

## **UAP Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **3/29/17**

Attendance: Linda Hayes, Ron Wilkinson, Niki Kuklenski, Sonja Boeff (Chair), Denise Fehrenbach (Secretary), Kristy Brown

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 pm EST

Should there be others invited to the committee. Put in the news letter. Need to have an uneven number.

Kristy gave history: began in 2008 prior to Show Division. Encourage people to get out and do things with llamas. Used Quarter Horse Assoc. As model. 2009 SD was added. SD info is added automatically. Nothing done since it was created. Beyond the Show Ring was Jan Wissink.

Niki voiced that she felt that a better description/explanation for what Beyond the ShowRing was and how to use it may be good. Also to rehaul the point system to be more correct. Ex. A two hour walk should not get the same number of points as a three day hike, etc.

Linda asked how it was described in the original minutes, Kristy will look for minutes and share them with the committee.

Sonja asked for an example of how B TSR (Beyond the Show Ring) was being abused, Niki gave examples of questionable situations that included "double dipping," visiting the neighbor, animals being dragged out too much for PR, etc. (Maybe a limit on points able to earn each day?)

Ron expressed concern that B TSR may be more appropriately used if the Top 10/competition was removed and to instead look at a level system. He suggested to the committee to create a survey and ask the membership what they felt.

Linda suggested that each person think of 3-5 questions for a survey. Kristy said she could include the survey in the ILR newsletter.

Niki stated that she sees an issue with people not understanding the website entering process. She suggested the possibility of a tutorial and a promotion to explain to ILR members why the program is good and how it is a benefit to them. Linda mentioned that the website needs to be more user friendly. Kristy stated that this was already in progress.

Kristy spoke to several members at the Judges Clinic last weekend and found that many people were not aware of the UAP program. She agreed that it needs to be promoted.

Linda mentioned that the committee should consider separating youth and adults in the BTSR section. Kristy expressed the need for survey results first to see if membership views this as a need, then to look into expense. Could be pricey. Ron mentioned that the levels of achievement could separate the youth.

Niki mentioned concern that Best of Show should earn additional points much like the championship classes.

Linda suggested that committee members go through BTSR and make recommendations on how points could be granted. Denise offered to start looking through. Sonja said she would also look. Denise and Sonja will connect in the next few weeks to compare findings.

Niki mentioned the fleece section of the UAP. The fleece committee had made a recommendation on a system that classified fleece into three groups blue, red, and white. UAP points would be granted based on the score the fleece earned and which category it fell into. Fleece ribbons are available through the ILR office for 20 cents per ribbon.

Ron stated that there is nothing on the website that describes how an individual earns a certificate. Kristy stated that it was going to be updated and that it was in progress. Ron mentioned that Debi Garvin had the information for the fleece recommendations. Niki mentioned that many of the recommendations had already been approved by the board and just needed to be added to the website.

There was brief discussion of what should or shouldn't be considered BTSR. Petting an animal at the fair, being part of a fair parade. Committee agreed that there needs to be clarification to what counts and what doesn't. Niki voiced concern for double dipping. Greeting people while carting shouldn't be considered carting and PR. Linda mentioned possibly set a number for the amount of points an animal can earn in one day/outing.

Denise brought up youth points and the lack of honesty. Entering of points at the end of the season. Youth having excessive points, etc. Kristy mentioned that you can view show points by viewing the animal, but there is no tracking system that shows youth placings. Niki suggested an after show deadline date that points must be in by.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 EST

#### **Action Items:**

- 1. Each committee member needs to come up with 3-5 survey questions and send them to Kristy by Sunday 4/1/17.**
- 2. Ron will contact Deb Garvin and get a copy of the fleece committee's recommendations. He will email them to the UAP committee members.**

**3. Sonja and Denise will review the point distributions in BTSR and connect to compare their findings. They will create some recommendations to share with the committee during the next meeting. They will also consider Best of Show points.**

**4. Kristy will collect the questions for the survey that committee members submit. She will send out the survey on approximately 4/11/17. She will be posting the Top 10 for 2016, include a basic program description of what the UAP is, and ask for volunteers to join the UAP committee.**

**5. Kristy will look for the original minutes from the UAP committee and distribute them to the new UAP members.**

The next meeting will be schedule for the week of May 7th. TBA

Minutes submitted by Denise Fehrenbach