

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly, at 7:33 CDT, on July 13, 2021.

Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Fran Soukup, and Steve Auld were in attendance. Ramona Simpson joined at 7:35pm. Mindy Reid was absent.

The minutes for the June 2021 meeting were approved via e-mail and are available on the ILR website.

Fran made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The judges committee received apprenticeship applications from the judging clinic held in May 2021. The judges committee reviewed applications from the following:

Lisa Paquet - Steve made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mady Paquet - Fran made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Gerwig - Fran made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelsey Gerwig - Steve made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Diego Camacho - Diego is not yet 18 years old. ILR-SD rules require those entering the apprenticeship program to be 18. There is no time limit on completing the apprenticeship program. Fran made a motion to deny Diego's current request to join the apprenticeship program due to not meeting the minimum age requirements in section IV.A.3.h of the ILR-SD Guidelines. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The judges committee suggests Diego reapply on or after his 18th birthday.

Kristen Varas - Fran made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Ruzicka - Joe did not indicate which areas he would like to be approved as an apprentice in. The judges committee will clarify with Joe and revisit at a later date.

Amanda Olzewski - Steve made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Josh Ploeger - Steve made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Schechinger - Jerrika made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Megan Bixler - Fran made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Hastings - Fran made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Fehrenbach - Steve made a motion to approve as an apprentice in HPY. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Isaac Beck - Isaac is not yet 18 years old. ILR-SD rules require those entering the apprenticeship program to be 18. There is no time limit on completing the apprenticeship program. Steve made a motion to deny Isaac's current request to join the apprenticeship program due to not meeting the minimum age requirements in Section IV.A.3.h of the ILR-SD Guidelines. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The judges committee suggests Isaac reapply on or after his 18th birthday.

The judges committee is excited to see so many apply to join the apprenticeship program.

New Business:

The judges committee received a request from Kohl Yankovsky to be sanctioned as an ILR-SD Judge in HPY. Kohl completed all recommendations from the judges committee and has met the qualifications to become an ILR-SD Judge. Nick discussed his most recent apprenticeship at the Happy Camper show and had positive remarks. Steve made a motion to approve Kohl as a HPY Judge. Jerrika seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The judges committee discussed the possibility of offering Virtual Judging Clinics for judging certification. Nick discussed streamlining the process of becoming a judge and making it more accessible to those across the country. Nick has the start of the curriculum from his judging clinic in May and believes with further development along with a mentorship from a judge, the virtual clinic could be a great option. There were concerns expressed and discussions on how they could be best addressed. Jerrika will write a proposal to bring to the judges committee for review.

The halter committee brought concerns to the judges committee for discussion regarding fiber divisions offered in halter classes. The judges committee agreed that the decision to offer certain classes or combine classes is up to the superintendent of each show. If further review is warranted, this should be brought to the superintendent's committee.

The halter committee also brought concerns to the judges committee for discussion regarding judges bumping animals to the appropriate fiber class. Nick will draft an email to request judges review the guidelines regarding wool divisions and suggest judges bump animals as needed to help educate exhibitors.

The next meeting was set for September 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm CDT.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM, CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford
ILR-SD Judges Committee Secretary