Fiber & Fiber Products Committee Minutes
3 Dec 2018 – Conference Call 7pm EDT

Committee Members:

B-J Ellis
Elizabeth Taylor
Stacie Chavez
Karen Ball
Margie Ault, AOA Staff Liaison
Bud Synhorst, AOA Executive Director
Charlene Schmid
Denise Coonley
Wini Labreque
Norm Johnson
Ruth Fuqua
B-J Ellis
Angela Nosal, AOA Event Coordinator
Clarissa Wisner

Absent: Denise; Bud; Angela

AOA Member MarketPlace

The opportunity to pay for the ability to not volunteer is appreciated by those that want to participate in the marketplace, but also want to volunteer in the fleece show.

We need to find a more effective way of pricing/ticketing; When we are finished, the items have a lot of paper on them. AOA ticketing, farm ticketing, etc. It seems that there may be a simpler way.

We had a great variety of items, but it also seemed we had some over crowding in some areas. This may be associated to letting participants bring as much product as they wanted.

There was organization by product type, yet it seemed we ended up loosing control of that. Again, this may be associated with the increased volume of products and the last minute arrival of many products as well.

Meeting Opening: Approve Minutes of Nov 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Noc 2018 minutes was made by Ruth and seconded by B-J.

Why Alpaca Poster?

Clarissa provided an updated draft of the why Alpaca poster.

- We still feel there is a need for more pictures to convey the basic points.
- What about Manure as for why alpaca?
- There are 16 recognized colors
- We need to continue to look for animal images that are clearer in description.
- The color fan from the penciled draft was effective, can it be included?
- There was a suggestion to use google doc or some tool for collaboration?

If we can complete by Feb 2019 and unveal at the 2019 National show, that would be a great accomplishment.

Fiber Testing

Press Release of the anti-microbial testing was released; Thank you Stacie Chavez for spear heading this process.

The test results are on the AOA Alpaca Academy website. Thanks Bud and De;

We have found felted fabric for the CLO Value test; Norm will contact New Era for knitted sample support; (Post meeting followup: Karl and Jan will create 6 20x20 knitted samples. 3 for each species).

Ad-hoc Fiber Show Committee

The AOA BOD announced their desire to create an adhoc fiber show committee. Stacie Chavez was approved to be the Fiber Committee Representative. Karen Ball will also be a liaison for this committee. THANK YOU Stacie and Karen.

Natural Fiber Extravaganza;

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- Great progress is being made in all areas of the Extravaganza;
- There was a question regarding a link for the Vendor Application as people had expressed interest, but no link could be found.

Natural Fiber Display;

- The committee agreed that we need to continue to build on the natural fiber display that was started in 2018;
    - Elizabeth sent a video to everyone to show an example of one that had been put together;
    - The display from the VT wool festival is not available for lease for the 2019 NFE.
- Norm created and distributed a list of Natural fiber sources and we will all volunteer to help gather the information for each fiber.
    - Suggestions for each fiber display (following the shared video) Raw / washed state; ~~Top/roving state;~~ Spun yarn samples; a knitted swatch (time consuming effort); This display will be built over time

Karen volunteered to spearhead this effort for us. Stayed tuned for opportunities to help.

Student Design

Ruth provided us an update; she is reaching out to all of the schools prior to them heading out for semester break. She is gathering materials to be sent to them. We are in need of yarn, so if you have some please submit it to Ruth.

An alpacagram for material submissions will be going to AOA Members soon.

Board Update:
Nothing to report from the Board.

Meeting Closure

Adjourned 8:05 pm EST. Stacie motioned to adjourn

Next meeting to be held by conference call **on 7 Jan 2019**. 7PM EST; 6pm CST; 5pm MST; 4pm PST.