Fiber & Fiber Products Committee (FiberCom)

Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015

Meeting: Conference Call—December 7, 2015, 8:00 p.m. EST

Members: Stacy Heydt, Chair
Launda Soper, Secretary
Stacie Chavez (absent)
B-J Ellis
Ruth Fuqua
Chris Reachard (absent)

Board Liaison: Norm Johnson

Staff Representative: Andrea Harrington

1.0 Meeting Opening:

1.1 Approve November Minutes: Ruth made a motion to approve, Stacy seconded, motion passed.

2.0 Old Business:

2.1 National Fleece Show Update:

The venue has been set for the Hyatt Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Andrea updated us on what has been decided so far.

Speakers: Andrea informed us that the AOA staff will decide who the speakers will be but recommendations are being accepted. The committee will make suggestions for surplus speakers/presenters in case of a cancellation.

Classes/Workshops: Andrea said that there will be two rooms available for workshops. She will need the times for the workshops and the duration of each. AOA will make the decision on who the instructors will be. We are to forward any information on to the AOA staff of anyone interested in being an instructor.

Vendors: Andrea said that there will be space for approximately 20 vendors.

Fashion Show: Andrea said that AOA will be putting on the fashion show. She has someone who will be helping organize this event.

Andrea said the committee was to select 1–2 choices from our list of suggestions for the conference and fleece show. The committee voted and decided that we will do:

2.1.1 The Fiber Artists' Marketplace: We are to write a proposal to the Board with our suggestions on how this will be organized.

2.1.2 Demos: Andrea said that there is not room for industrial demonstrations due to the facility. We discussed inviting local guilds and 4-H members to demonstrate spinning, weaving, and hand processing. Andrea said there may or may not be room. They just don't know yet.

2.2 Project #5 Resource Directory Update:

Norm told us the project is now available on the home page in the document section but only for members. We asked that Norm speak with Darby about making the directory more readily available to the general public and easier to locate, which he said he would do and will get back with us.

2.3 Project #1 Student Design Competition:

Ruth let us know that the e-blast went out soliciting donations and boxes are already coming in.

2.4 Project #8 USDA Project Update:

We now have no contacts within the USDA and are back to ground zero. We have tabled this topic until our meeting next month.

2.5 Project #11 Fiber Slogan/Branding Alpaca:

Norm suggested that we place this project on the back burner and focus on other projects.

2.6 Project #10 Fiber as a Business Brochure:

Must be ready by early June with a rough draft as there is a mid-June deadline for the finished project. We will continue brainstorming and working on this topic.

2.7 Project #12 Adopting International Yarn Standards:

Stacy has sent a proposal to Norm who will present it to the Board. An informative email will be the next step in the process.

3.0 New Business: No new business.

4.0 Meeting Wrap:

4.1 Next Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2016, 8:00 p.m. EST.

4.2 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by B-J and seconded by Stacy, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EST.