

Executive Committee meeting minutes - July 15, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM - EDT. In attendance were Phil Feiner - chair, Darrell Anderson, Jerry Ayers, Maryan Baker, Pam Jensen, Lisa Robinson, Debi Garvin, filling in for Sean Hart (Debi was late in joining the meeting due to traffic issues).

The Chair informed the EC that there will be no Western Championship show this year. Hal Koenig felt it was too close to the OFF (Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival) to attempt to plan such a show and make it work. They are willing to offer a Versatility Champion award at this year's show and the EC wants to get ILR-SD approval for the same.

Maryan Baker indicated that Washington and Oregon are virtually all ILR-SD and California is strictly ALSA, with some open shows. Maryan volunteered to contact the superintendents of the shows in Oregon and Washington that have good venues and see if they would be willing to do a Western Championship show.

The main reason for the meeting this evening was to discuss and consider the ILR-SD taking over the sponsoring and management of NAILE (North American International Livestock Exhibition) llama show in Louisville, Kentucky. This is scheduled for November 7 and 8, 2015. Phil Feiner indicated there are many hurdles to cross and discuss before a decision was made. The 2014 show was superintended by Harvey Pool and sponsored by the KLAA (Kentucky Llama and Alpaca Association). The KLAA does not care to sponsor this even any longer - the volunteers having been burned out. Additionally, Harvey Pool would like the opportunity to show his animals at the NAILE event.

1. NAILE would have to approve the ILR-SD taking over the sponsorship of this show.
2. It was felt that the EC should not run a show and that the ILR-SD did not want to get in the position of sponsoring shows in mass in the future. However, because of the history of NAILE and the llama show there, this might be a show that the ILR-SD would want to save.
3. Phil envisioned the scenario where a committee would be created, ie: committee chair, someone to clerk and willing to accept entries, someone to do show book, someone to hire judges, someone to do stall layout, etc. No one person would be solely responsible for the planning and management of the entire event.
4. KLAA has volunteered to put on the meal on Friday night at their expense.

At this point the meeting shifted to discussion of the Gathering for 2015 and 2016. No financial reports for 2015 are yet available. As soon as they are available Phil will get copies to the EC for their review and future use.

The Gathering for 2016 is currently scheduled for June 17-19, 2016 at the Iowa State Fair Grounds in Des Moines, Iowa. This would be a National Championship Show. The discussion of this show being a championship show lead into the discussion of "points" for the placings. There was considerable exhibitor comments that there was nothing that made the show "special" other than the name - no premiums, no doubling of points, nothing. Further, if it is a National Championship show - exhibit comments felt that it should be double judged - not a single judge.

Phil indicated that when the ILR-SD was set up and the first Gathering was held, it was indicated that a sum of \$5,000 was to be put aside in the ILR-SD account for "seed money" for the next year. Previously, from what we understand, that had not happened. In 2015 the Gathering had its own checking account and that it was felt that there would be sufficient monies to allow for the \$5000 seed money to be there after all bills are paid.

Further, exhibitors felt that the fees were quite expensive and that they needed to be some consideration given to grouping some of the youth fees. This matter was tabled for further consideration in the not too distant future.

Discussion was directed back to NAILE. Phil indicated he had contacted Mary Jo Miller regarding chairing the committee to manage NAILE if 2016. She said she would discuss it with her husband and sleep on it and get back to Phil. The matter of the panels was discussed also. Harvey Pool said there was a problem with finding someone to get panels for the stalls, as the original supplier that was lined up to do so for 2014, was not able to fulfill the obligation. Not sure who will be contacted for 2015. NAILE is not an inexpensive show - in the past entry fees were \$50.00 per head, \$40.00 per stall for sod, \$40.00 per stall rental. It appears sod is the only realistic way to go as the floor is very slippery cement.

At this time, Debi Garvin joined the discussion..... Debi indicated that exhibitors could send their entries directly to the ILR office via Show Manager, a copy to the show clerk with the entry fees (??) or would the money go to the ILR office (??). If the NAILE show is an Eastern Championship show, then the points should be doubled as they had been in the 2014, 2015 Western Championship shows in Oregon.

Debi indicated that once a show becomes an Eastern or Western Championship so, and the Gathering, there are unlimited e-blasts that go out through the ILR

office, free of charge to anyone. This should be an added incentive to want to hold a championship show.

Phil called for a vote of the EC on making the NAILE llama show an Eastern Championship show for the ILR-SD. Motion passed unanimously in favor of so doing.

Phil reiterated the need for:

1. Approval from NAILE quickly.
 2. Committee to handle the management of NAILE
 3. Informing the ILR-SD GB of the fact that the ILR-SD is going to sponsor the NAILE event and getting their approval asap
 4. Hiring judges asap - by the NAILE Committee
 5. **IF** approved by NAILE, then e-blasts have to go out announcing the event as and ILR-SD Eastern Championship event
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announcement of the dates of June 17-19, 2016 as dates for the 2016 Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa.

Phil indicated he would contact Mary Jo Miller regarding her being possible chair and get an e-mail out to the EC as soon as he has a reply.

On motion of Darrell Anderson, meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Jensen
Secretary