

Meeting time: Tues, September 12, 2023, 7 pm CDT

## ILR Fleece Committee Meeting Agenda

Call to Order at 7:15 PM CDT

Present: Sharon Vanhooser, Cindy Ruckman, Bonnie Kittrell

Reading & Approval of minute

### Unfinished Business

- Fleece judging card inconsistencies – Discretionary points???  
Non-measurable. Should it be removed? Cindy stated that it is used if there are WOW factors, Such as very dense or heavy weight.
- Bonnie K would like current working email and phone numbers of committee members to make sure everyone is getting notifications of our meetings, agendas, and minutes. Is Gladys Moritz still on the committee? I'm getting "mailbox full" notification from her email. Not sure she's getting our meeting invites. Has anyone been able to get in touch with Gladys?

### New Business

- Discuss Fran Soukup's email (questions/concerns) to Sandy Auld
  1. Under Preparation on the Fleece scorecard, Fran is wanting to combine the two 5 points into 1 10 point. Maybe reading "Proper Skirting - Which should not include stains, debris, order, insects and second cuttings"
  2. Judging Classic Fleece: See pages 45 and 114 of the ILR Guidelines
  3. Fleece-on/Coat-on: See page 48 and 49 of ILR Guidelines
  4. Suggestion to combine Single Coat with and without crimp for Fleece class

Response from Cindy Ruckman addressing the above 4 topics asked to discuss by Fran Soukup:

Regarding the idea of combining all of the preparation into one item (yet keeping the total 10 pts), I'm a bit confused. The referenced "pg 112 of the Guidelines" just for us to see the scorecard or is there a discrepancy somewhere? If it's just for us to know which scorecard is being referenced for a change, I propose that we keep it as is. My reasoning is as follows:

- for Fleece-On, under the category of Cleanliness, we allow 5 pts for "Stains, Large Debris/Vegetation, Odor, Insects". We remain consistent by keeping the 5 pts on the Shorn Fleece scorecard and eliminate confusion;
- Dividing the 10 points into two subsections of 5 makes it easier for the judges and the exhibitors to analyze scores;

-Skirting is the removal of stained, unusable, or undesirable portions of a fleece. Although you can typically skirt out "stains, debris & vegetation", *odor and insects* tend to be issues with the entire fleece and really can't be "skirted out". I think that we would be creating confusion by lumping all 10 points into a "Proper Skirting" category. Another option would be to make it one section for 10pts titled "Cleanliness & Preparation", and drop the verbage listing criteria. I'm fine with either option, although creating one line for "Cleanliness & Preparation" would create some space on the card and hopefully allow more room at the top for ease of use - it's super cramped where we have all of the classes & ages listed which makes it hard for clerks and judges.

Regarding the "Coat-On" scorecard.....I would love to know the history of this fleece division. I have not seen the pictures of the distinction between under 3" or over 3", but in the Guidelines on pg 46 (C.4.a.-b.), there is a "sub-division" option for fleece staple length of 3 inches or less and staple length of 3 inches or more ( which I have never seen implemented) Then, in the same section, e. says: *Coat length for Classic Llamas indicates length of guard hair, to be less than 3 inches for short length coats and more than 3 inches for long length coats.* I agree that it's confusing. I'm guessing that a. & b. (over & under 3") was created as a way for the divisions to be sub-divided into "shorn" and "unshorn", since we want more than 3" when we shear. Part e. is the discrepancy. I recommend that we eliminate part C.4.e and remove the two boxes/options on the judging card "Under 3" and "3" and Over". By making these changes our Judging Card will be in agreement with the Classic Coat division guidelines on pg 45 (C.1.a.3)

Regarding pg 48 only having the scoring criteria listed, I recommend that we request to the appropriate committee that this be changed to the entire Judging Card (It's just missing the top portion) in an effort to be consistent with how the Guidelines have "the criteria used to evaluate pages" for other fleece divisions.

The final suggestion from Fran's email was to combine Single with and Single without crimp into one division "Single Coat". I wholeheartedly agree with this suggestion. It will eliminate so much confusion and there aren't enough entries to justify dividing single coat into two divisions.

To summarize the above, I recommend the following four things:

1. On the Shorn Fleece Judging Card, keep the Preparation divisions as they are OR create one section titled "Cleanliness & Preparation" for a total of 10 pts.;

2. On the Coat-On Judging Card, remove the two boxes with the options of under 3" and 3" and over AND remove part C.4.e;
3. On page 46, I recommend that the entire Coat-On Judging card be pictured and not just the judging criteria;
4. I recommend that we combine Single Coat with Crimp and Single Coat without Crimp into ONE division: Single Coat

#### Announcements

- Next ILR Board meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Next ILR Fleece Committee meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2024  
7PM CDT

Adjournment time: 8:30PM CDT

Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Kittrell