

Minutes: ILR Fleece Committee, July 24, 2024, 8PM EST

Call to Order at 8:00 PM EST

Present: Cindy Ruckman, Bonnie Kittrell, Joy Bishop, Patti Morgan

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

Old Business:

- Recommended Guideline Changes from 2023: from November. Cindy will copy them and explain the history to the board. Which essentially is combining single coats.
- Classic/Coat-on Definition: The committee will think how we can help define the difference between light wool and classic. Is there anything we can do to define coat on? We will discuss the definition at the August meeting.

New Business:

- Letter of Concern from an exhibitor. It's not a grievance. The exhibitor simply wants the fleece committee to note his concern regarding two shows with 2 different judges at 2 different shows commenting on his llamas' fleece coting and uniformity, and that it shouldn't be encouraged not to shear. The fleece committee chair, Cindy Ruckman, addressed the concern with; *"As the Chairman of the Fleece committee, I want to thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns and for sharing your experiences. Hearing the perspective of exhibitors in addition to judges helps us as we plan and work to build an easily understandable and comprehensive evaluation of exhibitor's shorn, fleece/coat-on and fleece products..." per the 2024 ILR-SD Guidelines."*
- The committee would like to have the following members added to the ILR Fleece Committee: Patti Morgan's term will go to 12/31/27 and she will take the empty position, Elaine Brovont's term will go to 12/31/25 she will be taking Gladys' position,
- Terms: Cindy Ruckman's term goes to 12/31/24, Joy Bishop's term goes to 12/31/28, and Bonnie Kittrell's term goes to 12/31/26.
- New ILR Fleece Committee Liaison is Benjamin Carothers

Additional Items:

-Score cards: Add a box above for **<24** above 5 <12 most and 12 >24 mos, and a box with **>24** mos above 24 - 48 mos and 48+ For combining these classes when numbers are low. - Update scorecards with this for: 2 oz, coat-on, fleece-on, and shorn fleece score cards and the entry cards.

-Youth Shorn Fleece Class: Cindy recommends adding a section for the youth to tell in which fleece division they think their llama's fleece belongs.

-Next Governing Board meeting is August 20, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM EST. Bonnie motioned to adjourn, Joy 2nd the motion, all in favor,, motion passes.

Next Fleece Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, Aug.13, 8PM EST.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Kittrell