

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Fran Soukup, at 7:01 PM CDT on September 12th, 2024. Tor Sorensen, Fran Soukup, Jerrika Mumford, Tami Lash, and Cathie Kindler were in attendance. Nick Hauptly was unable to attend.

*The minutes from the last meeting were approved via email and will be posted to the ILR website.*

### **New Business:**

The committee received a letter of concern regarding the professionalism of judges and the support of the ILR-SD in shows outside the Midwest. The committee discussed that there have been concerns regarding judges on the list, however that a blanket statement could not be made or rules created that would address the concerns. Fran recommended we reply to the letter writer discussing the steps we are taking to approve professional judges. Jerrika discussed new ILR-SD shows that have been started in the PNW. Jerrika will draft a response to address the concerns.

### **Old Business:**

Jacob Keller requested approval as an H/P/Y apprentice. He has completed the requirements. Jerrika motioned to approve Jacob Keller as an apprentice. There was no second. The motion did not pass for a lack of a second. Fran will contact Jacob.

The committee discussed if a maximum length of time in which an apprentice completes their apprenticeships before applying for approval as a judge should be added to the guidelines. The following change was approved at the last meeting, but the governing board wanted clarification on what would happen to apprentices that entered the program prior to January 1, 2025. Fran suggested the apprentices be grandfathered in with no deadline to complete the requirements. Cathie motioned to approve the following change to the guidelines:

IV.A.3.f.1) Starting January 1, 2025 people who enter the apprentice program must complete their required apprenticeships no later than 3 (three) years from entering the program. Otherwise, they will need to complete a clinic to re-enter the program.

Tami seconded the change. 3 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed with a majority.

### **New Business:**

CeAnna Jaeckel requested approval as an H/P/Y. Cathie motioned to approve CeAnna Jaeckel as an H/P/Y judge. Jerrika seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Brovont requested approval as an Advanced Teaching Judge in H/P/Y/F. Jerrika motioned to approve Elaine Brovont as an H/P/Y/F Advanced Teaching Judge. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fran motioned to enter an executive session to discuss multiple letters of concerns received by the committee regarding a judge at 7:29PM. Cathie seconded. Tami motioned to leave the executive session. Cathie seconded. The committee left the executive session at 7:58PM. Fran will bring the Judge's Committee recommendation regarding the judge to the Governing Board.

Fran motioned the changes to the Ethics section of the guidelines regarding apprentices. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The approved changes are as follows:

IV.G.3. Officiating Judge and apprentice may not adjudicate halter animals, fleece on, coat on or shorn fleece from said animal or performance animals which are owned, owned in partnership or animals shown by immediate family members regardless of ownership in any division they may be judging. This will also include youth classes where the youth is a relative or showing an animal owned by the judge or judge's family or partnership. However, someone other than a partner or family member may show an animal owned by the judge in a division in which the judge is not officiating.

Remove the following:

IV.G.3.Exception 2: Apprentice judge will excuse his/herself from adjudication of a class if an animal sold by them within 12 months enters the arena. This will be done without specifically identifying the animal.

The committee discussed the number of apprentices allowed at a show. There are currently no limitations in the guidelines. Tami motioned to limit apprentices to two per show. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The approved changes are as follows:

IV.A.3.d.(2) There may only be two apprentices in H/P/Y divisions per show. There may only be two apprentices in the Fleece division per show.

Renumber current IV.A.3.d.(2) to IV.A.3.d.(3).

The next meeting was set for October 17th at 7 pm central daylight time. Tami motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Adjourned at 8:11 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerrika Mumford