

Minutes of Executive Committee - December 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Phil Feiner at 8:04 EST. Present on the call were: Phil Feiner, Pam Jensen, Darrell Anderson, Lisa Robinson, Sean Hart, Maryan Baker and Matt Rector.

Darrell Anderson talked briefly about his SWOT analysis and the presentation to the ILR-BOD. Darrell felt it was very important for the ILR-SD Show Division to have a Mission Statement. All committee members agreed and are to put their thoughts and concepts into an e-mail for all to have input. This will be drafted and then submitted to the ILR-BOD.

Phil indicated that for the year 2016, it appears that the Gathering will move forward and be held in Des Moines, Iowa. This event will be a National Show and will be advertised as such. It will be held on Father's Day weekend. The contract with the fairgrounds is already signed and a down payment made.

Further, if we would decide to move the event to the Cattle Congress grounds it would not happen prior to the 2017 event.

At this time, we are waiting to hear if Terry Duespohl will agree to be co-chair along with Mary Jo Miller. There are two volunteers to also be considered as co-chairs..... Lisa Robinson and Pam Jensen. The ILR-BOD voted to keep the Gathering funds for use in the Gathering. That opens the door for the possibility of paying premiums.

The best scenario would be to hold performance on one day and halter on one day. This would be a double judged event. There is still the matter of working the LFA event into the time frame.

Phil indicated it would be up to the Gathering Committee as to who were the judges, and what special events would or would not be held. The door is open for all ideas and suggestions.

As to Championship shows for the coming 2016 year.... OFFF (Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival) is the only one - and the ILR-BOD have allocated \$1500.00 to that show to be used as they determine best. There are no other Championship shows at this time.

Matt Rector is going to contact the Iowa State Fair and see what other weekends may be available to hold the Gathering - September and early October were suggested as possible time frame. Matt will report back to the EC when he has some answers. Ideally, the event will be held in conjunction with other livestock events. This would be for the 2017 event at the earliest.

There being no further business to come before the EC, on motion of Maryan Baker, and seconded by Pam Jensen, meeting was adjourned at 8:56 EST.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pam Jensen
Secretary