

NRHA TASK FORCE REPORT FORM

Task Force Name: Judges Task Force

Meeting Date: January 19, 2015

Chair Name: Larry Kasten

Members Present: Larry Kasten, Donnie Bricker, Dean Latimer, Mike McEntire, Tom McCutcheon

Members Not Present: Jody Brainard, Brandon Brant, Gabe Hutchins, Kim Muehlstaetter, Francois Zurcher (Casey Hinton and Sebastian Petroll served as substitutes due to cancellations)

Staff Present: Gary Carpenter, Christa Morris, Jamie Boller

Findings/Recommendations:

1. Communication / Technology

- Recommend moving forward with review system discussed at the 2015 Judges Workshop
 - Keep written documentation to track reviews and outcomes
 - Determine procedure for sending in reviews
 - (Who can? Filing fee?)
 - Communicate with show management and show representatives about tracking/reviews and needing their input (example: 3 points or more apart)
 - Judges Committee to manage reviews, accountability, recommendations for retest, J.E.E.P., denying judging privileges, etc.
 - Consider giving show management access to this information to assist in selecting judges
 - Continue discussions of a rating system
 - This recommendation goes hand-in-hand with recommendation to hire a Secretary of Judges
- Recommend that Judges Committee consider technology options (i.e. website) to improve communication and preparation of judges.

2. Monitors

- Recommend the creation of a short-listing of available monitors
 - Optional for show management to hire
 - Include Europe (developing countries as practical)
 - List created by Judges Committee, approved by Board
- Recommend the development of a standard of monitoring
 - Chosen group of monitors and Judges Committee to develop the standard

3. Director of Judges

- Recommend to add a Secretary of Judges position
 - Recommend it is someone with a judges card or similar knowledge in judging
 - Would assist committee chair and committee
 - Would facilitate administrative work
 - Major decisions remain in the hands of the committee
 - Recommend that calls and workload be spread among the committee members as practical

- Continue to discuss the Judges Chair position
 - Should it be contract labor to offset the work associated with the part-time position?
 - What are the job responsibilities?
 - What is the perception of exhibitors from the stand point of the chair being a paid position and involved in the industry as an exhibitor/trainer?

4. Quality Control (re: human factor, hours, etc.)

- Recommend that this topic move on to the board to discuss, with a task force being an option for more exploration (with affiliates, pros, judges, non pros, etc.)