

ILR-SD Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Call: Friday, February 7th, 2025 (8:03 PM EST)

In Attendance: Kelsi Matthew, Jennie Hodgen, Andrea Johnson, Nick Hauptly, Benjamin Carothers (ILR-SD Board Liaison)

Absent: None

1. Old Business

a. 2025 ILR-SD Guideline Changes

- i. Kelsi Matthew reported that all necessary updates and information for the 2025 ILR-SD Guidelines have been completed. The guidelines have been printed and are currently being distributed by the ILR office.
- ii. Kelsi Matthew reminded the committee that any proposed changes to the guidelines should be submitted early in the year to allow sufficient time for review and implementation.

2. New Business:

a. Election of Committee Chair and Secretary

- i. Andrea Johnson nominated Nick Hauptly for Secretary and Jennie Hodgen for Committee Chair.
- ii. Jennie Hodgen moved to accept both nominations. Kelsi Matthew seconded the motion.
- iii. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Meeting platforms

- i. The committee discussed various options for hosting meetings and evaluated the advantages and limitations of different platforms.
- ii. It was decided that standard meetings will remain the primary conference call platform for meetings. However, if a meeting involves reviewing documents, a Microsoft Teams video call will be scheduled.

- iii. As Committee Chair, Jennie Hodgen will determine the appropriate platform based on the meeting agenda and will coordinate scheduling accordingly.
 - c. Next Meeting:
 - i. The next meeting was proposed for March 31, 2025, at 8:00 pm (EST).
 - ii. Nick made a motion to approve the date. Andrea Johnson seconded.
 - iii. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Youth Judging Modification:
 - i. Nick Hauptly proposed updates to the youth judging competition format and emphasized the need for additional educational resources for both show superintendents and inexperienced exhibitors to improve accessibility and implementation.
 - ii. The committee acknowledged that previous efforts in this area had been made but were halted due to technological challenges.
 - iii. Jennie Hodgen will provide Nick and the committee with past documentation related to these efforts.
 - iv. The committee agreed to review Nick's proposed modifications at the next meeting, which will include:
 - 1. A standardized youth judging test for Junior exhibitors, aligned with the four animals used in the Youth Judging halter class.
 - 2. Scaffolded oral reason materials for Intermediate exhibitors.
 - 3. Guidance documents for youth exhibitors and their families to help them prepare for the youth judging competition.
 - 4. An instructional video for show superintendents outlining youth judging requirements and scoring criteria.
3. Adjournment:
- a. Kelsi Matthew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm (EST). Nick made a second to the motion.
 - b. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm (EST).

Respectfully submitted by Nicholas Hauptly, ILR-SD Youth Committee Secretary.