

Judges committee minutes for May 14, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 8:15 PM, EDT.

Roll Call - All were present: Linda Hayes, Kelly McWhorter, Fran Soukup, Mindy Reid, Steve Auld

The minutes for the January meeting were approved via email and are available on the ILR website.

Old Business:

- Anna Rees has applied for acceptance as a Fast Track H, P, Y judge. However, Anna needs to complete either an eight hour day with a teaching judge at a farm or mentor with a teaching judge at a sanctioned ILR SD show. Darrell Anderson will remind her of these requirements.

- Cynthia Ernst has applied for ILR-SD H,P,Y and Fleece judge status via fast-tracking. She has completed on eight hour day, mentoring with Mary Jo Miller at a farm. This mentorship was for both H,P,Y and Fleece. Fran made a motion to accept Cynthia Ernst as a Fast Track Judge for H,P, and Y, and to require Cynthia to attend at least one day of a Fleece Judging clinic. Motion was seconded by Mindy. Motion passed. Darrell will take this recommendation to the Governing Board for approval.

- Jilliane Paquet has applied to become an apprentice judge for H,P & Y. Darrell will contact Jilliane to review the requirements for entering the apprentice program, as outlined in the Guidelines, starting with attending an H,P,Y clinic. At this time, there are no clinics planned. However, Darrell will notify Jilliane, when a clinic is planned.

New Business:

- The Judges Committee has received two recommendations from Youth Committee regarding changes in Guidelines for special needs exhibitors.

“It is recommended that show superintendents, performance course designers, and judges be willing to work with all exhibitors in regard to any specific disabilities an exhibitor may have. This may include adjusting a performance course so that an exhibitor does not automatically lose points or be disqualified because of a disability. To prevent this from happening it is recommended to have an open line of communication before and during a show. This will be initiated by the exhibitor by checking a box on the entry form indicating that special accommodations will be requested. In addition, all entry forms will include language pertaining to contacting superintendents before entries close if special accommodations to the course design are needed.”

And, “It is the responsibility of special needs youth exhibitors, parents or open class exhibitors to contact show management prior to the show with any performance issues and that the exhibitor should talk to the judge during the walk through.”

Both recommendations were discussed at length. Darrell will contact the Youth Committee to ask for the goals and purpose of these recommendations and to request clarification of the recommendations.

- Nick Hauptly has requested to become an H,P,Y Teaching Judge. Mindy made the motion to accept Nick Hauptly as an H,P,Y Teaching judge. Motion was seconded by Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fran expressed concern regarding the qualifications for approval as Teaching Fleece Judges. At this time, 4-H or Youth only shows are excluded as qualifications for Teaching Fleece Judges. With the increase in interest in youth fleece participation, especially with the addition of Youth Fleece in the Guidelines, this excluding 4-H or Youth fleece shows seems unreasonable. Many of these shows include an average of 20 or more shorn fleeces, which is comparable to ILR SD shorn fleece competitions. Fran made a motion to remove “excluding 4-H or Youth only shows” from the Guidelines qualifications for becoming a Teaching Fleece Judge. Motion was seconded by Steve. Motion was unanimously passed. Darrell will take this recommendation to the Governing Board for approval.

- At this time, there are no registrations for the Fleece Judging clinic scheduled for September in North Carolina. However, a number of inquiries have been received and interest is evident.

- The Judges Committee would really like to see an H,P,Y clinic to be planned. The committee is actively searching for a host for this clinic.

Date for next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 8:00 PM EDT.

Mindy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Soukup
Secretary, Judges Committee