

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2014

TIME: 8:00pm EST

**Meeting Minutes:**

Call To Order: 8:03PM EST

Members Present:

Tami Lash - Chair  
Philip Feiner – Secretary  
Beth Myers – Guest Attendee  
Sean Hart  
Kay Berg  
Katrina  
Ken Austin

1. Tami welcomed Katrina to the Judges Committee. Katrina shared a little about herself to those members who do not know her. The committee welcomes Katrina to the group.
2. Tami welcomed Beth Myers to the call. Beth served as the previous Chair of the Judges Committee and was invited to participate in the call due to her experience.

At 8:10PM EST, Ken motioned to enter Executive Session, Philip seconded. All approved.

At 8:40PM EST, Philip motioned to exit Executive Session, Ken seconded. All approved.

3. The committee discussed drafting a letter to all current ILR-SD Judges and Apprentices. This letter will discuss the importance of our Judges and especially Teaching Judges properly utilizing our Guidelines, and will cover a reminder for positive Judging with the use of positive oral reasons vs. negative oral reasons. Additionally, it will discuss the responsibilities of Judges and Apprentices to avoid potential conflicts of interest, possible consequences' or sanctions if the ILR-SD Guidelines are not adhered to. Philip will create a draft of this letter.

At 8:47 PM EST, Beth Myers left the call.

4. The committee discussed producing a Fall Newsletter. After discussion, we feel that the letter to Judges and Apprentices might get lost if it were to be included in the Newsletter. The Judges/Apprentice letter will take the place of the fall newsletter.

Old Business:-

1. The Judges Committee had approved some additional language for the Novice Performance section of the GL regarding when an animal must move on from the Novice to the Advanced Performance Division. That language was presented to the Performance Committee and the GB for their approval and was declined. Since the last GB meeting all committees had been asked to send back to them alternatives to this language. The Judges Committee is working on this language yet again to see if we can come up with an agreeable option.
2. Proposed Guidelines changes are due to the Guidelines Committee on or before October 14, 2014. Philip has been maintaining list documented proposed changes. He will distribute the document to the Judges Committee for their review prior to submitting it to the Guidelines Committee.

Motion to Adjourn by Kay at 9:06PM EST. Ken seconded, no discussion, meeting adjourned.