

AFFILIATED SOCIETY RESOLUTIONS 2023

The Cleveland Dairy Goat Society

The Cleveland Dairy Goat Society requests that The British Goat Society Committee does not propose to make it mandatory that Judges already members of the panel of Licenced Judges, or those wishing to renew their licences, or new applicants to the panel of Judges, should have licences granted only if they agree to judge in two or more rings at BGS recognised shows.

Likewise when a Judge signs her/his name to agree to become a Judge, that the acknowledgement of their physical fitness, is not interpreted or binding of such an agreement.

Also that show schedules indicate clearly for the benefit of exhibitors that a two ring system for judging may operate at a show and that a judge when invited to officiate at a show is made aware of this likelihood prior to their acceptance of the invite.

The Golden Guernsey Goat Society

The Golden Guernsey Goat Society requests the BGS invest in the continuing development of the herd book database (Grassroots). Examples of such development include:

- implement new versions of the software where appropriate,
- to develop error and duplication flags to reduce input errors,
- to create a location field to enable identification of non UK based goats/location (i.e. a lot of BGs are in the USA) when looking at lists of goats
- to populate historical data.

Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society (NDGS)

The NDGS hereby asks the BGS Committee to halt any discussions on a policy change making it mandatory for currently licensed judges, new applicants to the panel of judges as well as judges applying to renew their license, to commit to judging at BGS recognized shows with two or more rings as a condition of granting/renewing their judging licence.

Furthermore the annual list of shows includes the number of rings proposed for each show. The person organizing judges will make any judge invited to a BGS recognized show aware of the number of rings planned at the time of the invitation.

The Scottish Goatkeepers' Federation

The Scottish Goatkeepers' Federation is aware that the BGS is revising its procedures for renewing Judges' licences and feels it would be appropriate to have some feedback from Show Secretaries regarding Judges' performance.

We therefore propose that the BGS issues all recognised show secretaries with Judges' feedback forms, to include the following:

General Communication
Animal Handling
Attitude towards Exhibitors
Speed of Judging
Space for any further comments

Forms to be kept on file in the BGS Office for reference.