

ILR-SD Youth Committee Meeting
Conference Call: Thursday, April 26, 2018 (8:02 pm Eastern)
Action items are listed in **bold**.

In attendance: Becci Kunkel, Jessie Munson, Kelsee Robinson, Michelle Kutzler
Absent: Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, Sean Hart (ILR-SD board liaison)

I. Old Business

A. Minutes from the January 28, 2018 meeting were approved via email and submitted to ILR office on February 2, 2018.

B. Youth Showmanship Guidelines

i. Recap from the minutes of the February 22, 2017 Youth Committee meeting:

1. *Emailed to committee: Would like questions to be more reflective of preparing better halter exhibitors/showmen rather than random trivia*
2. *Emailed to committee: Would like to include clarification on how to run patterns (e.g. changing places in line) as a link on the ILR website*
3. *Michelle will draft a letter to the Halter Committee requesting that they have representatives team up with Youth Committee representatives to develop written instructions for llama showmanship maneuvers (both adult and youth).*
4. *The letter will be sent to Youth Committee members for changes and comments and then edited by Michelle and then resent for final review to the Youth Committee.*
5. *At some point in the future, once the Halter Committee and Youth Committee have developed the written instructions for llama showmanship maneuvers, these instructions will be submitted to the Judges Committee for final review before submission the Governing Board.*

ii. Recap from the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Youth Committee meeting:

1. *A letter was sent to the ILR-SD Halter Committee on February 27, 2017 requesting the formation of a joint subcommittee between our two committees to develop written instructions for llama showmanship maneuvers (both adult and youth). Although the letter was received, no response has been provided by the Halter Committee yet.*
2. *Michelle will revise the letter to the Halter Committee, send it to the Youth Committee for review, and then have Debbie email it to the Halter Committee.*

iii. Despite sending two letters, our committee still has not received a response from the Halter Committee.

iv. The problem still exists in that there is a general lack of training/reference materials for youth showmanship judges (pages 90-91 in Guidelines), which leaves a lot to be filled in by judges resulting in inconsistency. Specifically, questions arise with maneuvers (e.g. quartering, backing, changing places in line, moving llamas to other spots in line).

v. **Action item: Youth committee members will gather diagrams and written descriptions of how these maneuvers should be performed and will add this information to a Google Doc.**

1. A final draft of our recommendation will be ready to send to the Halter Committee by May 17.
2. Rationale: If we present a document to the Halter Committee, it may be easier to get feedback or approval rather than trying to put a meeting together from scratch with no material assembled.

C. Youth Competing in Open Classes

- i. This issue is brought to the Youth Committee every year. There is a perceived unfairness to adult exhibitors when youth who may have shown their llama for several years register to compete in Novice classes. This may be while the Youth is still showing in the Youth Division (e.g. under 20 years old) but showing a different llama in Youth than in Open classes. This may also happen after the Youth has aged out of the Youth Division (e.g. over 20 years old).

- ii. Given the current rules for competing as a Novice and Advanced exhibitor, Youth are not required to enter the Advanced classes because they have not received a Novice Certification for the Achievement. All of the points earned by the Youth while showing in the Youth Division (regardless of which llama they use) are awarded to the Youth—not the llama.
- iii. Additional committee discussion:
 1. Credit to the Llama or the Youth?
 2. Why would a llama that is moved to Advanced due to youth placings not receive a novice certification for that achievement? Essentially, they're out of novice, why wouldn't they be recognized with a novice championship?
 3. What if the youth was recognized with a championship? Currently the ILR does not. How would they be regulated in the guidelines? How would they be tracked? – Likely would result in confusion.
 4. Answer: if the llama is recognized at the shows and may be marketed referencing points in the ILR database and on the UAP end of the year standings on the ILR database. Since the youth does not receive an overall award neither does the llama.

II. New Business

1. ILR Youth scholarship

- a. The ILR BOD worked with Kelsee to develop the youth scholarship guidelines. Any questions pertaining to the youth scholarship should be directed to the BOD directly.
- b. The scholarships should be emailed to the BOD and the BOD will be making the decision regarding who will be awarded the scholarship.
- c. In future years, the scholarship duties may be moved to the ILRSD Youth Committee.

2. ILR Youth clinic

- a. Will be held on May 19 at Mark Smith Farms (Indiana).
- b. The cost is \$30 and \$20 of this fee will go toward the ILR Youth Scholarship.
- c. The clinic will include multiple breakout sessions on showmanship, performance, grooming, etc.
- d. Parents and leaders are welcome at no charge.

IV. Adjournment. Motioned by Michelle and seconded by Jessie. Motion unanimously passed and meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm (Eastern).

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Munson and Michelle Kutzler, ILR-SD Youth Committee Secretary