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6 – IL	Carol Shea-Hepner	Dec. 2009
8 – NC	Debbie McGhee	Dec. 2009

Communication:

- I have kept the Judges informed of judging-related issues, including summaries of the 2009 Board meetings. Important items have been submitted to the online Judges portal.
- A summary of the 2009 JE and ConEd was submitted for MEMO with the JE results and “thank you” for all of the participants.

2009 JE:

Six candidates were tested by the eight JTC-member (including me) scoring panel. There were no passing scores for the candidates for full or provisional licenses. I was impressed with the consistency among the JTC panel in their placements and reasons when placing the test classes and had positive feedback from handlers and candidates overall.

2009 Continuing Education:

Four judges (besides the JTC members) attended the Convention to fulfill their ConEd requirements.

The ConEd had positive evaluations from the attending judges. I was present for most of the ConEd and according to Andy Nash he felt this was a benefit for the attending judges and recommended more involvement by the JTC chairperson in regards to attending and interacting during the ConEd.

All but 1 judge returned the first Continuing Education questionnaire. The questionnaire covered topics related to show rules, judging wethers, the fault matrix, and sample classes. Judges were encouraged to review their handbooks, Rules & Regulations, and provided feedback on issues related specifically to judges. Overall the answers were consistent; the least consistent area was in regards to the fault matrix of the mammary system in does. This continues to be a source of inconsistency and we will approach this topic in depth at future ConEd training and with the questionnaires.

Continuing Education Facilitator Nomination:

I would like to nominate Carol Ballard (Arkansas) as the new Continuing Education Facilitator. Carol has been breeding and showing pygmy goats for over 10 years and I feel is very knowledgeable of the breed. But in addition to her knowledge of the breed she is very organized and has excellent communication skills. By profession she is a teacher and has earned a Masters in Education which will help the JTC and Judges in utilizing this information which can further enhance the current ConEd program. I have contacted Carol and explained this position and the duties required if she were to be elected. She has accepted the nomination and is looking forward to help serve in this capacity. I think she will be an excellent facilitator.

2010 JE:

There are currently 7 candidates eligible for the JE in Hamilton, Ohio. There are other NPGA members

who have said that they plan to attend, but they have not yet scheduled their written tests.

Licensed Judges:

Pursuant to R&R 10.D.2, all judges must participate in the ConEd Program at least once every 4 years, subject to a 1-year extension in non-sequential years and pursuant to R&R 10.D.3 a judge must complete the ConEd questionnaire. Bill Granger did not return the ConEd questionnaire and did not attend the ConEd in Cottonwood, Arizona and his NPGA judging license was revoked effective June 15, 2009. Once a judging license is revoked, a new license must be earned by retaking and passing the written and practical tests under the same rules as any other candidate.

Proposal for Supplemental Training:

The following are recommendations to consider in order to supply additional training to judge's candidates prior to them taking the JE.

- 1) Develop online judging classes to be posted online.
 - a. A separate Judges Candidate Portal can be created to allow candidates to logon to this area to gain access to the classes.
 - b. Pictures and if possible video footage of animals would be uploaded to the online portal. Classes could consist of 2 and/or 4 animals and candidates could evaluate the pairs or classes against one another and come up with reasons as to why one would place over the other as well as highlight each animal's strengths and weaknesses.
 - c. The JTC will review all classes and placements and develop strengths and weakness for each animal, reasons, and placements. These will be recorded and supplied to all JTC members. Each candidate can notify the JTC member of their choice to set up a time to discuss their findings.
- 2) Conduct a Training Clinic separate from the JE. (Two separate options listed):
 - a. This could be held once a year at a different time other than Nationals.
 - i. It could take place anywhere in the country, but perhaps would be ideally held near the region of the JE for that year.
 - ii. A one to two day clinic could be broken down into review of show rules, the scorecard, and faulting matrix. Both classroom and hands-on experience could be used to educate the candidates. More topics can be covered including judging showmanship and wethers, and additional education can be given in regards to the faulting matrix.
 - iii. Candidates could be given the chance to gain experience on the microphone giving oral reasons and then receive feedback.
 - iv. JTC members attending could consist of the JTC Chair and 1 to 2 of the JTC members based on least expensive travel arrangements and availability of members.
 - v. A fee could be charged to the candidates for taking the training. Candidates would need to have passed the written portion of the exam prior to taking the Training Clinic.
 - b. This could be held at the same time as Nationals.
 - i. The Training Clinic could begin Saturday morning with a combination of classroom and hands-on classes. Additional classes could be held on Sunday morning.
 - ii. This could enable the JTC to use goats at the JE that would not be able to be used for the training and testing due to people needing to leave with their goats.
 - iii. The training classes would need to take place at a separate area apart from the National show with handlers to help with the classes. This can all be coordinated with the host of the National convention. The host for the 2010 National Convention has indicated that this option could take place for the upcoming Convention.
 - iv. Travel expense would be reduced by not having to provide travel to JTC members multiple times throughout the year.
 - v. A fee should be charged for this portion of the exam to help cover expense involved with coming up with the educational material.

To pursue these ideas further the JTC will need to know what portion of the expense of the additional training the NPGA would cover. It would be an estimated \$500 per judge travel expense to hold this additional training. An additional estimate of \$200-500 would be needed to develop educational material and acquire powerpoint projector for classroom training.

2010 Budget:

Whenever possible my correspondence will continue to be sent via e-mail, which is free. However, I will need to make at least one U.S. Mailing to send out the annual judging licenses and Continuing Education Questionnaire. I also will need to mail written tests and name badges to new judges.

Estimate:

\$475 Income 5 written tests @ \$25 each and 7 candidates @ \$50 each

\$125 Expense

Postage [annual licenses/written tests/name badges] + JE forms + name badges for new judges
Up to \$2000 expense estimate depending on additional resources needed for the new Training Clinic.
This would not be duplicated in additional years as some of this cost would be in developing the necessary training material.

Jason Overman, DVM
Judges Training Committee Chairperson
December 15, 2009

cc: JTC Members