The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly, at 7:35 CDT on September 21, 2021. Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Fran Soukup, Ramona Simpson, and Steve Auld were in attendance. Mindy Reid joined the meeting at 7:40.

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

Steve made a motion to approve the agenda. Fran seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The judges committee discussed the recent approval of several apprentices. One additional application was received by the ILR office. Nick will email the committee a copy to be reviewed and voted on over email.

The committee discussed the Virtual Judging Clinic Proposal prepared by Jerrika. Overall, the feedback was positive. There were a few suggested changes to improve the proposal before it is finalized and voted on.

New Business:

The judges committee discussed exhibitor concerns about llamas being entered in the incorrect divisions at shows. The committee agreed that this issue needs to be addressed and reaffirmed plans to discuss it in an upcoming eblast.

The committee discussed an idea to offer continuing education and updates to judges by sending a newsletter. The upcoming eblast will be a trial run and after it is finished we will discuss the possibility of preparing a newsletter a few times a year.

The committee discussed the upcoming open book test for 2022. We agreed that the online format used in 2021 worked well and we will use a similar format again. Nick will email the ILR-SD committees regarding questions for the test. The deadline to receive questions from the committees is November 15th.

Before our next meeting, we agreed to each look over the judging section of the ILR-SD Guidelines and review for any necessary changes or updates.

The next meeting was set for October 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm CDT.

Fran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mindy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM, CDT.

Respectfully submitted, Jerrika Mumford ILR-SD Judges Committee Secretary