

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:03 pm CST on January 4, 2023. Steve Auld, Jerrika Mumford, Cathie Kindler, Nick Hauptly, and Fran Soukup were in attendance. Ramona Simpson joined at 7:12 pm.

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

The minutes for the November meeting were approved via e-mail and are available on the ILR website.

Old Business:

The judges committee reviewed a request from Jessie Munson to become a judge in Halter only after denying her initial request in HPY. Her initial request was denied due to not completing three full apprenticeships in HPY. The committee discussed the evaluations received and agreed another apprenticeship in HPY should be completed. Steve will contact Jessie with the committee recommendation.

Jerrika discussed the virtual clinic proposed budget. She received a quote from a potential contributor for a video presentation. The committee agreed the amount proposed was fair and this presentation would be an important piece of the clinic. Jerrika will send out a budget soon.

Fran discussed the Fleece Judging Clinic she is planning June 23rd-25th in conjunction with Llamapalooza in MN. She is working on an outline and a budget and is planning to have something to share before the next meeting.

The committee discussed the upcoming 2023 open book test. Some questions have been submitted and other sections are outstanding. Steve spoke with Susan and the printed copy of the Guidelines will be sent out to judges soon. Nick will work on putting together the test.

New Business:

The committee discussed an email from Kelsi Matthew expressing interest in putting on a clinic. There is a planning document on the ILR website we can refer her to, along with the Guidelines. The judges committee will need to review a budget, content outline, and the judges. Kelsi suggested Mark Smith was open to hosting and he would have information from previous clinics that could be utilized. The committee agreed a clinic is needed. Steve will contact Kelsi.

The committee discussed the election of a new chair and secretary for the committee. Fran nominated Jerrika as secretary. Cathie seconded. Jerrika accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously. Fran nominated Steve Auld as Chair. Cathie seconded. Steve accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge and apprentice dues were due January 1st, and there is a grace period to pay dues through January 31st. The open book test is due February 28th. Steve will make sure reminders are sent about both.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, February 2nd at 7 PM central time. Cathie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 7:33 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford