

Governing Board Minutes

June 1, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. Central Time

The call was 2hrs and 45 mins long. The minutes are reduced to include the concrete topics discussed and not all of the side conversations that arose.

The members present were; Debbie Shellabarger, Pam Jensen, Lauren Wright, Matt Rector, Niki Kuklenski, Debi Garvin, Linda Hayes, Sandy Auld, Harvey Pool, Ron Wilkinson

Pam Jensen brought the meeting to order at ~7:00 P.M. Central time. We set a date at the beginning of the meeting for the next quarterly meeting of September 7, 2016 at the same time, 7:00 P.M. Central time.

Executive Committee Report:

(At this point Harvey Pool Joined the call, followed shortly by Ron Wilkinson.)

At the beginning of the executive committee call Pam made the statement about keeping private information that is discussed in these meetings should be kept within the group and not shared for public consumption.

Matt Rector presented the information in regards to the change of location for the 2017 Gathering. The reasoning for the location decision was explained by Matt going over step by step the timeline of events from back in January of 2016 to the current date.

The discussion following this report involved Pam Jensen bringing up points critiquing the decision and bringing up valid points. It also involved Debi Garvin asking some questions about driving distance and differences between the previous facility, the facility at Mason City, IA and the Waterloo, IA facility. This discussion concluded the Executive Committee Report.

Fleece Committee Report:

Niki Kuklenski began her report talking about new educational fiber programs that the fleece committee is working on including, Skirting Instructional Video, Fliers, Qualities of Llama Fiber, etc. Niki also introduced the first idea of a new type of fleece judging to aid exhibitors in marketing their fleeces. The point was made that this system will not replace the current fleece judging but is meant as an additional option for shows to be able to incorporate. The new judging system may be able to get incorporated in the UAP but this hasn't been decided at this point.

The Promotions and Marketing Committee has been working with the Fleece Committee to get this optional judging system organized and created. It will be used for shorn fleece only at this point.

A discussion followed as to the wording on the ribbons and to make sure the correct identification of which division the ribbon pertains to as to not create confusion between exhibitors and how exhibitors promote their animal fleece. The discussion concluded when the wording on the ribbons was confirmed not to include the "SD" logo or "Show Division" wording.

Ron Wilkinson made the suggestion that the "1st Place" wording be changed to "Blue Quality" or some other wording when the next groups of ribbons are ordered to reduce any confusion.

At this point Lauren had to leave the call. Lauren Wright had nothing to report for the Performance Committee.

Debbie Shellabarger asked about how many ribbons were purchased for this judging system, and the group was informed that 300 ribbons were purchased initially and 70 had already been used. The cost per ribbon was disclosed at \$.20/ribbon. Debbie Shellabarger also asked for further clarification as to the chain of decision making in how the Promotions and Marketing committee was creating new judging systems for the UAP. This was explained and clarified that the Executive Committee and Promotions and Marketing Committee worked together to help develop new ways to grow the llama industry and then present these ideas to the Governing Board. There was not an effort to keep information from the Governing Board but simply to keep the Governing board the place for the big completed ideas to be discussed. This concluded the discussion from the fleece committee.

*At this time Pam indicated that she wished to postpone the Guidelines report to later in the call.

Halter Committee:

Matt Rector informed the GB that the Halter committee is working on changes to the Showmanship guidelines but did not have anything to present at this time. The completed proposal will be ready for discussion at the September Meeting.

Judges Committee:

Heather Peterson reported that the committee had sent out the answers to Fleece, Halter and Performance tests and the reference pages for people to be able to check their scores. Heather informed the group that 2 judges were completing their Fleece apprenticeships.

Matt Rector asked about the future of Halter and Performance Judging clinics. Heather said that there is the possibility of Mark Smith hosting a clinic in the future but no details are confirmed at this time.

Pam Jensen requested that a form be created that can be included in packets at shows for exhibitors to monitor judges on the consistency of their judging. Linda Hayes also agreed to this topic. The reports would be turned in to the Judging Committee for review. Judges can be reviewed as to their quality positive and negative.

The details of the form should be devised and agreed on by the Judges Committee and then presented to the Governing Board. Debi and Ron also chimed in in agreement on the idea of the form and Harvey Pool suggested possibly using the ALSA form as an idea template. It was agreed by all that no matter what, if a form is used, there is the possibility of people using it to negatively rate people unfairly and this needs to be monitored by the judges committee.

*Prior to the Youth Committee report Debbie Shellabarger brought up a point that is under New Business. The point noted that there were Fleece topics to be voted on and suggested we complete any Fleece Committee work before proceeding. Pam Jensen said because the judging system is being run through the ILR and not the Show Division and that it is being worked on by the Promotions and Marketing Committee as well as the Executive Committee it did not need to be voted on. Debi Garvin stated that we needed to give the new judging system a try before the Governing Board needed to vote on it. Debi suggested that once results from 2-3 shows of the new Merit System are in, then the Fleece Committee should look at that data and decide whether or not it is something that they want to present to be voted on by the Governing Board. Debbie Shellabarger asked if this was something that was requested by other fleece judges or if the fleece judges had been consulted prior to undertaking this project. Pam Jensen explained that the system is not reliant on a judge placing fleeces, but simply scoring the fleeces based on quality criteria. Ron Wilkinson added that this point had not been well communicated. The fact that the show clerk could or would be the one handing out ribbons for this system, not the judges. Rob added that he didn't think this topic was ready for a vote yet from the Governing Board. Until there is a concrete proposal to vote on, a vote isn't necessary. Ron suggested that there would be data by Winter 2016-17 to make a decision by then.

Youth Committee:

Debbie Shellabarger reported that the committee has been having regularly scheduled meetings monthly.

Superintendents Committee:

Sandy Auld indicated that the committee has been monthly to bi-monthly to put together the previously discussed handbook for show superintendents. The initial document is nearing completion and they are now going over individual forms and a checklist as well. Their next meeting is set for after the 2016 Gathering show which will be in June or July.

Guidelines Committee:

Pam Jensen began her report for the committee explaining a situation that occurred at the Lamapalooza show in 2015. Kristy Brown exhibited one of her animals in PR, Obstacle and Pack. Dan Whitaker exhibited one of his animals at the same show in PR and Obstacle. The issue arose when the superintendent, Norris Berg, gave Dan Whitaker a 0 in Pack even though he didn't compete in the class. Even with the 0 score, Dan Whitaker was decided to be the Performance Champion. The issue is with the score keeping not following the guidelines which state that Performance Champion shall be decided from averaging the best 3 scores, in this case, PR, Obstacle and Pack. Pam stated that she had contacted

Norris to discuss this topic with him and his response was, "that it was his show and he would run it the way he chose". Norris said that if the ILR wants people to only receive scores for classes that they have competed in when tabulating overall champion results, the Guidelines committee needs to make sure it says that. The guidelines agreed to add language to clarify that Performance Champion points can only be tabulated from those scores which an exhibitor completes, in this case, all 3 classes.

Pam Jensen brought up additional information from Bill Schultz in regards to the same show but in the year 2016. A similar incident happened involving Bill Schultz's 4-H kids and Dan Whitaker's 4-H kids.

A further discussion was followed by these accounts from Debbie Shellabarger and Sandy Auld in regards to this most recent incident. The correct chain of communication was not followed in regards to how these incidents were reported. It was agreed that in the future when incidents like this occur, they should be reported to the correct committee or to the Governing Board by default.

A further discussion proceeded as to where how recommendations and changes to the Guidelines were implemented.

Heather Peterson brought up the point that she was the first one to speak with Bill Schultz on the incident. Heather said that the judge at Lamapalooza was included in the decision of how to proceed on the scores, but the judges' advice was not followed.

The conversation moved to the details on how scores are applied and as to how include language detailing the way the scores should be applied. The Governing Board agreed that the Youth and Performance committee need to be the ones involved in updating the guidelines to make these rules more obvious.

It was found that the version of the Guidelines on the ILR website was not the most up to date version. The version at this point was as of Jan 1, 2015.

**It was decided that the Performance committee should be the first ones to move forward and investigate the issues with the Lamapalooza show.*

An additional new business item was brought up regarding fleece judges. Niki Kuklenski brought up the topic that there have been judges not renewing their certification because they no longer have llamas and because judges who only judge one or two shows a year, the annual cost of \$85 is high. Linda Hayes suggested that we look at the proposal of tiering the judging fees for the future. At this time, no changes have been made or agreed on. It was agreed that this proposal should be sent to the judges committee for further refinement before being brought back to the Governing Board for discussion.

This discussion concluded the Governing Board call.