Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Meeting

June 9, 2026

12 PM Eastern, 11 AM Central, 10 AM Mountain, 9 AM Pacific

Mission:

We advance responsible alpaca ownership and breeding through our world-renowned registry, comprehensive education, leadership and vibrant member community. Through Member and Volunteer support, we build a community where we ensure the long-term sustainability and success of alpaca livestock for current and future generations.

Vision:

To be the definitive livestock model and global leader advancing all aspects of alpaca ownership from breeding and health to fleece utilization and business development, while growing a thriving community that champion the alpaca industry's future.

Present:

Jason Gill (board liaison)

De Monson (AOA liaison)

Diana Foegelle (Secretary)

Maureen Macedo

Elaine Gerber

Jill Ertel

Brian Schieber

Action:

1. Meeting called to order at 11 AM central. We met the quorum.
2. We reviewed the April meeting notes. Maureen motioned to approve the April meeting minutes and Brian seconded the motion. Meeting notes approved.
3. De reminded us about the google doc spread sheet. We should try and find out what services each fiber mill offers, including what products they make. The new AOA website rollout will be coming soon.
4. We need a new chairperson for the committee. Elaine nominated Maureen Macedo as the next chairperson. Jill Ertel seconded the motion. All approved. Jason will take the nomination to the board for final approval.
5. Nationals will be in Tulsa OK next year. Dates are March 12-14, 2027.

6. Jason suggested an education piece such as skirting for fiber mill processing. Another suggestion is for educational presentations for new owners with topics of cost of veterinary care, feed and how to make it profitable.
7. Student design competition. Need to develop a new way to look at it. We have Ruth's blueprint. We should look at it and decide on when the rollout will be.
8. Diana asked De if possible, to record future meetings to assist in note taking.
9. Jill motioned the meeting to be adjourned; Brian seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM central time.