

ILR Show Division

FLEECE COMMITTEE Minutes

April 18, 2016

Conference Call Meeting – April 18, 2016, 5:09 pm PST

Committee Members: Niki Kuklenski - Chair, Maryan Baker -Secretary, Eran McCarty, Linda Hayes, Robert Knuckles and Barb Baker

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm PST. Committee members present: Niki Kuklenski, Maryan Baker, Eran McCarty, Robert Knuckles and Linda Hayes

MINUTES:

Minutes from January 25, 2016 meeting - approved by email and posted on the ILR website.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Old Business

1. **Education:** Discussion of educational information for members. The committee goal is to provide the membership with enhanced opportunities to understand all aspects of Fleece Show Competition. The intended result is to increase understanding and participation in Fleece Show competition. Proper skirting of fleeces. ILR is updating the current website. Eran is going to consult with Barb, to see if she can utilize some of the video taken by Eran last year. Robert offered to work on an educational presentation focusing on Grading of Fleece. Robert plans to take photos while he is shearing for the educational information. The goal is to educate and show successful methods for show fleece preparation as well as processing for sale or personal use.
2. Niki to contact Rawna regarding updating ILR Fleece Brochure. Rawna had started this project so we did not want to duplicate work previously done.
3. Niki advised that she has had a lot of success in selling her fleeces. Niki will work on an interactive raw fleece form for members to print and use to sell their fleeces.

New Business

1. Letter to Fran approved regarding error in score card.

- 2. Discussion of Open Book Test Question:** A review of the last question on the 2016 Open Book Test for ILR-SD Fleece judges was discussed. The concerns expressed from the Fleece Judges were, Annualized Weight and Education. Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding climate variables in different states, shearing times and various shearing methods and styles. The committee wants to be as fair as possible to all members to allow for greater participation in fleece competition. The committee unanimously recommends the governing board consider using the Annualized weight as a tie breaker.

The following is proposed wording for the 2017 Guidelines.

***“The fleece density, (weight) is a positive attribute and should be acknowledged; however, the fleece judge should be aware of environmental, regional climate constraints affecting growth, timing of shearing and various shearing cuts and styles. Therefore the committee recommends the use of the annualized weight as a tie breaker. Whereas the higher annualized weight would be granted in the event of a tie in scoring.*”**

- 3.** Committee discussed the use of the Danish Judging System, and potential as an optional class for ILR-SD Fleece Shows. Niki will check on the price of strip ribbons. In the Danish System there are three ribbons: Blue, Red and white. There can be multiple winners in each category. Maryan agreed to work on project for presentation to committee for next meeting.
- 4.** Grandfathered Judges: Eran expressed concerns that a “grandfathered judge” did not know the difference between a “silky” single coat and a “suri” at a recent ILR-SD Show that she attended. Committee discussed and will wait to see if any formal complaints are received by Judges’ Committee. The fleece judges on the committee concurred that sometimes fleeces are very close and could border on being a single coat at some shows and a suri at others.

Next Committee Meeting:

May 16, 2016; 5:00 PST

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PST

Note: All motions approved by the Fleece Committee still need to be approved by the Governing Board before they go into effect.

Minutes submitted by Maryan Baker, ILR Fleece Committee Secretary.