

## **ILR Show Division**

### **FLEECE COMMITTEE Minutes**

**August 18, 2016**

**Conference Call Meeting:** August 18, 2016, 5:10 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 and Linda Hayes.

Committee members absent: Barb Baker and Robert Knuckles

#### **MINUTES:**

The prior meeting minutes for May 16, 2016 are pending approval.

#### **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 is essential for competitive entries in ILR-SD Shorn Fleece Competitions. ILR is updating the current website to include helpful information about fiber uses, including articles that help increase understanding and participation in Fleece Show Competition. Eran questioned the 3 inch minimum, (the ILR-SD minimum allowed) for shorn show fleece length entries. In ILR-SD the shorn 3 inch minimum length is the standard to which all ILR-SD judges and apprentices are trained. Eran advised that she has personally had success with shorter fiber lengths and wanted to change the wording regarding the minimum length. Eran advised that shorn fleeces that are shorter lengths can be done into a cloud rather than a roving. The committee agreed that many talented fiber artists can utilize shorter fiber for craft projects and felting. Processing methods as well as end use can vary. More research will be done on this matter.
2. Eran was asked to report on the Fleece Show at the "Gathering". Eran advised that the Gathering Committee was very appreciative of the donation from members of the Fleece Committee. She said it was a good fleece show. The Gathering did not use the Danish system option for additional placement ribbons for the shorn fleece show.

3. Niki advised that she has had some articles that she could update for the ILR website she will send for review.

### **New Business**

1. Lack of Communication: Committee member Rob Knuckles has changed his email, so he has not been part of the discussions. Rob also missed the May meeting. Maryan to send a written correspondence to Rob to see if he wants to remain on the committee.
2. Discussion regarding the Danish System. All members were in agreement that this is a very positive program for helping our members market their fleeces. Motion made by Niki to make the Danish System for Shorn Fleeces an Optional Class with Certificate for the 2017 ILR-SD Guidelines. Second by Maryan. Motion passed.

### **Next Committee Meeting:**

TBA; 5:00 PST

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 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.*