

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:02 pm CDT on September 21, 2023. Steve Auld, Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Fran Soukup, and Tor Sorensen were in attendance. Nick left the call at 7:34 pm and returned at 7:41 pm.

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

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

Old Business:

Jerrika provided an update on the ILR-SD On-Demand Judge's Training. Susan sent an email to all judges requesting materials. Darrell Anderson provided a presentation on Oral Reasons which was reviewed by the committee. Kristy Brown will work on a presentation conformation and movement over the winter. Amanda Wick and Kohl Yankovsky have expressed interest in helping. Nick will contribute a presentation on youth. Fran will contribute a presentation on fleece for futurity. Steve & Tor volunteered to look over the list and see where they can help. Jerrika will reach out to each of them.

The committee discussed updating the fast track program to be easier for ALSA/certified judges to become certified with the ILR-SD. Steve brought the suggested guidelines changes for experienced judges to the Governing Board and they responded with questions and concerns. The committee agreed to add the wording of "ALSA judges" to the fast track guidelines revisions. The committee agreed that the approved judges would need to take the open book test and pay judges dues before final approval by the Governing Board. Fran will work on a draft of the changes.

Steve brought the suggestion of name badges for judges to the Governing Board. The Governing Board agreed the ILR-SD should provide them. The first name badges would be free to judges. If a judge wanted a dual ILR-SD and ALSA name badge, they would need to purchase them. The Governing Board is working with Susan on the name badges.

New Business:

The committee received an inquiry from Courtnee Onsager regarding judge recertification options. The committee agreed the current option of a seminar can be difficult for those seeking recertification as they are infrequent. Nick brought up the possibility of a mentorship covering all areas of which to be certified. The fast track section as it currently reads provides options for mentorships. The committee will draft changes to the recertification section to encompass those options. Fran will work on a draft of the changes.

The committee received two recommendation letters regarding Rob Knuckles. Steve will reach out about a third letter and formal request to enter the fast track program.

A concern was received from a member regarding silky fleece llamas showing in coverage classes. The committee agreed that having wool type classes and wool coverage classes can

be confusing for new exhibitors. The guidelines currently allow llamas to be entered either by wool type or by wool coverage, so silky wool llamas being shown in heavy is acceptable if they meet the coverage guidelines. The committee agreed this is a halter committee consideration and the judges committee will keep an eye out for any proposed changes.

The open book test will need to be written for 2024 in the coming months. The committee will revisit this in November after guidelines changes are approved.

The next meeting was set for November 16th at 7 pm central standard time. Nick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerrika seconded. Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 7:53 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford