## Minutes of Governing Board Meeting

## December 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Linda Hayes, ILR-BOD Liaison to the Governing Board, and Chair of the Governing Board.

In attendance were: Matt Rector (chair of Halter Committee), Pam Jensen (chair of Guidelines Committee), Debbie Shellabarger (Chair of Youth committee), Debi Garvin (Board of Directors member), Lauren Wright (Chair of Performance Committee), Heather Koenig-Peterson (Chair of Judge's Committee), Niki Kuklenski (Chair of Fleece Committee), Harvey Pool (Board of Director's member), Sean Hart (Board of Directors member), and Ron Wilkinson (Board of Directors member).

Meeting was called to order by Linda Hayes at 7:04 PM CT. Matt Rector indicated he was recording the meeting.

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM - CT, 6:00 PM Mountain Time.

The Governing Board had received a request for approval of a Judge's Clinic to be held at the Mark and Susan Smith Farm in Indiana in March, 2017. It was indicated that the instructor will be Mary Jo Miller. Kristy Brown will give a talk on Form and Function, and Darrell Anderson will be in charge of Oral Reasons. A discussion was held and the Governing Board voted to approve this Judge's Clinic.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Matt Rector reported on the Show Division Management Committee (SDMC). Matt indicated that he wanted first of all to bring the Governing Board up to date on the 2017 Gathering in Waterloo, Iowa. At present the Gathering Committee is waiting on the LFA election results to see what events will be joint or what each association will be responsible for.

Matt further indicated that the Gathering Committee is working on the catering, and they have picked and submitted their first choices for the judges to the Judge's Committee for approval. That was the extent of the Gathering report as of this meeting.

Matt indicated that the SDMC is waiting on the new computer system to get going on the compilation of existing shows that have been repeated, those that are no longer held, areas we could try to get new shows started, etc. Sean

Hart indicated that the company that was going to do the new computer program for the ILR and the Show Division, will not be doing that. They have not started the work that was to be done by this time, and have no intention of moving forward with it.

Debi Garvin indicated that the SDMC determine what information they need and have Allen pull it together for the SDMC. There would be a charge but it is way cheaper than a new computer system. Debi also said the committee should inquire of Steve Auld if he can pull that information together for the SDMC. Matt inquired as to the current program, which Debi Garvin indicated is Fox Pro and that is a program that is no longer supported or updated. Debi further indicated that Show Manager needs to be fixed so it is user friendly. She recommended we either invite Susan Hannah or Steve Auld, Kristy Brown, Paul or Allen to join in on one of our calls.

There being nothing further to report from the SDMC.

Fleece Committee -

Niki Kuklenski asked for approval of all of the changes that the Fleece Committee submitted during 2016. It was indicated that there was no discussion of annualized weights for fleece in the September, 2016 meeting. Niki stated that her committee decided to make this a tie breaker in their April, 2016 meeting. Heather Koenig-Peterson asked what the changes all were. Sean Hart stated that the Merit System for Fleece was a UAP program and that is under the Board of Directors, not the Show Division. That is a mute point at this time.

Linda stated the first item would be the annualized weight for fleece. Niki restated that her committee approved this in April, 2016. She further stated that few exhibitors actually understood what annualized weight was and how it was determined. The survey put out at the end of the 2015 year, and was a part of the Judge's test on Fleece; at least 1/3 of the Judges commented on the need for a change in annualized weight. Heather Koenig-Peterson felt that the current method was not the best way to measure this item. Ron Wilkinson said that annualized weight made no sense and it does not mean anything

Debi Garvin indicated that the mini Ilamas are the ones that it hurts the most due to the small size, and they cannot compete, particularly against the Argentine type,. The minis are beat every time.

Niki inquired if anyone had any questions.

Debbie Shellabarger indicated this topic needed more discussion.

Linda Hayes stated that we are trying to correct an oversight that was with the Fleece Committee items.

Harvey Pool indicated that Guidelines policy stated that all changed had to be in by 10./15/2016.

Niki stated that the Fleece Committee has been continually questioned on everything they have worked on in 2016 and asked for approval on. The committee is tired of the treatment they have received and honestly, the SD will probably lose the whole committee if something doesn't change.

Debi Garvin said it is in the April minutes of the Fleece Committee to submit this item for approval.

On motion by Pam Jensen, seconded by Heather Koenig-Peterson motion to approve was presented: No response Heather stated that is if this not the best idea, then what.....

Sean Hart said to seek approval for 2018 in 2017.

Roll call vote called for:

Debbie Shellabarger - No
Heather Koenig - Peterson - Yes
Pam Jensen - Yes
Matt Rector - No
Lauren Wright - No.
Niki Kuklenski - Yes
NOTE: Sandy Auld now joined the meeting
Sandy Auld - No.

Ron Wilkinson - Motion fails

It was indicated that the Fleece Committee had submitted the requested change and it was discussed. Niki Kuklenski indicated that the 6 ounces was not voted on in 2016.

Matt Rector indicated we should take a week and have a special meeting on this, ie: Meet on December 19, 2016, to handle the requests of the Fleece Committee. It was asked if the Governing Board could approve the changes via e-mail on a roll all vote. It was decided that all Fleece Committee changes will be voted on by e-mail, to be approved by 9:00 PM on December 19, 2016. Because of this, a phone conference meeting will not be needed. Motion by Matt Rector to vote via e-mail by 9:00 PM on 12/19/2016, seconded by Pam Jensen. Motion carried. All votes to be submitted to Linda Hayes and Pam Jensen for tally and to appear in future minutes.

Halter Committee - Matt Rector indicated there is nothing for the committee to report.

Judge's Committee - Heather Koenig-Peterson indicated there are no changes.

Performance Committee - Lauren Wright indicated there are no changes.

Youth Committee - Debbie Shellabarger indicated there are no further changes. Their changes were previously approved.

Superintendents Committee - Sandy Auld indicated that more accessible material will be in the Guidelines in the future. Sandy will check with Steve Auld regarding Xcell file.

There being no further committee reports, the matter of a Judge posting on social media was discussed.

Debbie Shellabarger asked if we could each give our opinion on the matter which was done. Considerable discussion was had on this matter.

Motion by Pam Jensen to waive the \$ 200 fee as complaint has been filed by the Fleece Committee - it would be like paying ourselves.

Linda Hayes asked who we would use for the 5 people to review the complaint and bring to the Board. Names were put forth and Linda was to check to see if they were all ILR-SD members, as is required.

Sandy Auld questioned if it was just this one Judge at this point. It was indicated that at this point, it is just this one Judge.

Motion to Waive \$200 fee was made again by Pam Jensen, seconded by Heather Koenig-Peterson. Vote taken - 6 yes, 1 no - motion passes.

A five (5) member committee will investigate and report back to the Governing Board. Motion by Pam Jensen to proceed with 5 member panel to investigate and report back to the Governing Board, seconded by Heather Koenig-Peterson. Vote taken - Motion passed 5 Yes, 1 No and 1 abstain.

An official complaint was made to the Judge's Committee by the Fleece Committee regarding this Judge. To date this Judge has not filed an official complaint with any committee.

Matt Rector indicated that the we need the changes the Fleece Committee wanted made sent to the Governing Board. This matter needs to be kept private

until resolved. He also stated that the Complaint from the Fleece Committee about this particular Judge and her rants on social media need to be dealt with.

It is the oversight of not having discussed and voted on the Fleece Committee changes that needs to be corrected and will be done by 12/19/2016.

Debbie Shellabarger indicated that she felt there should be time to research what others wanted other than the Fleece Committee. That there was not sufficient time to do that research by December 19th.

Debit Garvin indicated that we have voted on things before with no "research": and this was an oversight by the Governing Board and we need to vote on it in 2016 so the 2017 Guidelines are correct.

The matter of the documents for Planning a LLama Show put forth by the Superintendents Committee were originally intended to be a part of the Guidelines. Ron Wilkinson said he agreed with Harvey Pool that there was no need to put them in the Guidelines, but make them accessible on the ILR Show Division portion of the website. Sandy said the forms are easy to access and Debi Garvin indicated she could upload them to the website.

Motion by Pam Jensen to upload forms to ILR website in the Show Division area, seconded by Matt Rector. Debbie Shellabarger questions if these forms can be changed. It was indicated that the forms should help the superintendents. Vote was held - 7 Yes notes, 0 No votes. Motion passed.

It was indicated to the chair of the Judge's Committee that in 2017 her committee needs to work on wording for the Guidelines. It should state Judges are to refrain from posting on social media and public forms on items regarding the Show Division. This is to avoid future issues such as we are dealing with now.

Matt Rector wanted to know about a Judges' letters to the Fleece Committee. Niki Kuklenski said she would forward them to all of the Governing Board and Board of Directors.

Debbie Shellabarger questioned if the Governing Board was protected should this Judge hire an attorney and file a law suit. Sean Hart indicated that all committees and board members are protected by our liability insurance.

Motion by Debbie Shellabarger to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Heather Koenig-Peterson. Vote was taken - 7 votes in favor of adjourning, 0 votes against. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Jensen
Chair of Guidelines committee
and secretary for Governing Board

Sent out to Governing Board and Board of Directors for approval on December 13, 2016 at 10:30 PM CT

Revised on 12/13/2016 Revised on 12/14/2016 Submitted for approval on 12/15/2016