

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly, at 7:01 CDT on April 6, 2022. Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Fran Soukup, Ramona Simpson, Steve Auld and Cathie Kindler were in attendance.

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

Via email, the Judges Committee unanimously approved an extension of the Open Book Test deadline to March 25, 2022 due to late publishing of the ILR-SD guidelines.

Via email, the Judges Committee reviewed a request from Katie Mazac to become a permanently certified judge. Katie meets all of the requirements per the guidelines. Fran motioned to approve Katie as a Permanently Certified Judge. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. The newly elected chair will send a request to the Governing Board for final approval.

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

Old Business:

The committee discussed the recent open book test. All open book tests were completed. Overall using google forms went smoothly. Committee members received many compliments from judges and apprentices on the ease of completion. The majority received an exam score over 80%. There was a discussion on if there should be any follow up with the judges with lower scores to provide feedback. Feedback was already given through the test format. There is nothing in the guidelines regarding required test scores, just that the judges complete the test. There was a question that a few judges asked about addressing the timing of dues. The guidelines discuss dues on two different sections, on page 8 & 9 Section IV.A.1.a then again on page 14 Section IV.A.J.1. We discussed moving the two points in the guidelines to the same section. The committee agreed to adjust the guidelines as follows:

Under Section IV.A.1.a add wording of Section IV.A.J.1

a) Effective January 1, 2013, the annual Judges/Apprentice dues will be \$35.00 and this will include a copy of the current Guidelines book. Dues must be paid by January 01 of each year. Judges whose dues are not paid by January 01 will have their names removed from the active Judges list.

- 1) Judge/Apprentice whose membership dues and fees have not been received by the 31st of January will not be allowed to adjudicate or apprentice at any events in that calendar year. Recertification for the year following a suspension as a result of non-payment of dues will require the individual to attend a Judging Seminar.

The committee received a request from Katie Mazac for permanent certification. This was approved via email by the committee and the next chair will take it to the Governing Board at the next meeting or try to get it approved via email.

Nick missed the last GB meeting as chair. Fran mentioned that we may be able to elect a substitute if the chair is unable to attend. The committee will keep this in mind if it comes up again.

New Business:

The committee discussed the virtual clinic. The following was taken from the ILR-SD Governing Board meeting minutes from their meeting on 10-21-21 “Ryan (Laux, governing board member) made a motion to approve JC committee to gather data on cost and platforms curricula to have a virtual judging program.”

Jerrika discussed options moving forward including platforms and a plan to write a detailed outline of what will be covered and how it will be covered as a starting point for determining costs. Nick Hauptly will share his agenda for his clinic that happened in 2021.

The committee agreed that videos should be done professionally to make the virtual clinic high quality and last a long time. This may add to a bigger upfront cost but we agreed it would be worth it in the long run. We discussed The Gathering online video streaming and the possibility of working with that company. We discussed having people volunteer to show their animals and be recorded at The Gathering. There was agreement within the JC that this could be a good option. Ramona will bring this idea to the board to discuss.

The committee discussed electing a new Chair and Secretary.

Nick nominated Jerrika for secretary. Cathie seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passes.

Jerrika nominated Steve for chair. Nick seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passes.

The next meeting was set for May 18th at 7:00 pm CDT.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM, CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford
ILR-SD Judges Committee Secretary