

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:11 pm CST on November 16, 2022. Steve Auld, Jerrika Mumford, Cathie Kindler, Ramona Simpson, Nick Hauptly, and Fran Soukup were all in attendance.

Nick motioned to approve the agenda, Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the September & October 2022 meetings were approved via e-mail and are available on the ILR website.

Old business:

Jerrika discussed progress on the virtual clinic. She shared two videos as an example of what could be done. Nick encouraged Jerrika to request compensation for work towards the virtual clinic. Jerrika would like to reach out to others to see if they can contribute materials. Fran sent a powerpoint to be used for the fleece section. Fran will revise the powerpoint based on length after Jerrika reviews and makes suggestions. The next step would be to put together a budget proposal to the governing board. Jerrika will work on a proposal.

The committee discussed the upcoming 2023 open book test .There were some changes to the guidelines, and Susan is working on the updated Guidelines for 2023. Questions will need to be either true or false or multiple choice if we use the google forms test format online like we did in the prior year. Nick volunteered to put the test together in the same format after questions and answers are provided.

Cathie - Performance

Jerrika - Halter

Fran - Fleece

Nick - Youth

Steve - General & Futurity

Fran discussed the Fleece Clinic she is planning in 2023. The show the fleece clinic will be in conjunction with, Llamapalooza, is moving to June 23rd-25th. The fleece clinic will be held on these dates. Fran has volunteers to help with the clinic and is planning to put together a budget. There are some plans to raise money for the event. Fran is hoping to start advertising for the clinic in January.

The committee discussed the Apprentice Evaluation Forms. Steve put together a form that consolidates the various forms that were available into one form. Fran suggested getting the form on the website to be submitted directly online if possible. Steve will check with Susan and Alan. Fran motions to approve the new form. Cathie seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Fran suggested all existing forms be removed and just one be available on the website, the committee agreed.

The guidelines change on judges attire proposed by the judges committee in October was approved by the Governing Board and will be included in the 2023 Guidelines.

New Business

The judges committee reviewed a request from Katie Mazac to become a teaching judge. The committee received three letters of recommendation, all were very positive. She completed a mentorship under an advanced teaching judge and has met all of the requirements. The committee agreed that Katie would be a great teaching judge. Cathie motioned to approve Katie as a teaching judge. Fran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The judges committee reviewed a request from Jessie Munson to become a judge in HPY. The judges committee agreed to deny the request based on Jessie not completing three full show apprenticeships. The judges committee recommends a fourth full apprenticeship in all areas, halter, performance and youth. Nick motioned to make these recommendations to Jessie. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will contact Jessie with the committee recommendations.

The judges committee reviewed a request from Roy Williams to become a judge in Performance & Youth. He is currently a judge in Halter. Roy has completed his three apprenticeships in PY. His evaluations were positive. Jerrika motioned to approve Roy as a PY judge. Nick seconded. One abstention. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed a request from Steve Auld to become a teaching judge. Jerrika led the discussion as Steve Auld is the committee chair. The judges committee received three letters of recommendation in support. Steve has met the requirements to become a teaching judge. The committee agreed Steve would make a good teaching judge. Fran motioned to approve Steve as a teaching judge. Cathie seconded. One abstention. Motion passed.

The next was set for Wednesday, January 4th at 7 PM central time. Fran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 8:18pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford