

ILR FLEECE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

I. Call to order

Betty Moe called the ILR FLEECE COMMITTEE Conference Call Meeting to order at 5:15 PM (PST).

II.Attendance

The following people were present:

Niki Kuklenski

Ron Wilkinson

Betty Moe

Joy Bishop-Forshey

Gladys Moritz

Paul Hastings

III. Member Issue - The Fleece Committee read and discussed the questions and comments raised in a letter received from Fran Soukup. The Committee's response are below.

a) Merit Ribbon System

While the system is not being used widely in the Midwest and Eastern shows, it has become quite popular in the and Western shows and hopefully will gain popularity throughout the country. The goal of the Fleece Committee is to help our members market their fleeces. Having merit awards appear to allow for better classification of the quality of the fleece rather than simply it's relative placement alongside the other fleeces in a particular show. It helps the more novice buyer gain a sense of which fleeces are of higher quality even when they are in a large class of fleeces. Many Exhibitors find that it adds value to the sale of their fleeces. It also helps to clarify a fleece that wind Grand Champion in the SD show, but in reality isn't a high quality fleece.

b) Judge's Score Cards not matching

Categories do not match between Fleece-On and Shorn Fleece. Additionally, from one show to the next age groups are 5-12 months or 5-24 months.

c) Youth Category

Although committee members believe that there is merit, particularly in larger shows, to create a separate fleece division for youth, it feels it is more within the responsibility of the Youth Committee. Ron Wilkinson agreed to pass along this suggestion to the Youth Committee for their consideration.

IV. Annualized Weight Issue

Guidelines allow for fineness of hand, luster and annualized weight as tie breaker only if two fleeces are tied and created equal. While a judge is not prohibited from the weighing of each fleece the weight may NOT be included in the scoring of the fleece.

V. New business

- a) Categories do not match between Fleece On and Shorn Fleece. Additionally, from one show to the next age groups are 5-12 months or 5-24 months. The Fleece Committee reaffirmed that their recommended age groupings for fleeces would be 5-12, 12-24 months, since fleeces begin to change with each shearing. The committee concluded that changing the scorecard, although it might be slightly simpler for a smaller show that needs to combine categories, would give the impression that the committee endorse combing weanling fleeces with second fleeces for judging. The recommendation at this point is to not change the cards.

VI. Adjournment Meeting adjourned by Betty Moe at 6:15 PM (PST) and 2nd by Paul Hastings

Minutes submitted by: Gladys Moritz

Minutes approved by: