

ILR GOVERNING BOARD
Tuesday, September 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Deb Arendas at 7:05

Attendees

Steve Fritz
Deb Arendas
Benjamin Carothers
Tor Sorenson

Jennie Hodgen - Youth
Fran Soukup - Judges
Cindy Ruckman - Fleece
Julie Hendrikson - Show Superintendents
Denise Fehrenbach - Futurity

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Halter Committee - Courtnee Onsager Absent, but she reported to a member of the BOD that the halter committee has nothing to report.

Performance Committee - Ana Reese Absent Her changes have been tabled until we can get with her and report back to the Governing Board.

Youth Committee - Jennie Hodgen - Youth Committee has focused on Youth Judging. We plan to use it as a recruiting tool and to encourage those who are new to llamas. Many changes have been made and those have been sent to the GB in the same email chain as our agenda for tonight. Guidelines have been updated to be clearer and more educational in an attempt to better prepare any youth who wishes to participate. These changes will be sent to Susan after approval.

Motion to approve these changes: Steve Fritz

Seconded by : Denise Fahrenbach

Passes Unanimously

Fleece Committee - Cindy Ruckman - Youth Fleece classes, In section 15 EE Youth may only exhibit one fleece in the youth fleece class, and would be encouraged to send all other fleeces to the open classes.

Motion to accept the fleece committee changes: Jennie Hodgins

Second: Steve Fritz

Passes Unanimously

Show Superintendent Committee - Julie Hendrikson - nothing to report

Futurity Committee - Denise Fehrenbach - Reports that they are discussing pay outs for futurities and how those percentages are allocated based upon number of entries in the class. They are seeking approval of a chart that explains these percentage allocations. This committee is attempting to adjust things so that they are more self-sustaining from the futurity account.

Issue tabled due to a much needed clarification of whether or not two futurity members must be present at shows to do payouts. This issue will go back to the committee until this clarification can be obtained.

Judges Committee - Fran Soukup - No changes to submit. Several apprentices seeking approval as judges will be coming along shortly.

OLD BUSINESS: The judging clinic held in May was discussed and 6 new apprentices were approved.

The judges committee reported that there were no judges with any restrictions, nor under any type of suspension.

NEW BUSINESS: Please start looking at who will be going off of your committee at the end of this year. If they are eligible, see if they have interest in running again for 2026 or start talking to people you think will help your committee and urge them to run. If your committee was down a member, try to recruit someone to fill that position also. Remember, committee chairs can only serve for 2 consecutive years, so start talking to your current members about thinking who will chair next year if needed.

Complaint from a show involving Steve Fritz. Steve Fritz gives a full verbal report of the complaint and then he recuses himself and leaves the call so that candid discussion can be held.

Much discussion was held. The Governing Board will send a "word of caution" or a "letter of concern" to the involved parties. A joint ILR and ALSA reminder will be sent out at the earliest convenience for both ILR and ALSA.

Motion that ILR and ALSA will send out a letter of concern to concerned parties: Fran Soukup

Seconded: Denise Fahrenbach

Vote: One dissenting vote, but all others voted "Yea"

Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn: Deb Arendas

Everyone left the call.

