

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 8.05 PM, EDT.

Roll Call - Linda Hayes, Kelly McWhorter, Fran Soukup, Mindy Reid, Steve Auld

Old Business:

Margaret Drew has requested to be accepted as a H P Y Teaching Judge. Margaret has met all the requirements for an H P Y Teaching Judge. Steve Auld made a motion to accept Margaret Drew as an H P Y Teaching Judge. Kelly McWhorter seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kirk Gresham has applied to be approved as a Fast Track Performance Judge and a Nonbreeder Halter Judge. At this time, ILR – SD does not have a category of Nonbreeder Halter Judge. However, Kirk seems to be qualified to be accepted as a Fast Track Performance Judge. ILR has received three letters of recommendation for Kirk and he has paid his apprenticeship dues. However, he has not paid ILR – SD membership dues. Kelly McWhorter moved to accept Kirk as a Fast Track Performance Judge, after he pays his ILR – SD membership dues. Motion passed unanimously.

After taking the H P Y clinic in April, Bonnie Doble has applied to be a fleece judge apprentice. The judges committee concluded that Bonnie needs to take a fleece clinic, before applying to be a fleece apprentice.

Previously, the Judges Committee considered Gogi Villanueva's request to be accepted as a Fast Track Fleece Judge. Since then, Gog has apprenticed as a fleece judge at the COLA Show, 3 letters of recommendation have been received, and the 2018 Open Book test has been successfully completed. Steve Auld made the motion to accept Gogi as a Fast Track Fleece Judge, if it is found she paid her judges dues prior to her apprenticeship. Mindy Reid seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Currently, there are no further requests for apprenticeships. The committee is still awaiting clinic evaluations for two more people who had registered as potential apprentices.

In reviewing the information for judges and apprentices, as posted on the ILR website, it has been noticed there is no differentiation between a Fleece Teaching judge and a H P Y Teaching Judge. A teaching judge is a teaching judge as currently posted. They appear to be the same. However, the requirements to become a Teaching Judge for Fleece and a Teaching Judge for H P Y are different. Fran Soukup made a motion to make the following additions to the key on the information page for Judges and Apprentices, as shown in red below.

C = Permanently Certified

T = Teaching Judge for Apprentices

AT = Advanced Teaching Judge for apprentices & seminars/clinics

TF = Fleece Teaching Judge for Apprentices

ATF = Advance Fleece Teaching Judge for apprentices & seminars/clinics

Mindy Reid seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The committee will need to review records to identify who the approved Fleece Teaching and Advanced Fleece Teaching Judges for the information list to be updated.

The committee reviewed the status of contacts with the other ILR-SD committees in seeking suggestions for the 2019 Open Book Test. It is felt the other committees will be excellent sources for changes in the Guidelines, areas needing reinforcement, and input from concerns of members, judges, and show superintendents. The committee agreed to set the deadline for other committee input to be Oct. 1, 2018. This information will be shared through the Judges Committee contacts to the other ILR – SD committees.

The Judges Committee feels the need for consistent guidance for those offering clinics and seminars to make approval and well as follow up easier for all concerned. Fran Soukup volunteered to be drafting a list of potential guidelines using the current suggested Seminar Planning Guide as a starting point for committee discussion. The goal is to have guidelines ready for approval by the ILR Governing Board by their August meeting.

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be held at 8 PM EDT on August 7, 2018.

Kelly McWhorter made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Auld. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM EDT.