

Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 2-18-26

Attendance: Ram Shucart, Leah Holliday, Tika Thomas, Jessie Gustafson, Chuck Roehrich, Jacob Young, Don Parker, Shannon Lee-Hutson, Sonia Ostendorf

Prospective Members: Don Parker (1st meeting), Leah Holliday (1st meeting)

Ram, Jessie, and Tika were nominated for co-chair. An election was held and Ram Shucart and Tika Thomas were elected as Standards Co-Chairs.

Shannon gave the Standards presentation for the year and had each current Standards Committee Member sign the Standards Contract.

Sonia gave an explanation of the 2026 screening schedule and passed around the sign up sheet for screeners.

Several amendments were made to the Agenda from January for February's meeting.

***Motion to accept the amended agenda. (Chuck/ Ram 6-0-0)

***Motion to approve the minutes from October 15th, 2025. (Chuck/Leah 6-0-1 Jacob)

Old Business

1. Continuing discussion on logos/ trademarks/ copyright
2. Pre-screening database: Jacob gave a presentation of a prescreening database
3. Egg selling guidelines: some possible solutions include add label to eggs, egg seller liability, and egg vendors to sign a waiver that they have read the guidelines

New Business

Pressing Member Concerns (Notice of Concern- HM25)

1. Sprout clips: a discussion ensued about the free giveaways of sprout and mushroom clips. 2 members give away clips on their business cards for their

customers, and several members have complained and reported them as not being handmade and therefore not appropriate.

2. Scent sensitivities: 9 Notices of Concerns were submitted during Holiday Market from one member against another member regarding scent sensitivities. Shannon gave a brief explanation of the situation and the history of this particular situation and the Committee asked for Shannon to draft a letter to the members regarding this particular situation.

***Motion to Adjourn (Jacob/Ram 6-0-0)