

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 8:04 pm EST on Jan 15, 2019. Linda Hayes, Kelly McWhorter, Fran Soukup, Mindy Reid, Steve Auld were present.

Minutes for the November meeting were approved via e-mail and submitted to the ILR office by Fran.

Old Business:

Congratulations to Steve Auld and his election to the Judges Committee.

Darrell has sent out the 2019 Open Book Judges Test for the committee review. The test was approved by the committee by consensus. A copy of the test has been sent to Susan for distribution to all the current judges and apprentices. The Guidelines has been approved by the Governing Board and should be available to judges on line in the coming week. Hopefully, the printed version will be mailed to judges and apprentices, the following week. The time frame should allow judges to successfully submit the completed test by the February 28, 2019 deadline. Committee members will submit the answers to the entire committee to allow for easier feedback to judges, once the 2019 Guidelines are available.

Nominations were held. Kelly nominated Darrell for committee chair, with Steve as a second. Darrell was unanimously elected. Darrell nominated Fran as secretary, with Kelly as second. Fran was elected by consensus.

New Business:

Fran reviewed plans for a Fleece Clinic for September, 2019. The dates of Sept. 20 - 22, 2019 have been selected. The venue will be at 4 Ladies and Me Llamas in North Carolina. There has never been an ILR Fleece Clinic in the southern or eastern USA. The ranch has appropriate facilities and llamas to provide a wonderful learning venue for fleece. Fran Soukup and Mary Jo Miller will be the clinic facilitators. The budget and schedule has been reviewed by the committee, prior to the meeting. Kelly made a motion to approve the clinic, with Steve as second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The date for next meeting is May 14, 2019 at 8:00 pm EST. Fran made the motion to adjourn, with a second by Kelly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Soukup, Secretary.