

Minutes: ILR Fleece Committee, April 16, 2024

Call to Order at 8:15 PM CDT

Present: Sharon Vanhooser, Cindy Ruckman, Bonnie Kittrell, Joy Bishop

Reading & Approval of March Minutes: Joy motioned to approve the minutes and Cindy 2nd the motion to approve the minutes. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Sharon Vanhooser mentioned that the fleece committee minutes need to be sent to Steven Fritz and cc'd to Susan. Any minutes not posted, each month's minutes need to be resent individually to Susan and cc Kyle.

Old Business

- Review changes from Nov., 2023. Cindy asked how we should resubmit the minutes from November 2023 to get the changes suggested approved by the board. Sharon said she will ask the board. What would be the earliest to get them approved?

Cindy is proposing Patty Morgan to join the ILR fleece committee. Joy 2nd second the motion. All in favor. The ILR board will need to approve Patty Morgan for the fleece committee. She can listen in until she is approved to be a voting member of the committee.

Gladys is still unreachable. Cindy has someone else in mind if we cannot find her. She hasn't attended a meeting in over a year.

New Business

- Composite class (re: Fran's e-mail, January 2024) Composite Class- Cindy mentioned the Intent for this class was for fleece "on" and halter, the committee recommends adding "on" after fleece on page 81 of the 2024 Guidelines. It currently reads: "The purpose of the composite award is to both award animals with exceptional conformation and fleece characteristics, and to also encourage participation in both the halter and fleece classes." By adding "on" to the last sentence it will now read: The purpose of the composite award is to both award animals with exceptional conformation and fleece characteristics, and to also encourage participation in both the halter and **fleece-on** classes.

Later on the committee will revisit discussing adding the shorn fleece to the composite class in order to help increase participation in the composite class.

Also in 3c. c) The award will incorporate the points awarded for both halter and fleece on classes. We also need to add the word "on" in the following sentence: The points used will be either the halter/fleece-**on** class points or if the animal participated in the championship class, those points will be awarded, whichever is higher. Fran sent a note to Cindy

mentioning that “Coat-on” Classics should be also included. But it’s too late to add that this year. We can revisit that later when we further discuss adding shorn fleece to the composite class.

Joy mentioned that there have been some concerns about the great coat-on animals that score well in their classes, but they really aren’t a fleece animal. You want the fleece on animals to be used for an end product, but coat-on animals really aren’t good for end products. It’s like comparing apples to oranges.

- Apprentice Reflection The judge’s committee is requesting an apprentice reflection page. The apprentice will complete after apprenticeship. The fleece committee discussed the Goal of the reflection page, which is to reflect upon what the apprentice has learned. Sample questions discussed:

- a. Did you enjoy the apprenticeship?
- b. What was the most valuable thing you learned?
- c. What was the most challenging thing you experienced during the apprenticeship?

Purpose of the Apprentice Reflection - To help the teaching judge and allow the apprentice to think about their apprenticeship.

- Upcoming clinic in Spokane Washington. More details coming.

Sharon Vanhooser is completing her term on the ILR fleece committee mid-June of this year. We appreciate all Sharon has contributed to the ILR board and the fleece committee.

Sharon mentioned that any Guidelines changes need to be sent to the ILR Board by September. Mark your calendars and be ready to be submitted by September.

Any questions for the Judges exam also need to be submitted by either September or October based on the Guideline changes approved.

Cindy asked if are we all still in agreement with the following changes to the guidelines:

- The wording of “Proper Skirting”
- Change Preparation to Cleanliness & Preparation
- Deleting “single coat” and combining with and without crimp

Award Designation Recommendations:

Joy - Shorn fleece judging card; The bottom of the card: Discretionary Points - Is wondering if Density can replace the “Discretionary Points” - To be discussed with changes for next year. Cindy will pull out some old score cards and see what history she can find to re-evaluate. Cindy misses density, Joy mentioned she mentions Density in the Discretionary Points. Cindy mentioned “Discretionary points” is hard to teach.

Joy also mentioned to add a mentioning of an “Over All Fleece on Grand” and an “Overall Coat on Grands”. It seems as if the Coat Ons are scoring higher points than

Fleece on animals. And when comparing apples to oranges it doesn't seem fair for the fleece on animals. But it would be up to the Superintendent. But it would be good to encourage the superintendent to have a Best of Show for Fleece on and a Best of Show for Coat on. Cindy thought it was at the judge's discretion, you take the 1st place of all the classes to pick the overall grand. Cindy will look in the guidelines for clarification on it.

Meeting Adjourned: Joy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bonnie second the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024.
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Kittrell