

## SUPERINTENDENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Through an email chain on February 26 and 27, 2019, Amanda Wick was elected as chairman and Karen Miller as secretary. A conference call meeting was set up for March 6, 2019.

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The meeting was held via conference call at 7:00 p.m. CST with the following committee members in attendance: Karen Miller, Mary Jo Miller, Amanda Wick and ILR Board Representative Ramona Simpson. Sandy Auld was unable to attend.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a guideline recommendation from the Youth Committee regarding Special Needs youth. The recommended wording is as follows:

*It is recommended that show superintendents, performance course designers, and judges be willing to work with all exhibitors in regards to any specific disabilities an exhibitor may have. This may include adjusting a performance course so that an exhibitor does not automatically lose points or be disqualified because of a disability. To prevent this from happening it is recommended to have an open line of communication before and during a show. This will be initiated by the exhibitor by checking a box on the entry form indicating that special accommodations will be requested. In addition, all entry forms will include language pertaining to contacting superintendents before entries close if special accommodations to the course design are needed.*

We discussed this issue. Karen and Amanda told of their experiences with special needs exhibitors. Karen suggested we don't change the guidelines but suggest that show information state that special needs exhibitors should contact show management when registering for the show. Show management will then work with the judge on how to accommodate this exhibitor. Mary Jo stated that there are some obstacles even open exhibitors can't do. Amanda and Mary Jo both stated that some of their exhibitors make it known to the judge at the time of the walk-through if they have issues with an obstacle.

Mary Jo made a motion that an item be added to Performance Guidelines under Performance Safety (PAGE 22, VII. Performance, A. Performance Guidelines, a) that:

*It is the responsibility of special needs youth exhibitors, parents or open class exhibitors to contact show management prior to the show with any performance issues and that the exhibitor should talk to the judge during the walk-through.*

Karen Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was acknowledged that safety and fairness was a major concern.

Amanda will contact the youth committee as to the consensus of the Superintendent's committee.

Ramona asked about setting up another meeting. Karen suggested we just wait until something else came up for us to discuss.

Ramona asked if we had heard about some shows not getting their results in timely and asked how to handle that. Karen stated that if the show even just sends the results on paper to Susan she can get someone else to enter the results in show manager.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn which Mary Jo seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Karen Miller, Secretary