

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Fran Soukup, at 7:05 PM CDT on October 17th, 2024. Tor Sorensen, Fran Soukup, Jerrika Mumford, Tami Lash, Nick Hauptly were in attendance. Cathie Kindler joined the call at 7:32 PM.

Jerrika Mumford motioned to approve the agenda. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nick motioned to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Jerrika seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The committee discussed the clinic evaluation rubric suggested by ALSA to be utilized at dual clinics. The committee agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting as Nick works on an evaluation for his clinic in May 2025.

New Business:

Jerrika Mumford requested certification as a Fleece judge. She completed 4 apprenticeships, has met the requirements as outlined in the guidelines, and had positive evaluations. Nick motioned to approve Jerrika Mumford as a fleece judge. Tami seconded. 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Cassandra Williams requested approval as an H,P,Y apprentice. Nick motioned to approve Cassandra Williams as an HPY apprentice. Jerrika seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alexis Fehrenbach-Irwin requested approval as an H,P,Y apprentice. Nick motioned to approve Alexis Fehrenbach-Irwin as an HPY apprentice. Jerrika seconded. 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Aspen Kelchen requested Permanent Certification status as an HPY judge. She has met the requirements as outlined in the guidelines. Jerrika motioned to approve Aspen Kelchen as a permanently certified judge. Nick seconded. Motion passed.

Stephen Fritz requested approval as an HPY Judge. He completed 3 apprenticeships, met the requirements in the guidelines and had positive evaluations.

Benjamin Carothers requested approval as an HPY Judge. He completed 3 apprenticeships, met the requirements in the guidelines and had positive evaluations.

Tami motioned to approve both Stephen Fritz and Benjamin Carothers as HPY judges. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Governing Board is considering changes for grievance and protest processes. The committee discussed the proposed changes and agreed that the proposal would provide the judges committee with more clarity on how to deal with concerns regarding judges. Fran will tell the governing board the Judge's Committee is supportive of the changes.

Nick Hauptly sent a proposal for the HPY clinic in May in Georgia. A facility and meals have been donated. Nick shared a budget and schedule. Fran discussed having a rubric in place for the clinic would be helpful for evaluating participants. Nick discussed an evaluation that is quick to fill out and informative to the judges committee.

Fran discussed the upcoming open book test. Nick has managed the test online the last few years. He will share the forms with Jerrika and they will work together for 2025's OBT. Fran discussed assignments for the questions of the OBT.

- Performance - Cathie
- Youth - Nick
- Halter & Futurity - Jerrika & Tami
- Administrative & Grievance - Fran
- Fleece - the Fleece Committee has 10 questions they are planning to submit

Fran will send the changes to the guidelines once available.

The next meeting was set for November 14th at 7 PM central standard time. Tami motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:56 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford