

Judges Committee Minutes for September 30, 2020

Meeting to called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly at 8:16 PM EDT.

Present: Nick Hauptly, Mindy Reid, Fran Soukup, Steve Auld, and Darrell Anderson.

The March minutes were approved via email and are available on the ILR website.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The Judges Committee has been asked to review the current Guidelines for updates, changes, and revisions.

Darrell made a motion to remove the IV. Judges and Apprentices, F. Guide for Seminars/Clinics from the Guidelines and to make them a separate posting on the ILR website. A new statement related to Clinic Guidelines will read: "Clinic organizers need to follow the Clinic Planning Guide as found on the ILR website." The motion was seconded by Fran. Motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested the information related to IV. Judges and Apprentices, A. Judges and Apprentice Program and B. Fleece Judges be condensed to include one single section for judges, fast track judges, and apprentices in Halter, Performance, Youth, and Fleece. The exception will be related to Fleece which identifies the number of fleeces, both on and off the llama, and products, which will be a separate/additional statement. Nick made the motion to approve above changes and was seconded by Steve. The motion was passed unanimously.

Steve made a motion to delete IV, G, c) "A judge has some current judging experience...." as ILR does not have a good definition of "Current." The motion was seconded by Darrell. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fran made a motion to carry the revision of Protest and Appealing procedures to the Governing Board and to consider adding procedures for defense of the protest by the accused. A second was made by Mindy. Motion passed unanimously.

Megan Bixler has applied to be admitted to the apprentice program. Nick will send a letter to Megan, thank her for the application and referring her to the Guidelines to review the process.

A proposal has been received for a Halter, Performance, Youth clinic to be held in May, 2021. Darrell made a motion to approve the clinic proposal and was seconded by Steve. Four voted in support of the motion, no opposed, one abstention. The motion passed.

The question was raised: Can virtual shows be sanctioned? After discussion, which in support of virtual shows, the committee is forwarding the question to the superintendents committee for consideration.

The committee next considered the 2021 Open Book Test for Judges and Apprentices to be offered as an online test, making it easier to be corrected, provide feedback, and be accessible to all the Judges and Apprentices. Nick is going to explore options for the online format.

Nick will remind other committee chairs at the upcoming Governing Board to assist in question development for the upcoming test, with a deadline of November 1, 2020. The committees in reviewing and revising the Guidelines for 2021 are in the best position to develop appropriate questions. The Judges committee members will once again be responsible for further question development and review of the answers for the 2021 test. These will be reviewed at the December meeting. Areas were allotted as follows: Darrell, Show division; Steve, Halter; Mindy, Youth; Fran, Fleece; and, Nick, Performance.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 8:30 PM EST.

Mindy moved to adjourn; seconded by Darrell. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM EDT.