

ILR-SD Youth Committee Meeting
Conference Call: Monday, September 21, 2015
Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm Eastern Time
Action items are listed in **bold**.

In attendance: Aspen Auld, Elaine Brovont, Sharon Carrier (chair), Michelle Kutzler (Michelle left call at 7:50 pm and Aspen took minutes), Debbie Shellabarger.

I. Old Business

- a. ILR-SD Youth Committee representation
 - i. There was some question about who the current ILR-SD Youth Committee Liaison is.
 - ii. According to the ILR website, Harvey Pool is still listed as the Liaison.
- b. Age divisions for youth members
 - i. There was an email sent by Pam Jensen (ILR-SD Guidelines Committee Chair) on May 11, 2015 to the ILR-SD Youth Committee that did not receive a response.
 1. The request on the email was to change the youth senior age division 16-19 years old to 16-18 years old.
 2. This request was discussed by several of the ILR-SD Youth Committee members via email and decided that since this change just went into effect in 2015, it was too soon to change it again and it would be important to see if the number of ILR-SD youth member numbers change over time.
 3. Debbie inquired with Susan at the ILR office to find out the number of ILR-SD Youth members and if they had increased since the youth committee expanded the age range.
 - a. In 2014, there were 124 youth members.
 - b. In 2015, there are 131 youth members.
 4. There was an email sent by Phil Feiner (Chair of the ILR-SD Executive Committee) on September 7, 2015 to the ILR-SD Youth Committee regarding why the ILR-SD youth division breaks are different from the ALSA youth division breaks and how this difference makes it difficult for youth exhibitors when they are entered in ILR-SD and ALSA dual-sanctioned shows.
 - a. The ILR-SD Youth Divisions are as follows: Junior (7-11 years old), Intermediate (12-15 years old), and as stated previously Senior (16-19 years old).
 - b. The ALSA Youth Divisions are as follows: Junior (8-11 years old), Intermediate (12-14 years old), and Senior (15-18 years old).
 - c. The only conflict between the two divisions occurs with youth ages 7, 15 or 19 years old.
 - i. ILR-SD selected the age division it is using on the basis of the maturity of the members showing in the Junior division to keep elementary age children together.

- ii. The committee chose to keep 15 year olds, which typically correspond to 9th graders, with other junior high school age members.
- iii. Last year, the ILR-SD Youth Committee amended the guidelines by increasing the age for youth so that older high school students (e.g. 19 year olds) would not have to compete as adults.
- d. Debbie also inquired with Susan at the ILR office to find out the number of ILR-SD/ALSA (Double) sanctioned shows there were in 2015.
 - i. In 2015, there were over 28 ILR-SD shows
 - ii. In 2015, there were 7 double-sanctioned show.
- e. After some discussion, the committee decided to keep the age divisions the same.
 - i. Elaine made the motion, which was seconded by Michelle and passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Michelle will draft a letter to be sent to the ILR-SD Executive Committee.**

II. New Business

a. Youth Judging

- i. Aspen recommended that youth judging be offered at more shows.
- ii. It was discussed that we need to find a way to encourage more shows to offer it.

iii. Aspen will contact Becky Raber about this subject and report back to the Committee at or before the next meeting.

b. Scheduling meetings

- i. It was suggested to use a doodle poll to find the best meeting times for committee members.

ii. For the next meeting, Michelle will send out a doodle poll and all members should respond to it within 72 hours.

III. Adjournment

- a. Elaine motioned to adjourn, Debbie seconded the motion; motion to adjourn passed unanimously.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by

Aspen Auld and

Michelle Kutzler, ILR-SD Youth Committee Secretary