

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:05 pm CDT on July 13, 2023. Steve Auld, Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Cathie Kindler, Fran Soukup, and Tor Sorensen were in attendance.

Jerrika motioned to approve the agenda, Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business:

Jerrika provided an update on the ILR-SD On-Demand Judge's Training. She recorded videos at the COLA show of performance, halter, and judges interviews. She will work on compiling the videos for review. The committee reviewed a draft email to judges requesting materials. The committee agreed the email looked good. Jerrika will send the email to Susan to be sent to all judges.

The committee discussed updating the fast track program to be easier for ALSA/certified judges to become certified with the ILR-SD. Fran sent proposed changes to the guidelines for the committee to review. The committee agreed the changes looked good and would be a positive change. Cathie motioned to approve the changes as sent by Fran. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve created a form for the revised requirements. Cathie motioned to approve the form. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will submit the changes and the form to the Governing Board for approval. Steve will recommend to the GB the changes be adopted immediately rather than waiting until January 1.

New Business:

The judges committee discussed a request from Joe Ruzicka to become an approved judge in HPY. Joe has met the requirements in the guidelines. The committee agreed Joe would make a good judge. Nick motioned to approve Joe as a judge in HPY. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will send the recommendation to the Governing Board.

The judges committee discussed a request from Megan Bixler to become an approved judge in HPY. The committee agreed Megan would make a good judge. Fran motioned to approve Megan as a judge in HPY. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will send the recommendation to the Governing Board.

The following fleece clinic attendees were approved as fleece apprentices by the committee and the Governing Board via email.

Denise Fehrenbach
Madeline Krawciw
Amy Buckentin
Amy Bowling
CeAnna Jaeckel
Jerrika Mumford

The attendees will need to take their open book test and pay their judges dues.

It was discussed how many apprentices a teaching judge could have at an event. There is nothing in the guidelines regarding this. Nick suggested advising teaching judges on how many is recommended in the upcoming newsletter.

Jerrika discussed name tags for ILR-SD judges. The ILR does not currently send them to judges. It would give judges a professional identification to wear at shows at a small expense to the ILR. Steve will bring the suggestion to the Governing Board.

Fran discussed an apprentice evaluation received on an old form. Steve will include in the newsletter that there is a new form for apprentice evaluations on the ILR website.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, September 21st at 7 pm central time. Fran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 7:38 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford