

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:03 pm CDT on October 5, 2022. Steve Auld, Jerrika Mumford, Cathie Kindler, Ramona Simpson, Nick Hauptly, and Fran Soukup were all in attendance.

Nick motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 7, 2022. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old business:

The judges committee discussed a draft e-blast to send out to judges. A few changes were suggested. Fran motioned to approve sending the eblast. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The judges committee discussed the Virtual Clinic outline. There was positive feedback. The committee believes that any changes in the future are expected to be minor. Steve suggested doing a write up on the mentorship program. Nick suggested getting a detailed layout on what videos we need. We will move forward with these before bringing it to the GB.

The judges committee discussed the advanced teaching judge request from Cindy Ruckman. Per the governing board meeting, an advanced teaching judge needs to be permanently certified before being approved as an advanced teaching judge. She was approved by the GB as a teaching judge only. The committee will reach out to Cindy and inform her that she needs to request permanent certification before she can be approved as an advanced teaching judge.

The committee discussed the request from Elaine Brovont that was approved in the prior meeting. She was approved as a teaching judge in HPY & F by the GB & BOD. Ramona will send a request for Susan to get her added on the website.

The committee discussed the upcoming Guidelines open book test. The Youth committee had changes we will need to account for in the test. The GB will be approving changes on the 18th of October. The tentative deadline is December 15th for questions.

Fran provided an update on the potential fleece clinic in October 2023. She will begin budgeting for the clinic soon. MWLA & ILA have both expressed excitement around the clinic being held in conjunction with Llamapalooza.

New Business:

Fran brought to the committee's attention that there are four different forms for apprentice evaluations. It was suggested the HPY form be updated to include a question for fleece and just have one form for all. Also, we need to add quantities for the number of fleeces and fleece products judged. A few modifications were suggested. Steve will draft a new form.

Fran motioned for the committee to enter an executive session. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The judges committee entered an executive session at 7:46pm to discuss private member concerns.

Fran motioned for the committee to leave the executive session. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The committee left the executive session at 8:06pm.

The committee is referring a concern to the show superintendents committee. The committee is responding to a member's concern directly.

The committee discussed professional dress by judges. A few people have raised the concern after seeing judges at recent shows looking unprofessional. The committee is addressing the issue in the upcoming newsletter. Nick suggested the ILR-SD consider sending name tags to judges. In the guidelines, the following is stated: Section IV.H.1.g Professional attire is required by judges, unless directed otherwise by the show superintendent. Cathie motioned to add the following to g: Blue jeans are not considered professional attire and should not be worn unless directed otherwise by a show superintendent for a themed show. Fran seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Steve will make the recommendation to the GB for the change effective 2023.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 16th at 7 PM CST. Cathie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford