Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Meeting
April 4, 2022

Present:
Wini Labrecque (BOD Liaison)
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)
Robin Gifford (AOA)
Elaine Gerber
Linda Bergstrom
Charlene Schmid (Committee Chair)
Dana Rhoades (Secretary)

Not Present:
Ruth Fuqua (Student Design Consultant)
Elizabeth Taylor
Brenda Wyler

1.0 Action: Call to order
- Meeting opened at 4:03 PM PST

2.0 Action: Approve March Meeting Minutes
- Elaine motioned to approve, Charlene seconded
- All-in-favor.

3.0 Update: National Educational & Fleece Conference (NEFC), Alyssa
- Registration to open 4/5/22
- Flyer and Ad placed in Livestream of AOA Nationals, Social Media promotions in progress, Print Ad in Alpaca Magazine
- Strong lineup of speakers, Better results with paid speakers
- Grading and Sorting Class for Certification
- Fleece Clinic on Sunday
- Fleece Auction Details to be announced
- Full Day of Workshops
- Winners of Student Design Competition presented via livestream. Discussion of when to present awards. May be determined by entries.
- Previewed NEFC website, speakers and workshops

3.1 Update from Fiber Festival Task Force
- Member sales booth

- Fiber as a commodity discussion

4.0 Update: AOA Board Update, Wini
- No updates

5.0 Discussion: Establish Alpaca fiber as a commodity, Wini
- No updates. Phone call has not been returned.

6.0 Open Discussion:
- Affiliates still exploring fiber collection
- Determine the next chairperson for the Fiber Committee and conduct outreach for new members.

- Motion to adjourn at 4:47 PM PST
  - Elaine motioned, Dana seconded