

October, 22, 2019 Judges Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson 8:30 PM EDT.

Linda Hayes, Kelly McWhorter, Fran Soukup, Mindy Reid, Steve Auld were present.

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

**Old Business:**

A review reminder was sent to all committees from Board of Directors regarding “privileged” information on our committee calls.

The committee briefly reviewed correspondence and action taken on “member concern letters”. Steve made the motion: In respect to one letter of concern and several letters of support, concerning an ILR-SD Judge, the Judges Committee will be taking no action, as these letters have no bearing on the judge’s ability or ethics as a judge. Fran seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Susan Hannah has developed a show judges’ database as suggested by our committee and reviewed by the superintendents committee. The data base includes the name of shows, dates, location, and judges used. The data base will be posted on the ILR-SD website under the heading of Judges/Apprentices information.

Darrell and Susan are developing an email blast seeking clinic hosts and requesting interest by the membership at large in future clinics.

One person has volunteered to host a fleece clinic. She is exploring the budgetary needs and ability to supply fleece on llamas.

**New business:**

Elaine Brovont has requested permanent certification as a judge. She has met the requirements per the Guidelines for certification. Fran moved to approved Elaine as an H, P, Y judge but will hold Fleece certification, pending additional information. Motion seconded by Mindy. Motion passed.

Some questions have been submitted by some of the ILR-SD committees for the 2020 open book judges test. These questions will be examined and other questions sought before the next meeting. Ideally, the questions would be ready to be sent to the judges and apprentices shortly after the new year. Committee members will update the key in January to be current with the 2020 Guidelines.

A reminder was given to the committee regarding upcoming election of committee members - nominations are due November 23. Kelly’s term is up the end of the year.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2019 at 8:30 PM EST.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly and seconded by Steve. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM EDT.