

ILR-SD Youth Committee Meeting
Conference Call: Monday, December 22, 2014
Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm Eastern Time
Action items are listed in **bold**.

In attendance: Elaine Brovont, Sharon Carrier, Michelle Kutzler, Debbie Shellabarger, Harvey Pool.

I. Old Business: Overview of ILR-SD Youth Committee Work for 2014

- a. Meetings
 - i. February 10, 2014: minutes posted
 - ii. May 13, 2014: The committee had three members that were unable to attend the meeting so the meeting was cancelled to be rescheduled after the Gathering.
 - iii. September 29, 2014: minutes posted
- b. Changes in Committee Membership
 - i. One committee member position was vacated for lack of participation.
 - ii. Debbie stepped down from committee chair due to medical reasons.
 - iii. Sharon Carrier became committee chair.
- c. Changes to ILR-SD Youth Judging
 - i. New fiber and leg fault pictures were added to the Youth Judging Manual.
 - ii. Tie breakers were added to Youth Judging score sheets for halter, performance, showmanship, and oral reasons.
 - iii. Junior youth will be given a 5 question test to answer. Each test will be scored 10 points per question.
- d. Changes to the Guidelines
 - i. Increased the senior youth age limit from 18 years of age to 19 years of age.
 - ii. Changed youth performance eligibility such that "Youth may not show the same animal in both youth and open performance classes".
 - iii. Made additional formatting changes to the Guidelines (#3-page 96) to remove context of "shorn fleece" so that the revised Guidelines reads, "when all three are offered, two of three best scores be used for judging."
 - iv. Recommended that youth under 11 years of age should show intact male llamas or alpacas 18 months or older.

II. New Business

- a. New committee member
 - i. Aspen Auld will be filling the vacancy left by Matt Fruits (term expiring January 2016).
 - ii. **Harvey will talk with Aspen to confirm that she will pay full (adult, not youth) ILR-SD membership dues for 2015 so that she will be an eligible voting member to serve on this committee.**
- b. Committee business for 2015
 - i. The committee discussed areas that they would like to work on in the coming year.
 - 1. Michelle would like to have feedback on the Youth Judging Manual.
 - 2. Harvey said that there is excellent information on what is incorrect conformation (undesirable) with llamas in the manual but he would like to see what is desirable.
 - ii. **Michelle will write a letter to the Judges' Committee, asking them to write a short section for the youth judging manual (less than a page with pictures) on what is the "ideal" llama. Michelle will circulate the letter to the Youth Committee for input. Once the letter is finalized, Sharon will send it to the Judges' Committee.**
- c. Committee officers
 - i. Debbie Shellabarger motioned that Sharon remain as committee chair and Michelle remain as secretary in 2015.
 - ii. Elaine seconded both motions and both motions passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

- a. Elaine motioned to adjourn, Sharon seconded the motion; motion to adjourn passed unanimously.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Kutzler, ILR-SD Youth Committee Secretary