

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly, at 7:40 PM CDT, on March 17, 2021.

Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Mindy Reid, and Ramona Simpson were in attendance. Steve Auld joined at 7:44 PM. Fran Soukup was absent.

The minutes for the February 2021 meeting were approved via e-mail and are available on the ILR website.

Old Business:

The committee reviewed the 2021 Judge's Open Book Test. All judges and apprentices completed the test on time. No drastically low scores.

The most commonly missed question was a performance question regarding the course designer's ability to show. This rule was inadvertently included in the ILR-SD Guidelines in 2020 and removed from the 2021 Guidelines without reference in the revisions section of the guidelines. Because the Judges Committee did not catch this, the point value was removed from the question.

There was another question from the superintendent committee that was also missed by several. It was strangely worded and the Judges Committee will review this section for next year.

Responses to moving the test online were very positive. The average score was 33.5/35.

One judge emailed the Judges Committee and requested an extension due to extenuating circumstances. The judge has kept in contact and provided updates to the committee since. The committee voted by email to approve an extension, with the agreement that the judge will complete the test before their next judging assignment. The committee will check in with the judge in June.

Nick discussed the upcoming Judging Clinic. 30 people are currently signed up. Planning is going very smoothly and people seem enthusiastic.

New business:

LFA being absorbed into the ILR was discussed. The question was raised if the Judges Committee will have any responsibilities related to the merger. It was brought up that we included Futurity questions in the open book test to make Judges aware of the changes. The Judges Committee will reach out to the Futurity Committee to see if they want to jointly draft an e-blast to send to Judges and Apprentices and inform them of Futurity changes.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 at 7:30 pm CDT.

Mindy Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Auld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM, CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrika Mumford
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