

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:03 pm CST on December 14, 2023. Steve Auld, Nick Hauptly, Tor Sorensen, Jerrika Mumford, and Fran Soukup were in attendance. Cathie Kindler joined the call at 7:11pm.

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

The minutes for the November meeting were approved via email and are posted on the ILR website.

Old Business:

Jerrika provided an update on the ILR-SD On-Demand Judge's Training. Kristy Brown is working with a videographer on her presentation and plans to finish it in late January. The survey results regarding Judges from an Exhibitor's Perspective for an article were sent to the judges committee along with a draft of an article.

The committee discussed the updates to the fast track program for ALSA judges to become certified with the ILR-SD. These changes were approved by the Governing Board and will be in the 2024 Guidelines.

The committee approved the apprentice reflection guideline changes and form via email (see attachments 1 & 2). These were submitted to the Governing Board but will not be reviewed for approval until 2024.

The open book test for 2024 was discussed. Sections were assigned as follows:

Steve - General, Futurity

Fran - Fleece

Jerrika - Halter

Cathie - Performance

Nick - Youth

The committee members are working on questions but they will need to be reviewed and updated with the guidelines changes once the 2024 Guidelines are finalized. Nick will put together the test on Google Forms once the questions are ready.

Rob Knuckles was approved as a judge for H/P/Y/F via email by the Governing Board. Steve will follow up with the ILR BOD for final approval and getting him added to the judges list.

New Business:

The committee discussed a judges newsletter. Steve will write clarifications on halter divisions for an upcoming judges newsletter. Cathie will work on performance clarifications for the newsletter. Jerrika will write about the on-demand judges training. Steve will write about apprentice no-shows/cancellations and the size of shows suitable for apprenticeships. Steve will add a section on the fast track changes. Steve will add a section on obstacle safety and encouraging exhibitors to raise any concerns in the walk-through. We will try to get these submitted by early next week.

Tor received an inquiry from Mark Smith regarding a potential judges clinic in May 2024. The committee will keep an eye out for updates from Mark.

The committee discussed that this will be Steve's last meeting and that we will have a new member in January. The committee agreed that Steve has been a great committee member and wished him the best.

The next meeting was set for January 18th at 7 pm central standard time. Cathie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:40 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford

Attachments

Attachment 1

IV. JUDGES AND APPRENTICES

A. JUDGES AND APPRENTICE JUDGES PROGRAM

3. Judging Apprenticeship Program (Halter, Fleece, Performance, Showmanship, Youth)

d) Receive approval to seek apprenticeships with ILR-SD approved "Teaching Judges" and permission from show superintendent to apprentice at their show.

(1) Apprenticeships or mentorships must be with a Teaching Judge. Certified judges, not approved as Teaching Judges, may **not** accept an apprentice in the show ring even as an observer for experience only.

(2) Apprentices may participate in an open show for experience ONLY under an ILR-SD Teaching Judge. Comments received from the Teaching Judge will be added to the Apprentice file. A minimum of three apprenticeships will be required at an ILR-SD sanctioned show.

(a) No apprenticeships are permitted at "The Gathering" (considered a National show).

(3) Apprentices, for all apprenticeships, must complete and return the "Apprentice Reflection" form to the judges committee within 15 days of completing an apprenticeship.



Halter/Performance/Youth/Fleece

APPRENTICE REFLECTION FORM

DATE _____

NAME _____

TEACHING JUDGE _____

NAME & LOCATION of APPRENTICESHIP _____

DATE OF APPRENTICESHIP _____

TYPE OF APPRENTICESHIP: Halter Performance Youth Fleece

Instructions for the apprentice filling out the reflection form: The goal of this reflection is for you to think about what you have learned & look ahead to your future in the judges/apprentices program. This form will assist the judges committee to assess the growth throughout the apprenticeship program and be kept in the apprentice's file.

1. Including this apprenticeship, how many apprenticeships have you completed?

1 2 3 4 5 or more

2. What did you enjoy about this apprenticeship? What did you feel confident about?

3. What is the most valuable thing you learned during your apprenticeship?

4. What aspect of the apprenticeship did you find the most challenging?

5. What areas of judging would you consider for further learning or practice and why? If you are required to complete another apprenticeship, what would you like to focus on?

6. If you would like to share any other comments or concerns with the Judges Committee, please include them below:

Submit by mail or email to:

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