

AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

Proposal

This is a proposal for hosting an alternative JE in the fall of 2020. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic 2020 Convention was canceled. This alternate JE would be a replacement for that clinic/JE that was to be held during the convention. This proposal is still tentative and does not have full details. It is being submitted by that agenda deadline for consideration at the June or meeting to determine the boards appetite for an alternate JE. At the time of this proposal, it is still unclear as to the state of the country and the status of the Covid 19 pandemic. If it is deemed reasonably safe with enough interest and support, the proposal would be to host a JE in the fall of 2020. The date and location is to be determined. This will be established by the JTC/clinician and local clubs and individuals interested in hosting. The selection of location will be based on the knowledge of location, exhibitor participation, and commitment from local members/breeders. There will also need to be enough interest from candidates to proceed.

Reasons, Advantages, Disadvantages

Advantages:

- Provide an opportunity for a JE/clinic in 2020.
- Allow NPGA to evaluate hosting JE/clinic separate from convention. This has been discussed in recent years.
- Candidates and participants/volunteers will not have to choose between the JE and participating in other convention events (i.e. the National show).

Disadvantages:

- There may not be as many people that would travel or state to view the JE. Therefore there may not be as much volunteer participation for handlers.
- There will be shorter notice for planning for candidates to attend this JE as dates have not been decided, whereas convention date is planned and advertised a year in advance.
- There will need to be support or donations to offset expenses that would typically have been covered by convention. This point is discussed further in the financial implications and NPGA board feedback is requested.
- There is potential, due to possible ongoing Covid 19 restrictions there may be regional restrictions that could continue to impact travel that would impact the host site or certain participants depending on part of the country they are traveling to/from.
- Potential disadvantages similar to any other JE: Not enough goats or handlers.

Financial Implications

2 proposals are submitted for discussion and feedback at this time.

Proposal A:

NPGA funds the JE similar to it being hosted at convention: paying for the judges airfare and stipend.

- Stipend 9 @ \$100 = \$900
- Airfare 9 @ \$400 = \$3600 *
- Candidate fees 7 @ \$300 = \$2100
- Net Expense for NPGA= \$2100

** airfare was checked for 2 possible sites. Prices at time of checking ranged from \$150-\$450. \$400 was used as an estimate to error on the higher side for budget purposes. Location and date may impact pricing.*

This will still require that facility, pens, and other incidental expenses will need to be covered by individuals/host club.

Proposal B:

Individuals and/or clubs fund it fully. (This is the way that alternate JE's have been posted in the past.) We have submitted an inquiry to local clubs and the candidates to determine interest in supporting a JE/clinic. Candidates have provided feedback that they would be interested depending on the date. There has been no commitment for financial support as of the date of this submission. No cost to NPGA. If this is the option would NPGA consider donating the fees collected from the candidates to offset the expenses incurred by the financially responsible parties?

Options to reduce costs have been discussed that can be implemented for either proposal A or B. This would include comprising the JE panel of local judges and in attendance instead of the full JTC roster. The JTC chair and clinician could also serve on the panel, though historically they have not been scoring members.

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